

NOTICE OF AGENDA WORKSHOP

Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission

FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA
FOREST LAKE CITY CENTER
City Council Chambers

October 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approve the Agenda
- 4) Open Forum
- 5) Regular Agenda
 - a) Fenway Park Discussion
 - b) Park Priority Review
 - c) Arts in the Park Entertainment
- 6) Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics:

Next Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission Regular Meeting is Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 PM.

Staff Memo

Date: October 5, 2017
To: Parks, Trails, and Lakes Commission
From: Jamie Muscha, Park and Recreation Coordinator
Re: Fenway Park

City Administrator, Aaron Parrish and I met with Forest Lake Area Athletic Association (FLAAA) President Al Hauge and members of the FLAAA Executive Board on Tuesday, October 4. The group discussed the maintenance issues that arose at Fenway Park this year, and focused the discussion on options for moving forward. Aaron Parrish presented Options 1 and 2 below to the FLAAA Executive Board at the meeting.

FLAAA stated they would like to try Option 1 for one year. FLAAA stated they would be creating a Field Maintenance Committee with a representative from each sports team, and feel that this will be helpful in identifying issues and staying on top of the maintenance.

Option 1:

City continue current partnership and hold an agreement with FLAAA, allowing Blue Diamond to resume the mowing, field preparation, garbage, bathrooms, and scheduling at Fenway Park. FLAAA would contract with a turf management company TBD for the annual fertilization, aeration and weed control. The City would take care of any irrigation repairs.

Note: This would include working with multiple contractors and could result in communication and coordination issues between the groups.

Option 2:

City continue current partnership and hold an agreement with FLAAA, but contract with one different company TBD other than Blue Diamond that can complete all maintenance items at Fenway Park, including the field preparation on nights and weekends for tournaments. FLAAA would continue to schedule the use of the fields for their teams.

Note: The contractor completing the maintenance work at Fenway Park would need to know the schedule of events from FLAAA to complete the work at a time that does not interfere or affect field use. Examples: Mowing just prior to a weekend tournament, or not irrigating when the fields will be in use.

Desired Action: Discussion amongst commission members on what option they would like to continue exploring for maintenance operations at Fenway Park moving forward.