

CITY OF STURGEON BAY  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 28, 2016  
5:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall - 421 Michigan Street

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of: Ball Field Maintenance and Usage
5. Convene in closed session in accordance with the following exemption:

*Deliberation or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e)*

*Consideration of: Purchase of Property*

*Move to reconvene in open session to take formal action upon preceding subject of closed session, if appropriate; or to conduct discussion or give further consideration where the subject is not appropriate for closed session consideration. The committee may adjourn in closed session.*

6. Adjourn

NOTE: DEVIATION FROM THE AGENDA ORDER SHOWN MAY OCCUR

Posted:  
12:30 p.m.  
9/22/16

Park and Recreation Committee:  
Ronald Vandertie, Chairman  
Jerry Stults, Vice Chairman  
Kelly Catarozoli

## Executive Summary

**Title:** Ball Field Maintenance

**Background:** Every year the Parks Department looks at fees charged for services and programs offered and recommend changes when appropriate. Ball field fees have not been reviewed since 2001, however an increase did occur in 2012 when all City fees were increased by 10%.

We have come to the point where we can no longer overlook or hold steady on players' fees for ball leagues. This year there was \$11,388.00 generated in players fees and an operating budget of \$31,895.00 not including sewer, water, electrical, grass mowing, cleaning, office administration or capital purchases.

The Park and Recreation Department has come up with three options for your consideration.

### Option 1

Keep the fees at the current rate of \$11.00 for resident players, \$28.00 for non-resident players and \$352.00 for resident adult leagues, \$385.00 for non-resident adult leagues.

This option would cost the taxpayers the \$31,895.00 that is budgeted minus players fee revenue of \$11,388.00 for a total of \$20,507.00.

### Option 2

Turn ballfields into a user fee based system so it will be self-supporting. Based on this year's numbers that fee would be \$65.00 per player adult league fees would change from a league fee to an individual player fee.

The \$65 fee would still not cover mowing, cleaning, administration time, sewer, water, electrical, or capital purchases.

The City would still budget for capital expenses.

This option would cost City tax payers nothing since the fees would cover the budgeted expenses.

### Option 3

Turn field maintenance over to the leagues.

With this option the leagues would not be charges any player fees by the City and would have total control over how/when fields are prepped. The City Parks and Recreation Department would still mow the fields and clean the bathrooms as well as pay for sewer, water and electrical. Capital purchases, such as new fencing, would be cost shared between league and city.

Because of our staffing levels, leagues that are refusing to pay fees, a lack of schedules being submitted in a timely manner which causes overtime or employees being pulled off other jobs to get the fields done and parents/coaches calling to let us know how poorly we are doing on fields, staff will recommend this option for your consideration.

This proposal would save the City tax payers \$12,507.00 in budgeted commodities and allow employee time to be spent in other areas where we are understaffed.

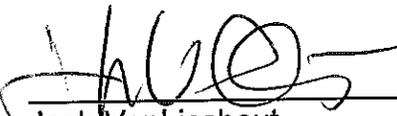
**Fiscal Impacts:** Based on the 2016 revenue and budgeted expenses:  
Option 1 would keep everything running the way it currently is with no additional fees being charged and would continue to cost the City tax payers \$20,507.00.

Option 2 would not cost tax payers anything since the revenue generated would offset the costs to maintain the ballfields.

Option 3 would save tax payers \$12,507.00.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Option # 3 to turn over field maintenance to the leagues and eliminating players fees paid to the City of Sturgeon Bay.

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**Reviewed By:**  **Date:** 9/22/16  
Josh VanLieshout  
City Administrator

# Player Fee Comparison 2001 - 2016

## 2001 Player Fees

Legion Baseball Fee - Resident	\$5.00 / player
Legion Baseball Fee - Non Resident	\$15.00 / player
Youth Player Fee - Resident	\$2.50 / player
Youth Player Fee - Non Resident	\$10.00 / player
Adult Fee - Resident (Per Player)	\$10.00 / player
Adult Fee - Non Resident (Per Player)	\$18.00 / player

## 2002 Player Fees

Legion Baseball Fee - Resident	\$10.00 / player
Legion Baseball Fee - Non Resident	\$30.00 / player
Youth Player Fee - Resident	\$10.00 / player
Youth Player Fee - Non Resident	\$25.00 / player
Adult Fee - Resident (Per Team)	\$320.00 / team
Adult Fee - Non Resident (Per Team)	\$350.00 / team

## 2012 Player Fees

Legion Baseball Fee - Resident	\$11.00 / player
Legion Baseball Fee - Non Resident	\$33.00 / player
Youth Player Fee - Resident	\$11.00 / player
Youth Player Fee - Non Resident	\$28.00 / player
Adult Fee - Resident (Per Team)	\$352.00 / team
Adult Fee - Non Resident (Per Team)	\$385.00 / team