

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, Max Starcke Park Golf Course, and the Park West concession building and large pavilion area; and declaring an effective date.

Date: September 7, 2021

This annual agreement allows SISD 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. There are a few minor changes recommended in the proposed agreement from the previous agreement approved last year by City Council as noted below.

Highlights of the proposed agreement include SISD having full control and access to “Smokey” Joe Williams Field through August 31, 2022, at no charge to SISD. Previous agreements were usage and maintenance from September 1 through May 31 as the City took over maintenance and usage from June through August. SISD is currently investing approximately \$200,000 in improvements to the infield area. Now SISD will be responsible for ball field maintenance including mowing, weed control, fertilization, turf aeration and establishment, over-seeding, clay leveling, removal of infield “lips”, bases, and any other maintenance and improvements to the infield or outfield as needed for the entire year since they are investing into the facility. In addition, SISD is responsible for dragging and marking the infield, retrieving foul balls, and the set-up of any temporary batting cages, pitching machines, or other items needed and used in the course of play or programs. The City is responsible for the irrigation system and anything outside of the ball field fences including ball field lights, bleachers, restrooms, etc. This arrangement has worked well for both SISD and the City in the past.

The SISD cross-country program typically utilizes the Pecan Bottom area of Max Starcke Park east for their cross-country meet(s) in October annually. The established fee in the

agreement is \$150 per day to utilize City parks and facilities that has been discounted from fees as approved in City ordinances (\$350 per day).

The SISD golf program utilizes the Max Starcke Park Golf Course for their practices beginning in February through April annually. The established fees in the agreement for the golf program for restricted hours and months are \$4 per player, per round to utilize City parks and facilities that has been discounted from fees as approved in City ordinances. The old fee was \$3 per player, per round. Our records show that no team member has paid the \$3 surcharge to play golf during restricted hours and months going back a year. The golf program continues to have free team play on certain days and times as outlined in the proposed agreement. In addition, the \$2 charge for a bucket of range balls was removed from the agreement as SISD has essentially paid for the school year with carryovers from the last school year (approximately \$2,800).

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, Max Starcke Park Golf Course, and the Park West Concession Building and Large Pavilion area; and declaring an effective date.