

INTERLOCAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS &
HARTFORD COUNCIL FOR RECREATION
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
7:00 PM
INDIAN PRIDE PARK
THE BOARD MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

AGENDA

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Approve minutes from July meeting; see attached documents
- 3. Financial, Budget and Audit Updates
 - a. Janell and Jerrod bring the board up to date with the Treasurer's report, with the current figures in the General Fund, Concession Fund, League of Miracles Fund and PayPal account. These are also available for review in paper form.
 - b. Update on the continued progress and status of the 2019 audit, to the extent of the current contact that we have had with Hungerford Nichols. We are obviously continuing to work through this process amicably, and are hoping to have a resolution as soon as possible, to get this audit completed so we can move on to future projects that need our attention.
 - c. Once we fully complete the process of the 2019 audit, the board will need to convene on future strategies on how we want to handle the auditing process, or something similar, going forward, to get back on track for the fiscal years of 2020 and 2021. The Interlocal Agreement has lapsed, but we still should honor the agreement we had with the township and be audited for those previously mentioned calendar years, since the agreement was in effect. Whether we do an audit or have a licensed accountant or somebody of a similar stature look at our finances on a monthly or quarterly basis throughout the year, we need to continue to show our community that our organization remains on track and 'clean' in terms of financial responsibility.
 - d. Just a reminder that due to the current audit situation (the organization is roughly \$15,000.00 short from the township from 2019, 2021 and 2021 due to not having completed audits funds will be issued once they are completed in full), we are still continuing to spend on just the absolute necessities that the facilities need right now. We must continue to be vigilant with our spending habits. Thankfully, our accounts are in solid shape, despite having paid out most labor (except for our Park Director's fall payment in October or November). We will now have fall expenses coming out for football jerseys, cheerleading uniforms, referees, etc., in addition to our month-to-month expenses, like water / sewer, electric, etc.

4. HCR Updates

- a. Baseball & Softball Updates
 - At this time, no major discussion topics are warranted, as these sports are considered 'out-of-season'. We will revisit this sport in future meetings later in the fall to address signup fees, dates, etc.
- b. Football & Cheerleading Updates
 - 1. The regular season for these sports is about to come alive with excitement! Rocket football started practices on August 8th, cheerleading started practice the week of August 15th and flag football will start practice the week of August 22nd. Between cheerleading, flag football and rocket football, we had over 100 participants sign up, which is pretty much in line with the numbers we have had in recent years. Most of our signups were done in-person, with online accounting for roughly 40 signups in total. The good news is that we have collected from everyone that we have a form for, with those that have not started practice yet being the ones that may be behind in their payments. It certainly beats the situation we had from baseball season in that regard.

- 2. Hartford is hosting the annual scrimmage, on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the high school football field, which will also include Coloma, South Haven and Watervliet, as well. We are hosting four home football games this year, with the first occurring against Marcellus, on Saturday, Sept. 10, and the last being against Watervliet, on Saturday, Oct. 22. Jerrod has sent the dates over to Abel and Brad to reserve the football field and facilities for those dates and times.
- 3. The biggest thing that we must take care of is volunteers in the concession stand during games and the scrimmage, in addition to getting our high school players involved with tasks such as announcing, chains and scoreboard, among other things. We need to have a solid plan in place to make sure this is all set and ready to go before Aug. 27. We will have a table where volunteers can sign up to help during football at the Back to School Bash on Aug. 24.
- 4. REMINDER: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everything that we set with dates, locations, or times is subject to change, and should in not way be considered final in nature.

c. Basketball Updates

- With the board having set prices for the upcoming basketball season at our previous board meeting, the council will have our first signup's during the Back to School Bash on Aug. 24, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the high school. Jerrod has the printable form ready to go, so that they will be available at our table during the event.
- d. League of Miracles Updates

5. Old business

- a. Despite the uncertainty in terms of a future Interlocal Agreement with the city, school and township (we will try our hardest to work together with all three entities), we will still attempt to attend regular board meetings for those municipalities in the future, and give them a formal update of what is going on within our organization, and describe our current and future goals with each respective board. We, as board members, should all make a valiant attempt to attend a meeting, and show our solid front in this effort.
- b. We should continue our recent discussions, from the previous couple meetings, regarding future fundraising ideas. We, as a board and the public that has assembled, have brought great ideas to the table that could help us bring in additional funding, allowing us to buy and purchase new things that we can definitely use around the park, without having to dip into the general fund that includes buying new sport equipment, taking care of equipment repairs / upkeep, potential repairs to roofs at the clubhouse / dugouts, and other future needs that we can address as a group. We must make sure any fundraising ideas that we create need to be family and kid friendly.

6. New Business

- a. Since the school has officially changed the Indian head logo to the Huskie logo (as of this week), we need to change our logo, as well. Jerrod coordinated with Josh Fairbanks about creating a new logo that would incorporate just an 'H' rather than with a mascot, which would help in the event of any future changes. We would like to get this taken care of at this meeting, as several board members have asked when we plan to make a change.
- b. Also, since the mascot is changing, it may be in our best interest to re-name the ballpark facilities, as well. If we decide to make that change, it would be a good idea to consult all of our constituents, including participants, their parents and community members; maybe do it in a similar way to when Woodside was renamed to Redwood when the two elementary schools merged into one.
- 7. Public Wishing to Address the Board
- 8. Open Discussion
- 9. Next Meeting Reminder:
 - a. Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 PM, to be announced (date, time and location is pending approval by the board). A meeting reminder will also be placed on our website, social media channels, at Hartford City Hall, at Central Office at Hartford Public Schools and at Hartford Township Hall.
- 10. Motion to adjourn