

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Resolution of the City Council of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute a Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Seguin, Texas, and the Seguin Independent School District for use of the “Smokey” Joe Williams Baseball Field, east side of Max Starcke Park, Starcke Park Golf Course, and the Park West concession building and large pavilion area; and declaring an effective date.

Date: September 5, 2023

This annual Agreement allows the Seguin ISD to utilize “Smokey” Joe Williams Field for their high school baseball program, Max Starcke Park for their cross-country and golf programs, and the Park West concession building and large pavilion area for their free summer food service program. The City of Seguin and Seguin ISD continue to partner where possible for the benefit of the taxpayers for both entities.

Highlights of the proposed agreement include Seguin ISD having priority access to “Smokey” Joe Williams Field through August 31, 2024, at no charge to Seguin ISD. Seguin ISD invested approximately \$200,000 in improvements to the infield area last year. A change in the Agreement from previous agreements is that the city will be responsible for ballfield maintenance going forward. This allows Seguin ISD to focus their attention on construction of their new baseball and softball facility at the Seguin High School campus. It is possible that the Seguin Matadors may be able to play in their new baseball stadium in the winter/spring of 2024. If not, “Smokey” Joe Williams Field will be reserved and available for Seguin ISD if construction is not complete.

The Seguin ISD cross-country program typically utilizes the Pecan Bottom area of Max Starcke Park east for their cross-country meet(s) in October annually. With Seguin ISD’s significant investment last year at “Smokey” Joe Williams Field and enhancing our partnership with SISD, the city will continue to not charge the district for use of the Pecan Bottom for their cross-country program.

The Seguin ISD golf program continues to have free team play on certain days and times as outlined in the proposed agreement at the Starcke Park Golf Course. Play during restricted hours and months is \$4 per player, per round, which is \$1 less than the recently approved member rate. This arrangement is similar to the Facilities Use Agreement with the Navarro Independent School District (SISD) for their golf program.

Staff recommends approval of a resolution of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute a Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Seguin, Texas, and the Seguin Independent School District for use of “Smokey” Joe Williams Baseball Field, east side of Max Starcke Park, Starcke Park Golf Course, and the Park West Concession Building and Large Pavilion area; and declaring an effective date.