



MEMORANDUM

To: Coppel Recreation Development Corporation

From: Brad Reid, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: February 17, 2020

Reference: Consider approval of funding an amended and restated interlocal cooperation agreement between Coppel Independent School District and City of Coppel, Texas for the renovation and continued shared usage of the synthetic turf field, restroom/concession building and grandstand at Lesley Field, Coppel High School Ninth Grade Campus.

2030: Sense of Community Strategy: Effective Community Partnerships
Community Wellness and Enrichment Strategy: Recreation Programs and Services for all Generations.

General Information:

The City of Coppel entered into an agreement with the Coppel Independent School District (CISD) for the construction and use of a synthetic turf field at Lesley Field at the former Middle School West in March of 2011. The CISD has requested the City's participation and partial funding of the renovation of the Lesley field turf, restroom/concession building, grandstand and fencing in order to continue the partnership and benefit the community.

Introduction:

A memorandum dated February 3, 2011, expounded the advantages of a partnership with the CISD for the benefit of the city youth sports participants especially those actively playing football and lacrosse. The advantages of entering into an agreement with the CISD were outlined in the memorandum and included:

- Moving youth football and lacrosse to the all-weather surface moves the two associations that do the most damage to the grass fields.
- An all weather surface could be used for both games and practices reducing damage to grass fields.
- Rainouts would be virtually eliminated with the exception of rainouts due to lightning or other hazardous conditions.

- Costs associated with the project are less than what would be anticipated if the City needed to purchase additional land and construct fields with the necessary amenities for youth football and lacrosse.
- If successful, the project could be duplicated at CMS North in the future to take further advantage of the positive outcomes.

The Council approved the proposed Interlocal Agreement for Lesley Field and entered into a similar agreement in July of 2014 for the installation of a synthetic turf field, restroom/concession building and spectator seating at Middle School North. Both agreements are for a minimum of ten (10) years, the estimated life expectancy of the average synthetic turf field. The original infrastructure at Lesley field was constructed around 1968 and is well overdue for replacement. The three associations that play on these fields, football, lacrosse and soccer, have expressed concerns over the years with the condition of all of the proposed facilities up for renovation.

Analysis:

The Coppell Youth Football Association and the Coppell Lacrosse Association access both MSN and Lesley fields for practices and games working around CISD scheduled events. The breakdown of costs for the renovation of Lesley Field are as follows:

- Synthetic Turf install cost, \$417,052 (completed)
- New Restroom/Concession Building, \$997,697
- New Grandstand, \$275,000 (600 – 800 bleacher seating, press box, speaker system)

The CISD has agreed to cap the City's portion of the costs at \$800,000. This project was identified in the department's 5-year plan and is currently on the CRDC list of projects for 2019-2020.

Legal Review:

Agenda item has been reviewed by the City's legal counsel.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of participation in this project is \$800,000.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends proceeding with entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the CISD to partner in this project.