

Town of San Anselmo

Staff Report
November 12, 2020

For the meeting of November 17, 2020

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Dannielle Mauk, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: San Anselmo Recreation Department Community-Based Baseball League

Recommendation

That the Commission approve a San Anselmo Recreation Department (SARD) community-based baseball league.

Background

The San Anselmo Recreation Department (SARD) has been partnering with the San Anselmo Baseball Association (SABA) for over 15 years to provide quality baseball programs to our community. Since 1954, SABA has been providing generations with local, family friendly baseball.

The Recreation Department has several successful in-house sports programs. We operate basketball, soccer, softball, and baseball programs. Our goal is to continue growing our popular sports programming and continue expanding our Department and the programs we offer to our community.

Discussion

In past years, the Recreation Department has provided bambino, farm club and rookie classes and teams for children in preschool through 2nd grade. SABA operated a league that included minors, majors, and seniors for 3rd graders through 8th graders. Staff is recommending that we expand our Recreation Family to include SABA.

The Recreation community-based baseball program will allow the department to offer an expanded baseball program from Bambino to Majors, which includes ages pre-school through 8th grade. The program will emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, best effort and outstanding baseball fundamentals and technique. The teams in the San Anselmo Recreation League will play each other when COVID guidelines allow for scrimmaging and games to resume.

Together SARD and SABA will provide a supportive and inclusive atmosphere; and have a unique player/parent/community centric approach to the game. Games will be played at Memorial Park and the Red Hill Park Facility.

Analysis

Making SABA part of the Recreation family will create a San Anselmo Recreation Department baseball league. We want young players to have fun and excel at the game of baseball and continue the tradition of playing at Memorial Park in San Anselmo. A less competitive league will allow us to focus on one on one technique and skills.

The league will truly be a community-based effort. The Department and SABA have a strong parent volunteer group. Parents volunteer to coach, work in the snack shack and work on field maintenance and preparation for games.

Fiscal Impact

All registration will go through the Recreation Department and we will use the new revenue to pay for the program costs. Historically, our recreation sports programs have grown year to year. It will be our first year of programming, which includes additional costs for equipment, supplies, umpires, and uniforms.

SABA will use their remaining funds to maintain their website and direct families to the Recreation Department for sign-ups. They will also donate all their equipment and uniforms to the Department. Together the Town and SABA will continue to recruit sponsors for the program.

In addition, the current shared responsibilities of field maintenance and preparation between the Town and SABA will continue and provide an overall savings to the Recreation and Public Works Department.

In a healthy fiscal year, we would invest in a new program. However, due to the budget deficits we are currently facing we will ensure the expenditures do not exceed the revenues for the baseball league.

Conclusion

That the Commission approve a San Anselmo Recreation Department community-based baseball league.

Respectfully submitted,



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