

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: **Wednesday, March 21, 2009**

SUBJECT: **County Recreation Fees Discussion**

ATTACHMENTS: **Presentation**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Staff has been asked to present information regarding how fees are assessed to the various athletic programs managed by the County Recreation Department, as well as those programs managed by other organizations.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff will present the information and give the Board the opportunity to discuss their fee policies in this regard.

Suggested Motion:
No suggested motion

RECREATION FEES

Presentation to Henderson County
Board of Commissioners
March 18, 2009

Purpose

- To evaluate Board fee policies for facility use.

Policy on Supplementing Programs

- BOC policy to subsidize youth programs.
- Revenues / fees for adult sports programs are assessed to assist with expenses for the programs.

Programs managed by Recreation

- Youth Soccer (fall / spring program)
- Youth Basketball (winter program)
- Adult Softball (spring / summer / fall program)
- Senior Games (spring program)

Programs not managed by Recreation

- Youth Baseball
- Youth Softball
- USTA Team Tennis
- Soccer Association
- WNC Lacrosse
- Senior Men's Softball
- WNC BMX

Youth Baseball & Youth Softball

- Youth Baseball and Youth Softball use the fields at Jackson Park and Etowah Park for games and practices.
- Both organizations collect their own fees and administer their own programs.
- Both organizations are assessed a \$10/player/season fee for field usage by the County.

What's included in the fee?

- Fields reserved for exclusive use by Youth Baseball and Youth Softball for practices and games.
- Fields prepared and maintained for optimal play daily.
- Game cancellation phone line provided.
- Lights provided for night time practices and games.
- Assistance provided with scheduling.
- Programs promoted by the County via e-mail, website, mailers, etc.

Sr. Men's Softball / Team Tennis / Soccer Association / Lacrosse / Others

- Fields and courts reserved for exclusive use and guaranteed time slots.
- Fees charged for reservations.
- County maintains and provides equipment for fields and tennis courts (i.e. bases, tennis nets, fences, lights, mowing, preparing and maintaining fields)

What are other jurisdictions charging?

- City of Hendersonville
 - Charges \$10 / player / season for Berkley Park for ball fields
- Town of Fletcher
 - Charges for the use of ball fields (fees currently being evaluated by Town)

Questions?

- Does the Board wish to continue subsidizing youth programs?
 - If so, to what extent?
- Does the Board wish to have adult program revenues offset expenditures completely?
 - Or continue to evaluate fees assessed annually with budget?
- Other questions?