

Village of Libertyville
Board of Trustees
Joint Meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Committee
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
118 W. Cook Avenue
Tuesday, February 5, 2013
6:00 pm
Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from the December 4, 2012 and January 8, 2013 Meetings
2. Park Operations
3. Sports Organization Presentations
4. Libertyville Boys Club Football Retaining Wall Project
5. Libertyville Golf Course Transition Update & Riverside Swimming Pool Operational Adjustments
6. Bolander Hockey Rink
7. Use of Village Property
8. Libertyville Sports Complex Capital Improvements
9. Libertyville Sports Complex Merchandise
10. Other Updates/Follow-up
 - A) EAB (Verbal Update)
 - B) Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Events Schedule (Attached)
 - C) Marketing and Publicity (Attached)
 - D) Other
11. Adjournment

Any individual who would like to attend this meeting but because of a disability needs some accommodation to participate should contact the ADA Coordinator at 118 West Cook Ave, Libertyville.

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 by Chairman Drew Cullum. Those in attendance included Chairman Drew Cullum, Trustee Todd Gaines and Trustee Rich Moras. Recreation and Sports Complex staff in attendance included Director Connie Kowal, Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow, Recreation Manager Julie Ludwig, and Secretary Julie Fanning. Also in attendance included Mayor Terry Weppler, Village Administrator Kevin Bowens and Public Works Director John Heinz.

1) Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee

Chairman Drew Cullum moved to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2012 meeting, seconded by Trustee Todd Gaines. Motion approved.

2) MainStreet Libertyville Kiosk Request-Cook Park

Ken Stemke of MainStreet Libertyville was present to discuss the request to build a permanent kiosk in Cook Park. The kiosk would serve as a visitor's center for the downtown Libertyville area. It would be the size of a covered gazebo and the look would be consistent with the Cook Mansion. It was noted that there was a cabin structure in Cook Park but unfortunately was vandalized on multiple occasions. Committee concerns included the overall look of the kiosk detracting from the current park setting and the concern of vandalism. Chairman Cullum suggested the commuter station as an alternate location for the information kiosk. The Committee welcomed renderings of the kiosk for review at a future meeting.

3) Use of Village Property: Goose is Loose Festival 2013

Bob Zamor of Sunrise Rotary Club requested the use of Cook Park and Church Street on Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 5:00pm to 10:30pm (with setup held the early morning of Saturday, July 27, 2013). The Goose is Loose event will be held on Church Street from Milwaukee Avenue westward, up to, and including the alley abutting St. Lawrence Church. Staff noted that there may be potentially and permit fee in the future for future downtown park rentals. The Parks and Recreation Committee will recommend to the Village Board the approval of the Goose is Loose Festival on Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 5:00pm to 10:30pm (with setup held the early morning of Saturday, July 27, 2013).

4) Use of Village Property: Dog Days of Summer 2013

Bill Kaiser of Pampered Pupz requested the use of Cook Park and the Civic Center parking lot from Friday, July 12th from 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m. for the Dog Days of Summer event. Staff noted that there may be potentially and permit fee in the future for future downtown park rentals. The Parks and Recreation Committee will recommend to the Village Board the approval of the Dog Days of Summer event from Friday, July 12th from 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m. for the Dog Days of Summer event.

5) Floodplain Compensation Request

Director Heinz continued the discussion regarding the Lake County DOT floodplain compensation request. The Parks and Recreation Committee will make a recommendation to approve the request with the stipulation that the area should remain a flat surface.

7) Swimming Pool Report 2012

Director Kowal explained that the hot weather was a challenge for the pool attendance in 2012. Staff will continue to work closely with the Parks Division staff on the maintenance of the pool facilities. Potential changes for the 2013 season included one day special events and review of the 2013 pass pricing.

6) Park Operations

The Parks Maintenance proposal was sent out to potential consultant. Administrator Bowens noted that 3-D Designs respectfully decline the proposal.

8) Other Updates/Follow-up

A) Lease Agreements with Sports Groups

Director Kowal noted that the organizations are aware of the Villages request for the lease agreements. The sports organizations will be present at the February Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

B) EAB

The EAB process for removal and stumping of tree will continue in the early spring.

C) Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Events Schedule

No further discussion.

D) Marketing and Publicity

No further discussion.

E) Other

Golf Course: The Golf Course Lease was submitted to Blair Subry for review.

V-Plow: Administrative Staff authorized the purchase order for the V-Plow to be received prior to the first snow.

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Drew Cullum, seconded by Trustee Gaines. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie F. Fanning, Secretary
Recreation and Sports Complex Department

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Tuesday, January 8, 2013 by Chairman Drew Cullum. Those in attendance included Chairman Drew Cullum, Trustee Todd Gaines and Trustee Rich Moras. Recreation and Sports Complex staff in attendance included Director Connie Kowal, Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow. Also in attendance included Mayor Terry Wepler, Village Administrator Kevin Bowens and Public Works Director John Heinz.

1) Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee

The Minutes of the Tuesday, December 4, 2012 meeting to be approved at the Tuesday, February 5, 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

2) Review Proposals for the Park Operations Study

Administrator Bowens explained that Clerestory Consulting and Baker Tilly proposals were received for the Parks Operations study. Administrator Bowens had spoken extensively with both firms regarding the project proposal. Based on the scope of services, references and cost associated with the project, the Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously recommended to the Village Board to approve the Clerestory Consulting Company proposal.

3) Replacement of Cook Park Christmas Tree Lights

Jim Barlow requested that the Committee consider the purchase of LED lights for the Cook Park Christmas tree. The requested purchase is due to the power issues and the lack of additional lights as the tree continues to grow. The Committee approved that the LED light purchase to be included in the upcoming 2013-14 budget.

4) Other

Director Kowal explained the success of the first ever New Year's Eve overnight youth event. The event coordinators were impressed with the overall event and staff participation. Director Kowal also summarized the previous and upcoming events for the department.

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Drew Cullum, seconded by Trustee Gaines. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Conrad "Connie" Kowal
Director of Recreation and Sports Complex
Village of Libertyville

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Park Operations

At the January Committee meeting, Village Administrator Kevin Bowens presented proposals and costs from two reputable consulting firms to allow an outside specialized company to evaluate the information and data submitted by the Parks Division in a review that has been in place by the Committee since the April 2012. At the recent January 22, 2013 meeting, the Village Board approved the Committee recommendation to hire Clerestory Consulting for this task. Mr. John Wick of Clerestory will be attending the February Committee meeting to give status and timetables of the project and their findings.

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Sports Organization Presentations

Representatives from the Libertyville Little League and Libertyville Youth Baseball (Bill Bennett), Libertyville Girls Softball Association (Duane Jefferies), Libertyville Boys Club Football (John Teichman) and Greater Libertyville Soccer Association (Michael Zovistoski) will be reporting on their 2012 season and the upcoming 2013 season. Some organizations will be presenting fees for the non-residents that participated in their program.

In addition, attached is an email request by Libertyville Little League requesting consideration to waive or reduce the non-resident fee for Great Lakes Naval Base children that participate in the program.

Kevin Bowens

From: Kevin Bowens
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 1:26 PM
To: 'Terry Weppler'
Cc: Connie Kowal
Subject: RE: Baseball Fees

Will do.

Kevin

From: Terry Weppler [<mailto:tweppler@wepplerlaw.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 1:12 PM
To: Bill Bennett
Cc: Kevin Bowens; Drew Cullum
Subject: RE: Baseball Fees

Bill,

That would have to be approved by the Board. By way of this e-mail I am copying Kevin Bowens and Drew Cullum, the chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee and asking that this be placed on the agenda for the Parks Committee meeting the first week of February. I would have no problem with approving this request as we have been trying to build up a good relationship with the base but we would need to get the Board approval. Kevin, can you verify the meeting info with Bill when the agenda is put together. Thanks.

Terry



Terry L. Weppler
Mayor
Village of Libertyville
Libertyville, IL 60048
847-362-2430

From: Bill Bennett [<mailto:BBennett@pepperconstruction.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 11:12 AM
To: TWeppler@wepplerlaw.com
Subject: Baseball Fees

Hello honorable Mayor Weppler!

I hope all is well with you and hope that you had a wonderful Holiday Season! Tom Pfenning says HELLO!

Members of my LLL Board have asked me a question, and I wanted to get your insight into the non-resident fee for kids playing in our program that do not live in our Village (which are in Libertyville Township but not Village proper).

5 years ago when I took the reins marked a sad time when the Great Lakes Naval Base baseball program basically folded. The passionate man who did a great job for several years was transferred and no-one was able to pick up in his place. Since then, every year I have reached out to promote any of the kids on the base that wouldn't otherwise have

an opportunity to play baseball to sign up for our League. I have also gotten a "Boundary Waiver" from Little League International approving this.

We have had some small success, with a handful every year signing up to play. There are some passionate Board members that have volunteered, in addition to their current duties, to help try to make a bigger impact this year. They have asked if we would be able to waive any of our fees, or reduce them as a "military discount", and they have also asked if we could waive the non-resident fee for these families.

What would you think about the non-resident fee waiver?

Thanks

Bill

William R Bennett | Group Leader & Sr Project Executive LEED® AP
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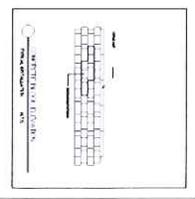
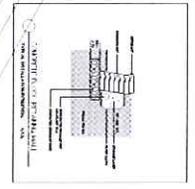
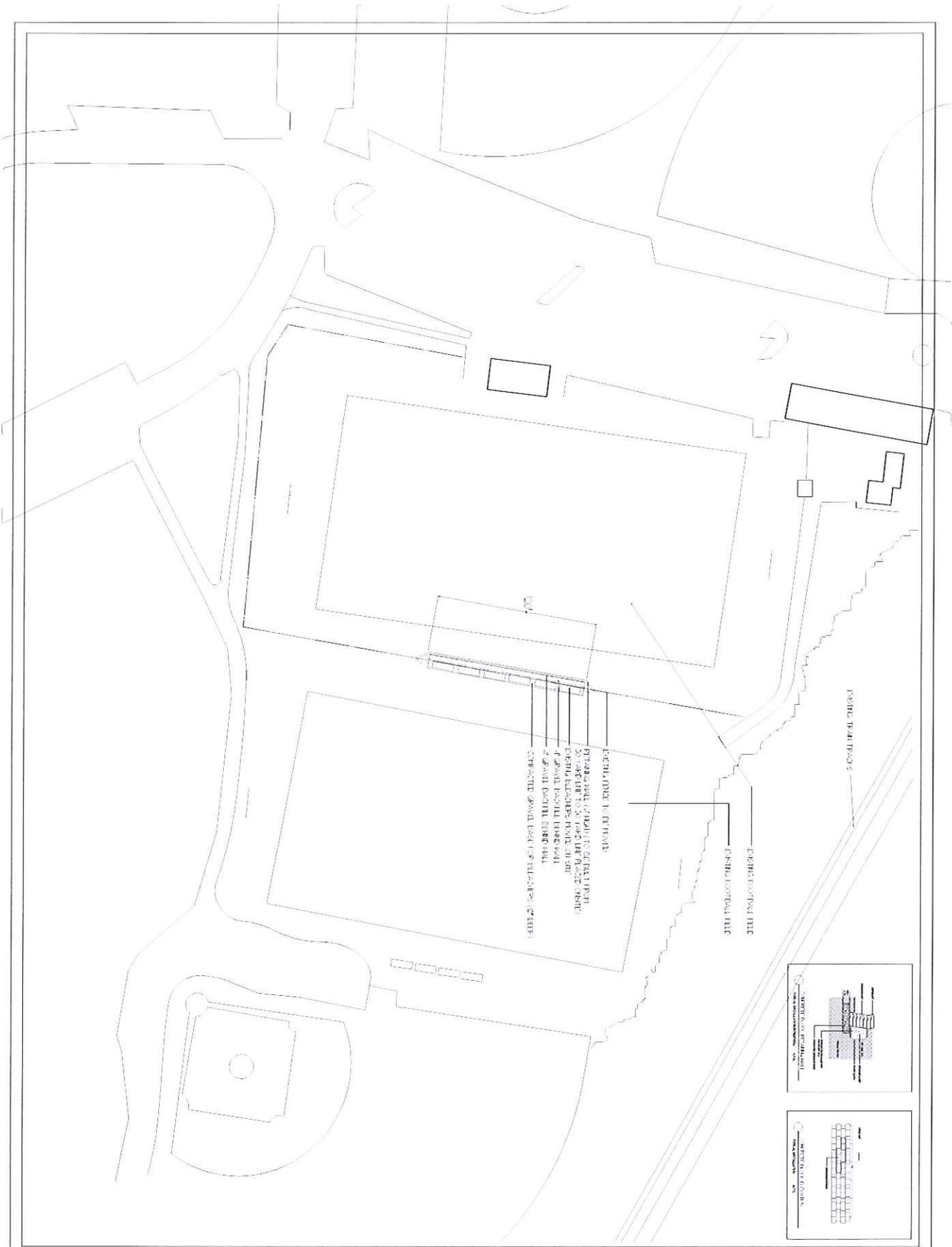
To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Libertyville Boys Club Football Retaining Wall Project

The Libertyville Boys Club Football program is looking to shore up and make improvements to the retaining wall located to the east of their football field to provide better safety and more room between the fans and the field. They have brought this matter to the attention of Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow and Building Commission David Fischer. They will provide an update of this project to the Committee.



LIBERTYVILLE BOYS CLUB
 602 LAKE STREET
 LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60448



DATE	11-20-07
BY	J.P.
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PROJECT	LIBERTYVILLE BOYS CLUB

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Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Libertyville Golf Course Transition Update & Riverside Swimming Pool
Operational Adjustments

With the recent (Jan 8, 2013) approval of the Libertyville Golf Course Lease Agreement with BCS Golf LLC and Mr. Blair Subry, I look to provide updates as to some of the transition areas and status as to the golf course, as well as the swimming pool operational adjustments for the 2013 season.

The outlying areas of the golf course (non-course related, copy of map attached) will continue to be maintained by the Village Parks Division. The current 3-year agreement for golf course maintenance (entering its 3rd year) will be revised due to the limited parkway and other maintenance that will be necessary. Parks Superintendent Jim Barlow has obtained a price quote from the current vendor (copy attached).

As we continue to operate our Riverside Swimming Pool, there will be some needed operational adjustments since our Department used the Pro Shop area as a dual Golf and Pool entrance and check-in, payment area. BCS Golf will have use of the Pro Shop for their Golf Course/Short Game Academy/Indoor Putting Studio needs, and we will be looking at a workable options to conduct our Swimming Pool check-in, payment operations. See attached narrative of some of the options we look to review with the Committee, particularly as we address this issue with the upcoming 2013-2014 budgeting process.



January 12, 2013

To: Kevin Bowens CC: Jim Barlow, Pam Bryant, Pat Wesolowski, Gina Brown
Fr: Connie Kowal David Thornborough, John Spoden, John Heinz
Re: Riverside Swimming Pool operational adjustments

With the recent Lease Agreement with BCC Golf to manage the Golf Course operations, as well as creating their Short Game Academy and indoor Putting Studio at our Libertyville Golf Course and Riverside Park north building, we need to make some operational adjustments to our Swimming Pool business unit for the upcoming 2013 swimming season, which at Riverside Pool, will begin in early June.

As we discussed when venturing into the golf lease process, BCS Golf would gain usage of the Pro Shop, as well as the office space located in the west end of the North Building at Riverside. We lose no storage space for swimming supplies, etc. as the west end of the building only had golf course related materials, supplies and equipment. These things will be deployed to the Maintenance shed at Riverside, and also to the Driving Range for next steps as to other usage, potential 'garage sale' of old golf clubs, etc.

The big operational change is the entrance and exit into the Swimming Pool, since the Pro Shop will be used exclusively by BCS Golf in their lease for their golf course needs. The Pro Shop had previously been used for a dual purpose golf and swimming entrance.

Therefore, we need to create or invent an area for one of our hourly Staffers to work, with the proper equipment to conduct business transactions, scan Pool Cards from our customers, and other perfunctory needs.

Jim Barlow and I have been reviewing some options prior to and during the golf course lease discussions, and also gaining input from Pam Bryant and Gina Brown.

Our potential options need to factor in electric, computer and phone lines and probably need a secure and weather protected situation.

Sometime during the Budget process, we'll need to address this and decide best options.

Entry, exit and business setup options include, but not limited to:

- Current pool storage room located in the middle section of the building
- Current Manager's office (inside the pool deck area) that is part of the South Building and create an entrance leading from the sidewalk to fence area
- Outside the building. In the old days of Riverside, lore and legend has it that a staffer set up outside the washrooms with cash box, protective awning/umbrella and set-up and

took-down props needed for operation. Jim Barlow has done a preliminary list of some options and costs/needs for this option. See attached.

Floor is open for discussion and other options.....

Whatever option we determine is best, we don't need the US Olympic Team training headquarters here. But we do need something inexpensive and functional, weather protected, allows for scanning of Pool Passes, phone and use of our computer systems to conduct our business with the quality controls needed.

Note, the Riverside Swimming Pool only has a shelf life of early June to mid-August (approx 80 days).

Look to discuss further

Thanks,

Connie

CONTACT:

*Conrad "Connie" Kowal
Recreation & Sports Complex Director
Village of Libertyville
(847)362-2720 office
(847)344-1591 cell
ckowal@libertyville.com*

Site 31 – Libertyville Golf Course



-  Black crosshatched area maintained by VOL - Outsourced
-  Red crosshatched area maintained by VOL - Inhouse
- Buildings, Restrooms and Pool maintained by VOL
- Non marked areas maintained by Lessee



January 30, 2013

2013 CONTRACT PROPOSAL

Contract No. - 23905

LIBERTYVILLE GOLF COURSE
LIBERTYVILLE, VILLAGE OF

LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048

Period of Coverage 4/15/2013 to 11/15/2013

This is an agreement between Landscape Concepts Management, 31745 N Alleghany Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030, and Libertyville, Village of ("Client"), Attn: Jim Barlow, 118 W COOK AVENUE, LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048.

Scope of Work: This program provides for the maintenance and care of exterior landscaped areas which includes but may not be limited to: parking areas, tennis courts, trees, turf, shrubs, shrub beds, perennials, and their associated beds as depicted as black crosshatched area on site map sent via e-mail on 12/6/12.

Period of Coverage: This proposal shall provide for landscape maintenance during the period beginning April 15th and ending November 15th.

Contract Specifications per Village via e-mail on 12/6/12 for Limited Scope but including Turf Mowing.

BILLING SCHEDULE

MONTHLY BILLING SCHEDULE	SERVICE COST	TOTAL COST
MAY 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
JUNE 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
JULY 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
AUGUST 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
SEPTEMBER 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
OCTOBER 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
NOVEMBER 2013	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
TOTAL:	\$19,250.00	\$19,250.00

General: All services to be performed by trained, properly supervised personnel in accordance with accepted horticultural practices. Materials shall be applied at manufacturers recommended rates. The environmental impact of alternate products shall determine which is used. Sufficient personnel and equipment shall be provided to complete all operations in a timely fashion. Clean up (policing) of entire site

to remove miscellaneous accumulated debris, branches, leaves, etc. Policing of the grounds will be part of every visit by a maintenance crew. Certificates of insurance will be provided upon request. We carry Worker's Compensation and Occupational Disease Insurance, General Liability Insurance and Auto Liability Insurance. All water shall be provided by the owner with adequate silcox and/or hydrants provided. LCM will assume the responsibility for contacting the local utility location services for underground line locations. We cannot, however, be held responsible for any sub-surface lines which are not normally located and may not be buried to specification (at least 6"). These would include, but are not limited to, invisible dog fences, cable TV, security lines, irrigation or lighting systems, gas barbecue lines, and pool equipment lines.

Payment Schedule: Invoices shall be submitted by LCM identifying each service performed and any additional authorized expenses on a monthly basis, and terms shall be net fifteen (15) days. Billing periods will be monthly, at the beginning of each month in which the service is performed. Balances unpaid after thirty (30) days from date of invoice are subject to a late payment charge of 1.5% per month. Customer shall pay LCM's reasonable attorneys fees, expenses and costs incurred in collection of any outstanding invoices or enforcing any of the provisions of this Agreement, regardless of whether a legal action is initiated. Jurisdiction for any issue litigated under this contract shall be in Lake County, Illinois.

Thirty Day Cancellation: The contract may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

Acceptance: Acceptance of this contract constitutes a full review and approval of the attached specification sheets by the site ownership or its designated agent.

Disclaimer: LCM will not be responsible for delays due to circumstance beyond our control. This includes strikes, labor disputes, fire, changes ordered in the work, unavoidable casualties, or acts of God.

This proposal supersedes any previous proposals. Unless specifically agreed to by Libertyville, Village of, the terms, including prices, contained in this proposal are subject to renegotiation after two (2) weeks from the submitted date of proposal. After 14-days, you must contact LCM. If acceptable, please initial the payment schedule, and sign below.

By David Heinrich
Dave Heinrich 000694

By _____

Date January 30, 2013

Date _____

**LANDSCAPE CONCEPTS
MANAGEMENT**

LIBERTYVILLE, VILLAGE OF

Eco Clean Cost Estimate for Riverside Golf Course Bathroom Cleaning

Initial clean-up(one time service):

-scrub of the floors,walls,tiles,ect.

\$225.00 both men and ladies.

-(7)days per week --\$ 275.00 per month.

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

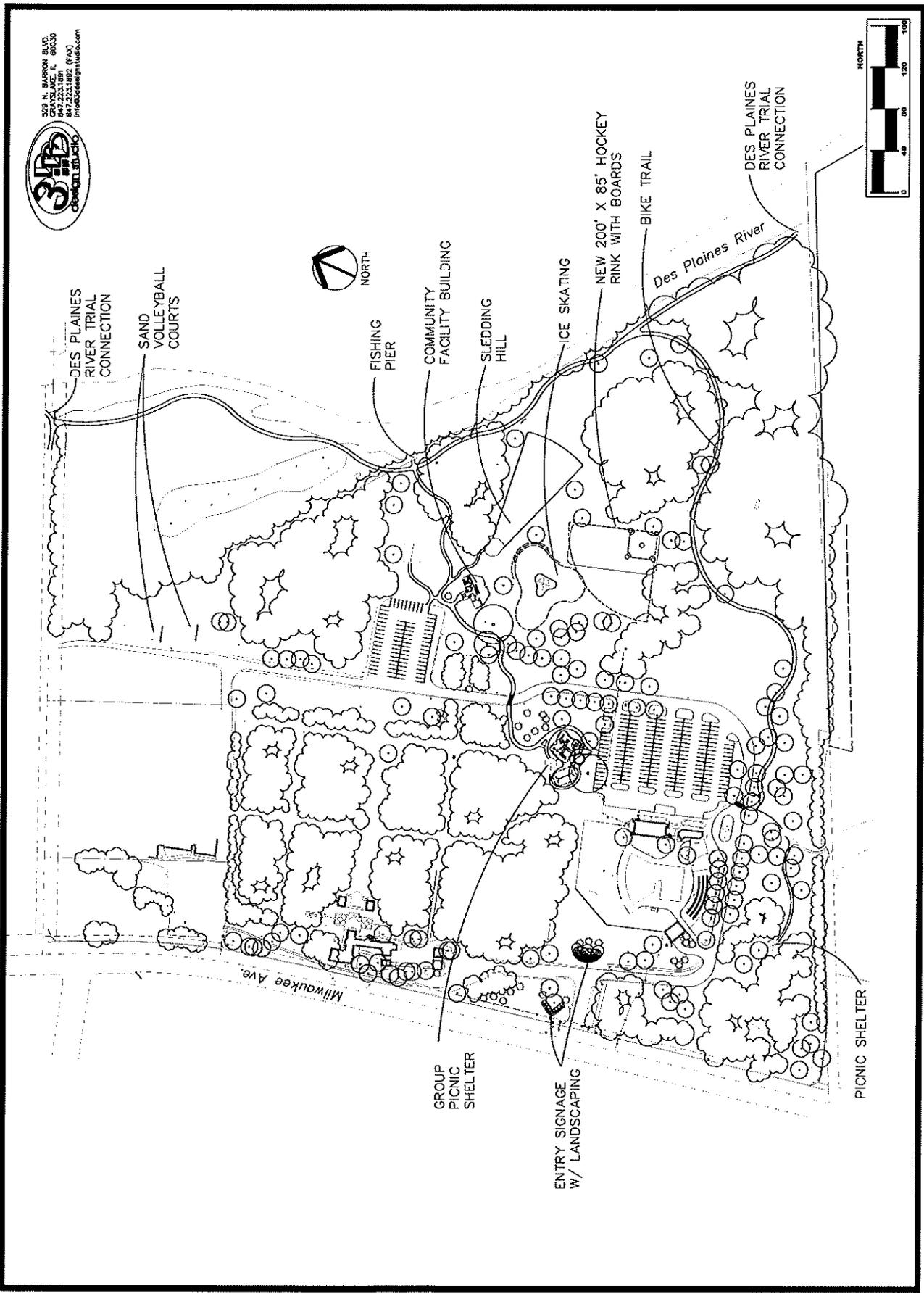
Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Bolander Hockey Rink

With the Bolander Park property currently available for purchase in the open market, we look to discuss Hockey Rink options for the transition process that will occur when the property sells. The various transition components including employee/office space, field usage re-assignments, programming relocation options, garage/storage relocation option, all have workable solutions, however the Hockey Rink options were reviewed but not determined. The public usage of the hockey rink, both during the 2-2 ½ months of ice hockey, and the warm weather months of roller hockey, have been counted daily. Next steps as to any viable hockey rink transition options, grant opportunities and costs requires further discussion.



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DES PLAINES RIVER TRIAL CONNECTION

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COMMUNITY FACILITY BUILDING

SLEDDING HILL

ICE SKATING

NEW 200' X 85' HOCKEY RINK WITH BOARDS

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Des Plaines River

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Milwaukee Ave.

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ENTRY SIGNAGE W/ LANDSCAPING

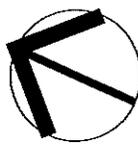
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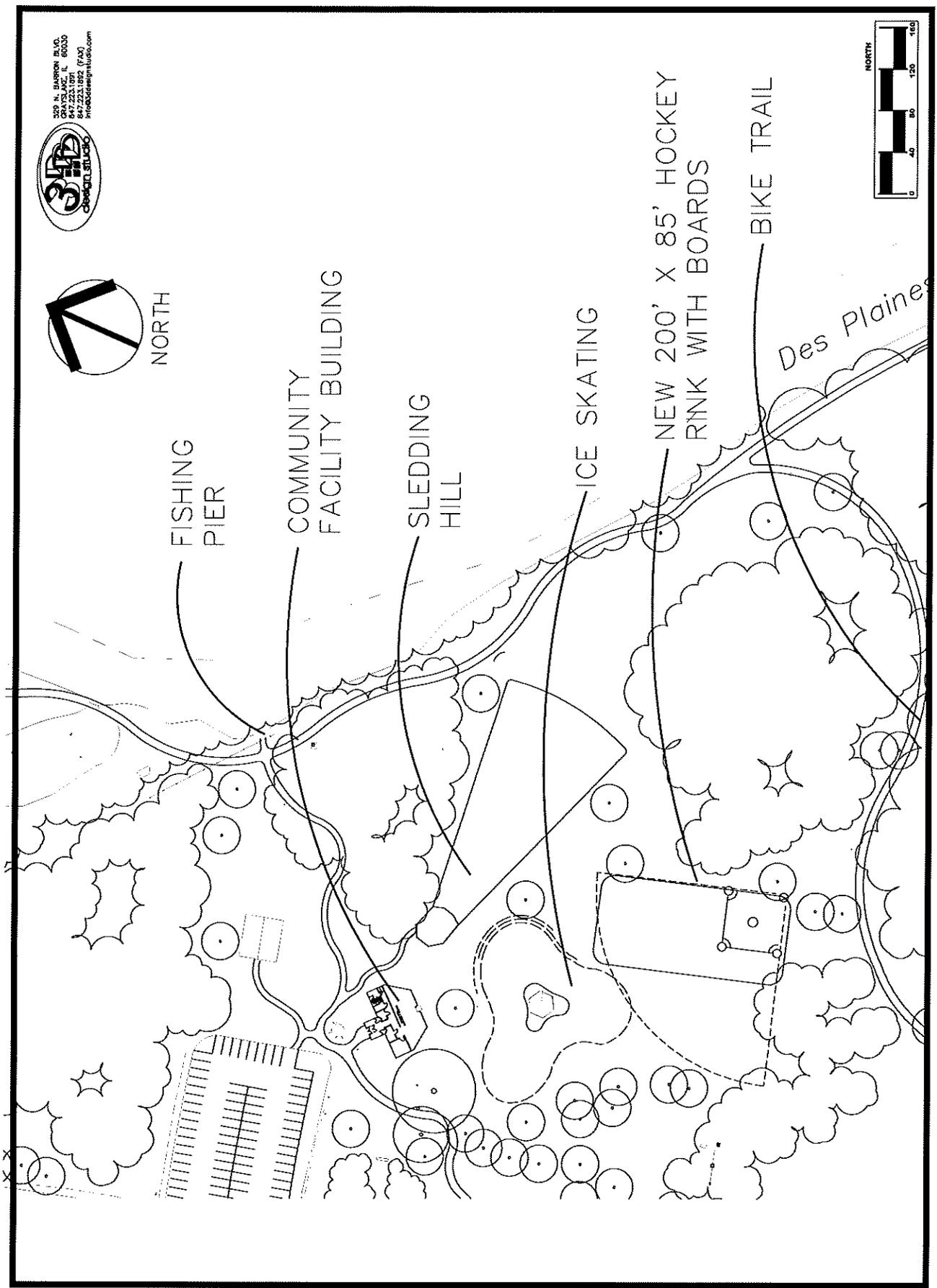
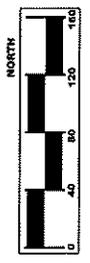
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NEW 200' X 85' HOCKEY
RINK WITH BOARDS

BIKE TRAIL

Des Plaines



Village of Libertyville Adler Park Hockey Rink Installation Estimate of Probable Cost					July 18, 2011	
Item No.	Description	Est. Units	Unit	Unit Price	Line Price	
1.	Removal, Hauling Boards to Adler and Reassemble	1	LS	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	
2.	Earthwork, Grading and Shaping	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
3.	Asphalt Slab Installation with Drainage and Color Coat	2080	SF	\$ 32.00	\$ 66,560.00	
4.	Concrete Foundations for Board Anchors	95	EA	\$ 150.00	\$ 14,250.00	
5.	Elec. Connection, Timer and 2- 30' 400 watt lights	1	LS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
6.	Bleacher Seating w/ Concrete Pads	2	EA	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	
7.	Trash Receptacles	2	EA	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00	
8.	Extend new water service	1	LS	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	
Subtotal					\$ 164,310.00	
10% Contingency -					\$ 16,431.00	
Professional Fees @ 9.5% -					\$ 17,170.40	
Phase I Estimated Total -					\$ 197,911.40	

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee
From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex
Date: January 30, 2013
Subject: Use of Village Property

Below are two separate requests for use of Village property.

1) Use of Sunrise Rotary Park-St. Joseph School Picnic

Village Resident Melissa Galla has submitted the annual request on behalf of St. Joseph School for use of Sunrise Rotary Park on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the St. Joseph's School Picnic. A total of 500 participants will visit Sunrise Rotary Park throughout the event day. Attached is the event application for the event. The organization will provide a certificate of insurance naming the Village as additionally insured.

Staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to the Village Board to approve the use of Sunrise Rotary Park for the St. Joseph's Family School Picnic on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

2) Use of Adler Park-Boy Scouts of America Cub Mobile Race

The Boys Scouts of America Northeast Illinois Council has requested the use of Adler Park on Saturday, April 27, 2013 for the annual Cub Mobile Soap Box Derby Race. The Boy Scouts expect the event to last from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Based on last year's event; staff believes Adler Memorial Park would be suitable for this event with the condition that a certificate of insurance, naming the Village of Libertyville as an additional insured be supplied.

Staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to the Village Board to approve the use of Adler Park for the Boys Scouts of America Boys Scouts of America on Park on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Park Permit Application

Contact Information

Full Name: Melissa Galla Today's Date: January 27, 2013
Last First

Address: 221 Park Place
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
Libertyville Illinois 60048
City State ZIP Code

Phone: (847) 406-7371 E-mail Address: melissa.brock.galla@hotmail.com

Rental Date: June 4 Day of the Week: Tuesday Rental Fee: \$

Hours of Function: 6:00 am to 3:00 pm

Special Request: St. Joseph School Picnic – General Rental for students and parent volunteers, 500 people throughout the day

Pick Your Park Location

Adler Park Pavilion(s) Large Pavilion Small Pavilion Park Address: 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL, 60048

Adler Park Lodge Adler Park Lodge Park Address: 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL, 60048

Butler Lake Park Crawford House Crawford House Park Address: 817 West Lake Street, Libertyville, IL, 60048

Other Park Location Sunrise Rotary Park

Park Permit Fees (Per Facility)	Resident	Non-Resident
Small pavilions (capacity 30 persons)	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Large pavilions (capacity up to 100 persons)	100.00	175.00
Large pavilion(capacity 101-200 persons)	150.00	275.00
Adler Lodge (capacity up to 100 persons)	75.00/hr	100.00/hr
Crawford Warming House (capacity up to 100 persons)	75.00/hr	100.00/hr
Butler Lake access permit	No charge	20.00

FOR OFFICE USE

Fee: _____

Check #: _____ Permit # _____

Date Copy Sent/Copy to Parks _____

Signature: Melissa Brock Galla Date: January 27, 2013



Park Permit Application

Contact Information

Full Name: Knepler Anna (Boy Scouts of America) Today's Date: 1/30/13
Last First

Address: 2745 Skokie Valley Road
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
Highland Park IL 60035
City State ZIP Code

Phone: 847-748-9149 Anna.knepler@scouting.org

Rental Date: 4/27/13 Day of the Week: Saturday Rental Fee: \$ _____

Hours of Function: 6am-3pm

Special Request: We use the hill on the far side of the parking lot

Pick Your Park Location

Adler Park Pavilion(s) Large Pavilion Small Pavilion Park Address: 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL, 60048

Adler Park Lodge Adler Park Lodge Park Address: 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL, 60048

Butler Lake Park Crawford House Crawford House Park Address: 817 West Lake Street, Libertyville, IL, 60048

Other Park Location We do not actually need a pavilion, just use of the parking lot hill.

Park Permit Fees (Per Facility)	Resident	Non-Resident
Small pavilions (capacity 30 persons)	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Large pavilions (capacity up to 100 persons)	100.00	175.00
Large pavilion(capacity 101-200 persons)	150.00	275.00
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Butler Lake access permit	No charge	20.00

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

FROM: Kevin J. Bowens, Village Administrator
Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

DATE: January 30, 2013

SUBJECT: Libertyville Sports Complex Capital Improvements

The Libertyville Sports Complex is entering its 12th year of operation. Overall, the facility is in good condition and Staff has attempted to keep up with some of the smaller capital improvement and maintenance needs as part of the annual budget process. However, Staff is developing a list of major capital needs, including upcoming priorities to replace the artificial turf on the indoor soccer fields and the painting of both the interior and exterior of the building. Funding of these large capital improvements/maintenance items will necessitate additional funding sources over and above what is normally available in the Village budget, and such funding sources may become available in the near future through either a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Bolander property and/or potential revenues generated by naming rights. In any event, the Staff wants to provide the Committee with a heads up and will discuss these capital items in greater detail at the meeting.

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Libertyville Sports Complex Merchandise

I believe the timing is right for the Libertyville Sports Complex to develop its own line of merchandise so as to sell LSC apparel to residents, out of town regulars, visitors, Tournament guests and others who would look to wear products that display our name and logo. This would include variations of the LSC name and logo to brand our specific business units: Fitness Center, Driving Range, Climbing Mountain, and other applications.

I look to test market this now, while the influx of customers brings in a heavy contingent of Libertyville locals as well as Tournaments. In the entrepreneurial spirit of seizing the moment, this could have need for expenditures, of which, none were budgeted in the 2012-2013 planning process. Nevertheless, if planned judiciously with minimal risk, this LSC Merchandise venture would be created to have a minimal expenditure that could in the \$500-\$750 range to allow for designing and samples, as well as an initial inventory to allow for Front Desk 'showcasing' and revenues to offset the initial expense.

A test case was put in place last February with the display of LSC short sleeve and long sleeve shirts, along with hoodie sweatshirts. These were displayed at the LSC Front Desk, and some LSC staffers modeled this apparel as well. Reaction was good, and questions posed by customers were: 'are those for sale?' and 'how much'?

In talking to a local company as well as a regional/national supplier, there are a couple of ways to go on the risk factor

- a) Order hard goods, minimal order with minimal expense, and sell at Front Desk and allow revenues to cover costs, and start the profit process of making money on each transaction
- b) Order on consignment (no risk, but impulse and gotta have it now orders would not be possible)
- c) Developing, with the cooperation of a regional/national supplier and their local sales rep, an LSC on-line store to allow for internet shopping on the LSC page (developed by supplier) and have all sales be internet generated, with no inventory of product at LSC needed.
- d) Heavy on option 'c' and a small amount of option 'a' to allow for display, impulse and walkup purchases

Look for discussion and direction from the Committee as to revenue producing program, and engaging for the current fiscal, as well as ramping further in the planning for the 2013-2014 fiscal.

Memorandum

To: Chairman Drew Cullum and Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Connie Kowal, Director of Recreation and Sports Complex

Date: January 30, 2013

Subject: Other

A) EAB (Verbal Update)

B) Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Events Schedule (attached)

Attached are the events for the Libertyville Sports Complex and Recreation Department

C) Marketing and Publicity (Attached)

Attached are various articles and pictures regarding the marketing of the Recreation and Sports Complex Department.

D) Other

Libertyville Recreation and Sports Complex Department Events
January and February Events 2012/13

Main Events-Sports Complex

Open Gym	New Year's Day January 1
Youth Soccer Leagues Begin	January 2
GLSA Soccer camps	January 2-4
Grayslake Youth soccer camps	January 3-4
Indoor Field Hockey resumes	January 5
Indoor Winter Programs resume	January 7
GLSA Training	
Lacrosse America	
Lakeshore Lacrosse	
Scout night – Climbing wall	January 8
House League BB games start	January 12
Cohn Private event	January 12
Play Hard Hoops BB tournament	January 11-13
Mundelein High School Team building (FB)	January 13
Acura of Libertyville Training	January 15-16
Northwest Youth BB tournaments	January 19-20
Kessel Youth BB tournaments	January 26-27
Soccer Coaches Meeting	January 30
Northwest Youth BB tournament	Feb 2
Private Family Party – Meeting rooms	Feb 2
Hoops For The Game BB tournament	Feb 9 & 10
GLSA referees clinic	Feb 9 & 10
Acura of Libertyville Training	Feb 12 & 13
Northwest Youth BB tournament	Feb 16
Private Event – Meeting rooms	Feb 16
GLSA Overnighter – Continuous soccer game	Feb 17-18
House League BB games (Sunday)	Feb 17
Kessel Spring AAU tryouts	Feb 17, 24, March 3
Scout Event	Feb 18
Scout Event	Feb 23
Northwest Youth BB Tournament	Feb 23
Open Gym Day–BB	Feb 24

Seniors

Closed	January 1
Re-Opening after the holiday break (No Lunch)	January 2
Bingo	January 4
Ballroom Dancing	January 7
Scholl's Foot Clinic	January 10
Movie	January 11
Birthday Bash	January 14
Canasta	January 17
Community Care Connection Coach	January 22
Hawaiian Luau	January 25
Lake County Forest Preserve Program and Lunch	January 28
Line Dancing	January 30

Ballroom Dance Lessons	February 4 & 18
Massage	February 5 & 19
Marriott trip	February 6
Scholl's Foot Clinic	February 7
Life Line Screening	February 7
Canasta	February 7 & 21
Birthday Bash and Lunch	February 11
Mardi Gras Bingo and Lunch	February 12
Legal Advice	February 12
Pinochle	Every Thursday
Valentine's Day Party and Lunch	February 15
Poker	February 6 & 20
Lunch and Learn Program	February 20
Movie	February 8 & 22

Weekly Events at the Senior Center

Monday

Wii Bowling
Knitting Bees

Tuesday

Bridge

Wednesday

Dominoes
Wood Carving

Thursday

Pinochle

Monday-Friday (Daily)

Exercise

Recreation

Troop 671 Campout-Adler Park January 18-20

Daddy Daughter Dance-Butterfield School February 22

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Ian O'Conner (from left), Mark Scarpelli and CJ Gerdes practice lacrosse technique at the Libertyville Sports Complex, which continues its financial drain on the village. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

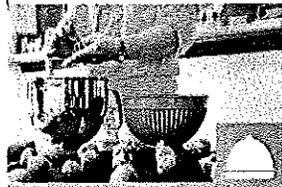
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The drain continues

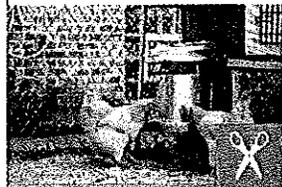
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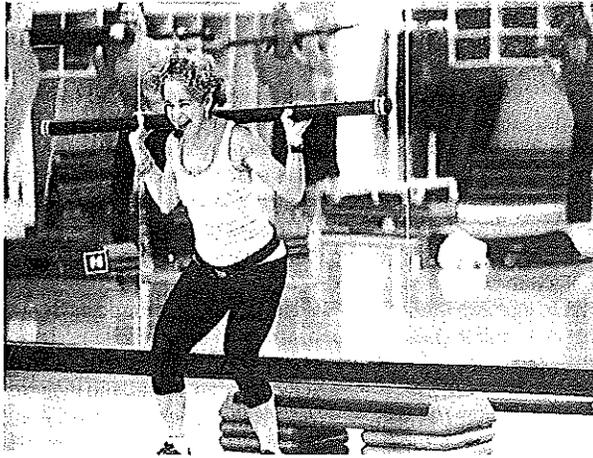
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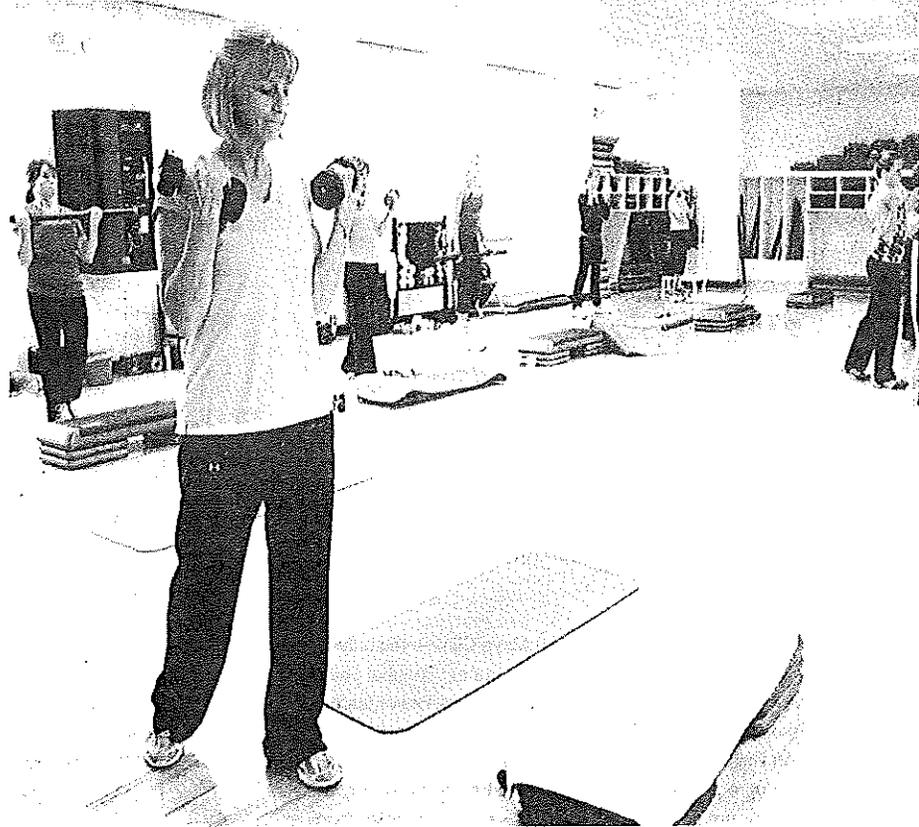


Complex's fitness center sees increased membership

BY KEVIN BEESE | Contributor



Lolo Lloyd of Gurnee leads her Strength & Flexibility class inside the Fitness Center at the Libertyville Sports Complex. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media



Chris Albers of Libertyville concentrates on her bicep curls during the Strength & Flexibility class inside of the Fitness Center at the Libertyville Sports Complex. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

LIBERTYVILLE

Rick Larson has been to his share of fitness clubs.

But Larson, a Libertyville resident, has been at the Libertyville Sports Complex Fitness Center for 10 years now and feels he has found his workout home.

"I've been to a lot of fitness clubs, but I've been (at the Sports Complex) longer than any of them," Larson said.

Larson said he finds the complex's Fitness Center convenient, with good hours and equipment that is usual accessible when he wants to use it. He added that the facility is very clean, "extremely affordable" and the staff is very friendly.

Larson is one of more than 1,000 people who are members of the Fitness Center, and memberships at the facility are trending upward,

Fitness Center open house

When: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 12
Where: Libertyville Sports Complex, 1950 N. U.S. 45
Includes: Early holiday shopping with vendors, refreshments, giveaways and membership sales

according to Connie Kowal, village recreation and Sports Complex director.

While the Fitness Center and the rest of the 169,000-square-foot Indoor Sports Center turn a nice profit for the village, two other components of the Sports Complex - the Golf Learning Center and the Family Entertainment Center - failed to live up to expectations. The village is looking to sell those underperforming parcels.

The village-run Fitness

Center will welcome area residents to an open house Wednesday, giving them an opportunity to see what the facility has to offer. Kowal said the open house is part of an effort to get the jump on fitness club marketing.

"When you think of joining a fitness club, when do you think of it?" Kowal rhetorically asked. "In January. We hit it really hard promotions-wise in November and December to be out in front of things. We promote that side of the (Sports Complex) business."

Kowal said the Fitness Center and the entire Sports Complex takes a very aggressive marketing stance.

"We are looking to do new things every day," he said.

Kowal noted that just because the Fitness Center has Libertyville in its name doesn't mean it is strictly for Libertyville residents. He said the center does not have a non-resident fee, meaning people working in Libertyville or living in another nearby suburb pay the same membership fee as residents.

"We are like the Statue of

Liberty," Kowal said. "We welcome everyone."

Libertyville resident Kelli Kepler Yarc, who like Larson has been a member of the facility for 10 years, loves the Fitness Center and its variety of offerings.

"I really enjoy the atmosphere. It is very friendly," said Yarc, who normally works out at the facility in the morning. "The Fitness Center offers a lot of variety. You can do different things."

"The instructors are all good. It is a pleasure to go there." ■



All-night party looks to be hit with kids

BY KEVIN BEESE | Contributor

LIBERTYVILLE

Youth ringing in the New Year together will help a local baseball team ring up cash for an East Coast trip.

The first Communitywide New Year's Eve All-Night Party will be held at the Libertyville Sports Complex for fifth- through eighth-graders.

"A lot of parents look forward to going out, but there is always the issue of what to do with the kids," said Dara Dietmeyer, one of the event co-chairs. "And for kids, they wind up watching TV and falling asleep."

Dietmeyer came up with the idea for the event after thinking about her baby-sitting days.

"When I was younger, I made a lot of money baby-sitting on New Year's Eve," Dietmeyer said. "I thought (the All-Night Party) would do well as a fund-raiser."

She presented the idea to Colleen Scopacasa, event co-chair, and other moms, and they agreed to give it a try.

Proceeds raised through the event will go toward financing a weeklong baseball tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y. for the Libertyville 12U Orange team. The tournament entrance fee is \$12,900, and other team fund-raisers are planned, including a Dec. 14 Poker Night.

Dietmeyer hopes the event is a success and becomes a regular holiday tradition, regardless of who sponsors it.

While at the Libertyville Sports Complex and

supporting a Libertyville baseball team, organizers note that it is not a Libertyville-only event. School districts in Gurnee, Grayslake, Mundelein, Libertyville, Lake Forest, Green Oaks, Deerfield and Lincolnshire have all posted

the event flyer in their virtual backpacks or community news. The Kessel Heat travel basketball team and Mundelein Junior Football League and Cheerleading have also posted notices about the event. ■

Communitywide New Year's Eve All-Night Party

For: Fifth- through eighth-graders
When: 7 p.m. Dec. 31 to 8 a.m. Jan. 1
Where: Libertyville Sports Complex, 1950 N. Route 45
Cost: \$60 (\$40 for each additional sibling)
Sign-up: Email ddietmeyer@comcast.net or colleen.scopacasa927@gmail.com or go to the event's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/libertyvilleallnighter>



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Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall and quarterback Jay Cutler react from the bench Sunday as the Seahawks score near the end of regulation at Soldier Field.

SEAHAWKS 23, BEARS 17 (OT)

Bears' defense gives up two long, late touchdown drives; game slips away in overtime.

Crunchtime collapse

Question:

Northern Illinois is going to the Orange Bowl. Where are these Bears going?

Well, let's see:

On offense they've got a quarterback, an elite receiver, an occasional running game and ... that's about it. On defense, the backbone of the team all season, suddenly they've become creaky, injury-prone and are showing their age.

In conclusion:

Unless they straighten things out quickly, not very far.

Refreshingly candid:

"A terrible job I did getting our football



BY MIKE SPELLMAN
mspellman@dailyherald.com

team ready. I thought we were ready to go. Some decisions I made really hurt us early on."
— Lovie Smith

Still trying to figure:

How in the world the Bears weren't up 17-0 at halftime.
Gotta kick that field goal, Lovie. Gotta catch that pass, Earl.

Missed it by that much:

When it comes to Jay Cutler running the ball, love the competitiveness, hate the daring.

A bright light:

Brandon Marshall catches everything.

The what now?

Can anyone explain what the heck Terry Bradshaw was talking about just before halftime?

Get well soon:

Alshon Jeffery.

Another bright light:

Cutler's stache' is history.

Ho said it:

"Almost incomplete!"
— Fox announcer Chris Myers, describing a near-interception.

MIKE INREM: Now Bears are on the same level as the Seahawks.

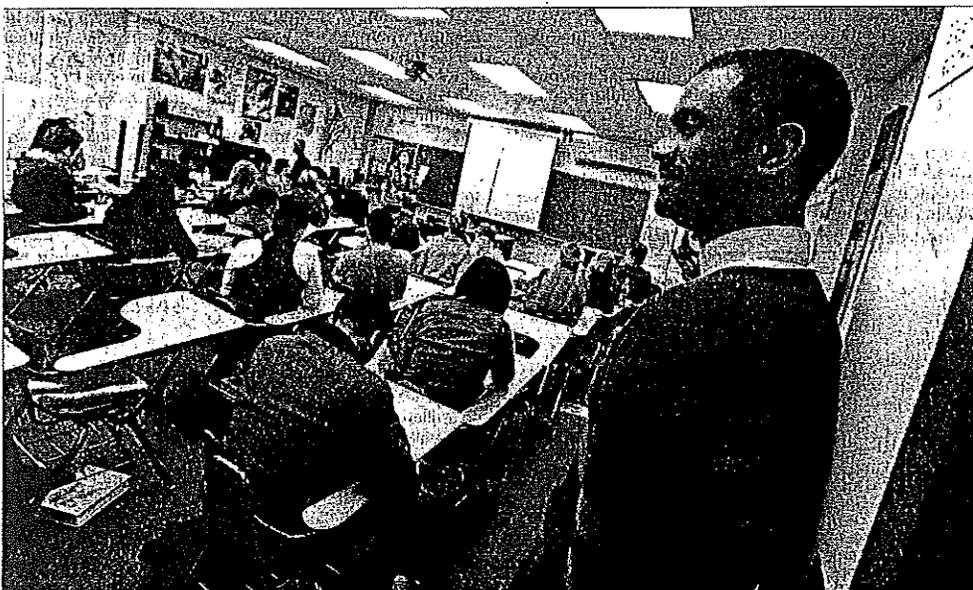
BARRY ROZNER: Vaunted Bears defense looked old and slow in the clutch.

MORE IN SPORTS

"We'll read something out loud and he'll stop the whole class just to talk about how great that sentence was. He really makes you excited about what we're reading."

— Senior Brianna Anderson

Mr. Brown rules



MARK WELSH/mwelsh@dailyherald.com

Hoffman Estates High School teacher Ryan Brown sponsors several clubs, as well as coaching gymnastics and teaching English to freshmen and seniors.

A unique New Year's fundraiser

Libertyville Sports Complex to host all-night bash for up to 200 kids

BY MICK ZAWISLAK
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a 13-hour bash lasting until 8 a.m. Jan. 1.

When 2012 became official, Dara Dietmeyer wasn't awake to celebrate.

"I was in Florida. I cooked dinner for my grandparents and went to bed," said the Libertyville resident and baseball mom. "I haven't stayed awake until midnight in I don't know how long."

Coffee will be in order when that habit is shattered — by a long shot — this coming New Year's Eve as Dietmeyer and a team of chaperones shepherd as many as 200 kids in fifth through eighth grade through

Dietmeyer and Colleen Scopacasa, whose sons play on the Libertyville Wildcats '12U Orange baseball team, are coordinating the all-nighter to be held on the entire first floor of the cavernous Libertyville Sports Complex.

The impetus was to raise \$12,000 for the team's week-long trip next summer to Cooperstown, N.Y., for a tournament in which the team will play others from across the country. The travel team of kids 12 and under is part of

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Bash: Events could become part of regular programming

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the Libertyville Youth Baseball League.

The open invitation party is touted as a community event — an activity-packed evening for kids and a getaway opportunity for parents.

"We don't want to put out our hands and say, 'We're going to Cooperstown, give us some money,'" Scopacasa explained. "We weren't trying to focus on this being a fundraiser, but a really fun event."

Several businesses have contributed goods or services and several area school districts have posted information for the event in virtual backpacks or community news, organizers said.

Though not a first at the village-owned facility, the overnight event is unique in that it is open to the public, albeit for a price. The \$60 admission includes food and drinks and an array of activities, including the signature climbing wall and organized sports such as basketball, dodgeball, soccer, flag football and whiffle ball. Siblings are an additional \$40 each.

The set up also will include separate activity rooms for girls and boys, as well as board games, a DJ, dancing, movies and a gaming room.

"We've got five TVs, two Xboxes, two Wii's and a PlayStation 2," Dietmeyer noted

during a recent visit with Scopacasa to the 110,000-square-foot facility. It has hosted overnight events — including on New Year's Eve — since it opened 10 years ago. There are about four or five such events in a given year, mainly from church, youth or other groups that use it as a private activity, according to Randy Splitt, facility manager.

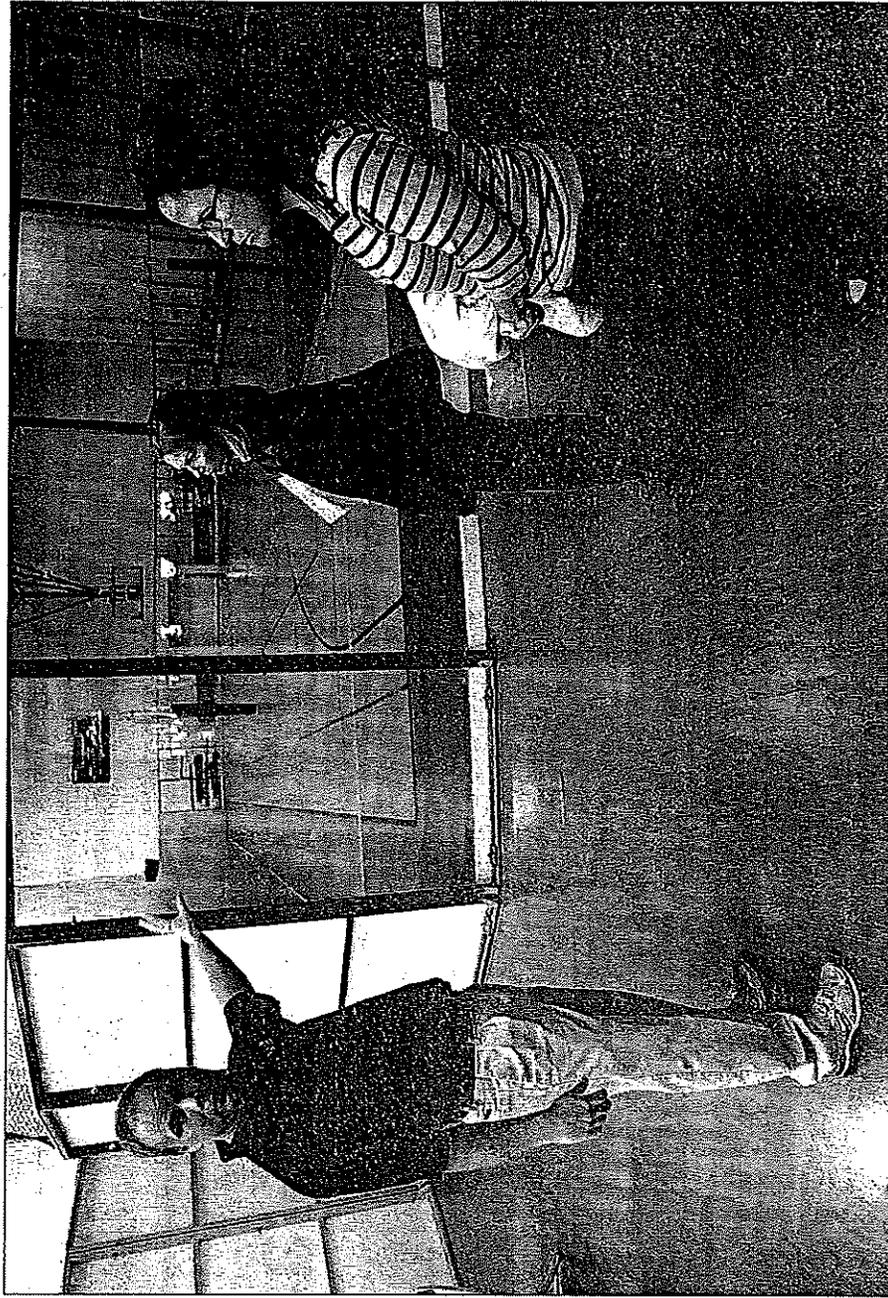
For example, the Greater Libertyville Soccer Association in March of 2011 held a continuous soccer game fundraiser from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. Post-prom gatherings and the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life are other examples of late-night users.

"The challenge when you bring the groups in here is hitting the market for everybody," Splitt said. Scheduling activities for fifth- through eighth-graders will be easier than for some other age groups, he added.

Activities will depend on the number of participants and are being finalized. They likely will include announcements regarding the New Year arriving in various time zones and a balloon drop at midnight. About 20 adults, including three village staffers, will supervise.

The group got a break on the rental price but will be paying direct costs, such as salaries.

The event will become a test of sorts as similar overnight



Randy Splitt, facility manager for the Libertyville Sports Complex, talks to Dara Dietmeyer and Colleen Scopacasa, right, about the set up for an overnight New Year's Eve celebration for fifth- to eighth-graders. The event is a fundraiser for a youth baseball team.

STEVE LUNDY/slundy@dailyherald.com

events could become part of the regular programming. The village for the first time also is considering opening the fitness center and holding an

open gym on New Year's Day. "There's only been one group that we've actually structured time to go to sleep," Splitt said.

For questions or to register

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Fee shock
Ambulance charges surprise some residents.
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Libertyville leases course

BY MICHAEL HOLTZ
Tribune reporter

Libertyville officials have handed over management of a village-owned golf course to a private company after years of running it at a loss.

The Village Board agreed this month to a 10-year lease with BCS Golf LLC, giving the company control of the course's day-to-day operations.

As part of the agreement, BCS Golf will open a short-game academy and an indoor putting studio at the nine-hole, par-three course in Riverside Park.

The renovated course and new facilities are scheduled to open in mid-May.

Blair Subry, president of BCS Golf, said greens fees would stay the same as last year: \$10 for Libertyville residents and \$13 for non-residents. The lease requires company and village officials to meet each year to discuss potential fee increases.

After acquiring the



MICHAEL HOLTZ/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Libertyville's nine-hole, par-three golf course in Riverside Park will be managed by BCS Golf LLC, which will open a short game academy and an indoor putting studio.

course in 1979, the village treated it as an amenity for the local community and absorbed many of its costs. But village officials say the economic downturn forced them to reconsider the need for it as they looked for ways to cut expenses.

Located on a flood plain along the Des Plaines River, the course is costly to maintain, and the property it sits on is nearly impossible to sell, according to officials.

The Libertyville Parks Department operated it at

an \$81,000 deficit last year, according to the village's budget. Steadily declining revenues during the past decade have exacerbated the problem, officials say. After hitting a high of 13,298 golf rounds played in 2003, the course counted 5,272 rounds in 2012, according to the village Parks Department.

It's a trend hampering municipal golf courses across the suburbs. Tribune reporting has found that courses in Palatine, Naperville and Schaumburg have all seen fewer

players and, consequently, lower revenues in recent years. Faced with mounting deficits, local officials are struggling to find ways to keep them open.

"We kind of got caught in a quandary," said Richard Moras, a Libertyville trustee and chairman of the Village Board's Finance Committee.

"I am confident that without this lease the decision to shut it down would have come to a vote this spring."

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Rare challenge to Lake Forest Caucus

BY MICHAEL HOLTZ
Tribune reporter

The public backlash after a string of controversies in Lake Forest's two school districts has led to a rare event: a contested school board election.

Offering an alternative to the slate of candidates endorsed by the Lake Forest Caucus are Ted Moorman, a retired Air Force officer and Patrick Patt, a retired superintendent. The two men see themselves as outsiders in an election historically dominated by the caucus, a group of 42 volunteers that interviews and recommends candidates for each citywide election.

But both contend that public discontent with the current school boards — and the caucus system that chose them — boosts their chances of pulling off an upset.

Moorman is running in High School District 115, and Patt is running in Elementary School District 67.

"I think people in the community really feel that we need more oversight," Moorman said. "The community has gotten to the point where there are a lot of people who

question the board and its action."

Michael Beacham, a longtime critic of the school boards, said much of that skepticism came to a head when reports surfaced about former Superintendent Harry Griffith's finances.

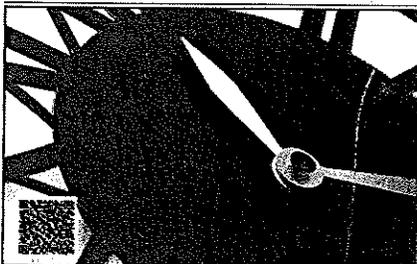
A Tribune investigation last fall found that Griffith, who oversaw both districts before he retired last summer, was among the highest-paid public school administrators in the state.

In addition to paying him \$362,000 in 2011, the Lake Forest school boards forgave a \$75,000 home loan he took out and covered thousands of dollars in travel and dining expenses.

"It bothered me a lot," Patt said of the spending. "I'm not sure with some of those issues that that there's as much transparency that should exist."

For some local residents, their distrust is rooted in a previous controversy uncovered in fall 2011. That's when news broke that a former Deer Path Middle School principal pleaded guilty to charges of electronic harass-

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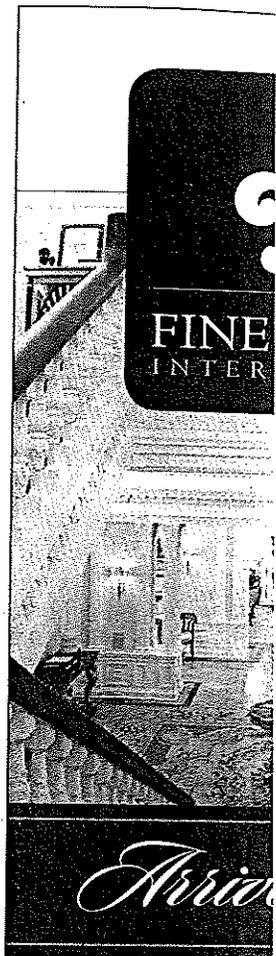
Libertyville Park District's Rosalio Ayala clears the ice Friday at Bolander Park. The village has put the park up for sale. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

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Bolander up for sale

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Cover Story

Bolander Park property for sale

BY ANNA TARKOV | atarkov@pioneerlocal.com

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A sign has gone up indicating that the Bolander Park property is for sale, but plans to sell it have been in the works for some time.

Discussions started seven to eight months ago, said Connie Kowal, village recreation and Sports Complex director.

The village board passed a resolution Sept. 25 declaring Bolander as surplus property, a necessary legal step when selling municipally owned land.

In October, the board approved a real estate listing agreement with HSA Commercial Real Estate to list the property at an asking price of \$2,050,000.

Kowal, along with three parks department employees, currently works out of the building on the property. Those employees, along with the programs that take place there would likely be moving to the Sports Complex.

Also on the site is an ice skating rink. Its fate would be uncertain once a sale occurs.



Libertyville Park District's Rosalio Ayala (left) and Tom Govekra work on the ice Friday at Bolander Park. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

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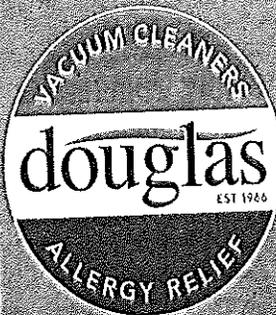
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"We don't have a plan in place," Kowal said referring to the rink.

Libertyville Trustee Jim Moran said any concerns about a sale being imminent are premature.

"This is something long-term," he said.

Ice hockey players have nothing to fear according to Moran, who said he expects the rink would move, not go away.

"The ice rink is very important to our town," said Moran, who is a fan of hockey and a Blackhawks season ticket holder. "Someday when I have children, I would like them all to play hockey."

Village government and administrators would like to see a multi-family housing development - apartments, condominiums or townhomes - developed on the property.

Listing agent Doug Reed said there has been interest in the property and that the village was hearing from developers before Bolander Park was put on the market. As for its saleability in the current

market, Reed was optimistic. "It's looking better than it has in the past few years," he said.

Heather Rowe, the village's Economic Development Coordinator, said there is a definite feeling that Libertyville is lacking in this type of housing.

The property's proximity to the Metra station and downtown makes it a highly desirable location for residences that would be good options for singles or couples without children.

Another such development was proposed in the spring of last year. Dubbed Liberty Station, it was to go on the Trimm property along Lake Street.

Rowe said that proposal highlighted the need for multi-family housing and that there aren't many places to build it in Libertyville.

"We don't have a lot of these sites," she said.

Although it's currently zoned for institutional use, Rowe said rezoning for residences would not be an issue.

The listing contract with HSA runs through Sept. 30, but can be renewed if need be. ■

Lace up your skates



Libertyville Parks Department employee Rosalio Ayala clears the ice rink at Bolander Park in Libertyville on Friday morning.

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Libertyville looks to capitalize on rec facilities

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Interested in owning a park in Libertyville? How about having your company's name in lights on the signature Sports Complex? Both are possibilities as the village tries to maximize resources and generate revenue.

In separate but related actions, village officials recently decided to shed an underutilized facility and directed staff to seek takers for naming rights on what could become the biggest "billboard" in town. Both reflect a long-standing and continuing push on the village's part to squeeze what it can from its recreational offerings.

"It all comes down to what's the best use of village dollars, particularly the Bolander building," said village Trustee Drew Cullum, who chairs the board's parks and recreation committee. At the Sports Complex, the directive is to find a corporate entity willing to do more than sponsor events or pay for banners inside.

"My job will be to go out and start pursuing those companies big and small that might be interested," said Connie Kowal, director of the village's recreation



Libertyville officials have declared the main building and property at Bolander Park along Winchester Road as surplus property and have offered them for sale.

department and Sports Complex.

Naming rights for the Sports Complex add a deeper dimension to Kowal's roster of potential advertising offerings.

"That's a big, big bit of inventory versus, 'I just want to sponsor the daddy-daughter dance,'" he said.

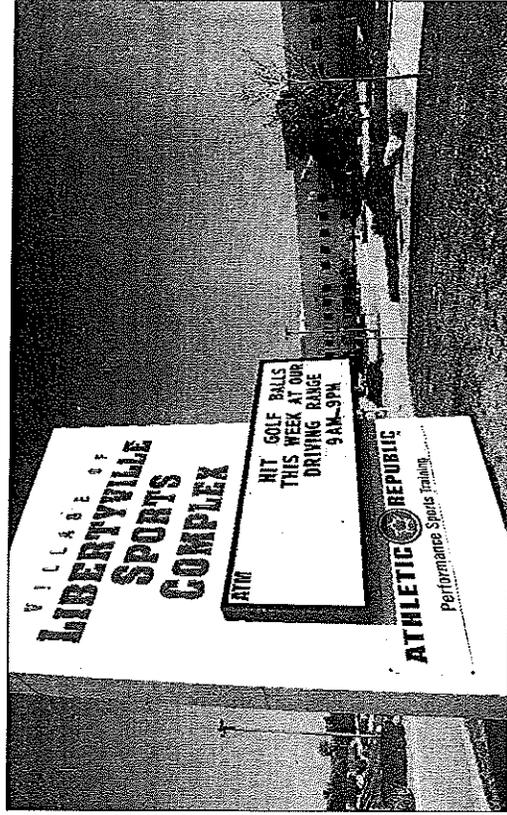
In the first move, the village board declared the 5-plus acre Bolander Park and the parks department headquarters building at 625 W. Winchester Road as surplus property and determined that selling it would be in the best interest of the village.

Only four staff members

work there and the building a sprawling ranch-style former office of the Bolander construction company, will need \$300,000 in repairs over the next few years.

The village intends to hire a real estate professional to market the property. It is zoned for institutional use but is considered best suited for a multifamily residential development, because of its location within walking distance of the Metra commuter station and the downtown area.

"There's a pretty significant demand in the community for those multi-family uses," said Heather Rowe, the village's economic



PHOTOS BY PAUL VALADE/PAULVALADE@dailyherald.com
Naming rights for the Libertyville Sports Complex at Route 45 and Peterson Road in Libertyville are now available.

development coordinator. "We have some smaller ones in the works but there's definitely a need for more."

The property has been appraised at \$1.725 million or \$7.50 per square foot. One of the conditions is that it not be sold for less than 80 percent of that value, or \$1.38 million.

The village bought the property in 1997 for \$1.4 million.

About three miles north and west at Route 45 and Peterson Road, the Libertyville Sports

Complex recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Revenue covers overhead but not the debt due on bonds used to build it. Debt payments are set to increase from about \$1 million per year to \$1.8 million annually. So the village has been looking for options.

Though not actively marketed recently, the golf learning center, which includes a heated driving range, has been for sale for years. So has

a 27-hole mini-golf course that was closed several years ago. This year, it was leased to a businessman who renovated and reopened the facility.

The main attraction, however, always has been the enormous indoor sports complex. "I think we feel there is a pretty good value. If you've ever noticed, it's an unmarked building," Cullum said.

"There's just an enormous amount of car traffic that goes by there."



Cover Story

Sports Complex revenue drain continues

BY KEVIN BEESE | Contributor

LIBERTYVILLE

Blame it on the village build-out. Blame it on the overzealous projections. Blame it on America's waning interest in golf.

But wherever you point the finger, it doesn't change the fact that the village has a drain on its revenue because of the 10-year-old Libertyville Sports Complex. Projected as a cash cow for the village, the three-pronged recreation haven has never lived up to the financial hype and requires annual subsidies from the village to meet its debt service.

"When they did it, they were doing what was best for the village," Village President Terry Weppler said of former village officials' decision to build the multi-facility complex. "Knowing what we do now, would we start over and do things the same way? Absolutely not.

"Sometimes you win, and sometimes you lose. We do not have a separate park district. Our job includes providing recreational services to residents."

Of the complex's three pieces, two - the Golf Learning Center and the Family Entertainment Center - will

likely be sold off within the next three years.

"The facilities never could generate the money that was expected," Village Administrator Kevin Bowens said. "The profits do not cover the debt service."

While the Sports Complex does make an overall profit, it has never paid its own way and has needed as much as \$500,000 annually from the village to meet its bond payments. The \$1 million annual bond payment will rise to \$1.7 million in December 2014, likely requiring an even bigger infusion of village support. It is unlikely the Golf and Entertainment centers still will be in the village's hands at that point.

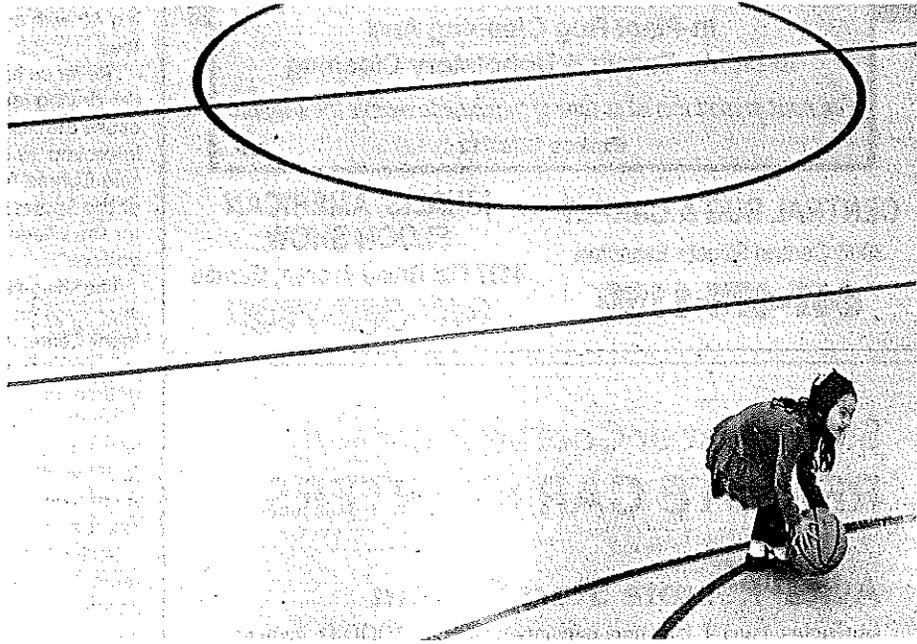
The Golf Learning Center has been the biggest bust. By this point, the facility was supposed to be making an annual profit of \$315,000 for the village. Last year, the facility cleared \$40,000.

"Early on, we saw the Golf Learning Center was not generating the revenue we expected," Bowens said.

THE BACKGROUND

The village, which runs its own parks and recreation department, broke ground for the Sports Complex in 2001.

Opening in 2002, the three facilities were seen as a space and financial answer for the village.



Five-year-old Kaelee Martin of Palatine entertains herself while her mother visits with some friends inside the Libertyville Sports Complex. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

"We were already renting space at schools in town," said Bowens, who has been with the village for more than two decades. "... We were looking for anywhere we could put our recreational programs. There was an intense demand for space."

The need for program space coincided with the village reaching a point of being built out residentially. Because of that, the park impact fees the village had been receiving from new housing developments to fund its parks

and recreation department dried up.

Needing money for recreation programs, as well as recreation program space, the Sports Complex, a 25-acre development, was proposed at Peterson Road and Route 45.

When the Family Entertainment Center did not meet expected revenues, the village shuttered the mini-golf facility in 2007 and looked to sell off the property. Two contracts for the property fell through when the economy

soured.

THE PRESENT

The facilities continue to increase their profits and lessen the amount of money needed from the village.

What was once a \$500,000 annual subsidy from the village has dropped to \$350,000.

The 160,000-square-foot recreation center continues to thrive with eight basketball

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courts; two indoor artificial turf multi-use fields; a climbing mountain; fitness center; preschool; conference, meeting and party rooms; and an athletic training business.

"It's well-used," Village Administrator Bowens said. "The indoor facility does well and it continues to do better."

Still a state-of-the-art facility, the Golf Center has 80 stations, including 40 with automatic ball-setting on tees.

"Revenue has been improving at the driving range due, in part, because the marketing of the facility improved, as did customer service," said Conrad "Connie" Kowal, director of the Sports Complex and recreation for the village. "It is now a place for golfers."

The village also now has a three-year lease on the Family Entertainment Center, which opened this summer as a privately owned miniature golf course.

"We are seeing financial benefits," Kowal said of the golf and mini-golf facilities. "They are doing better than several years ago."

THE FUTURE

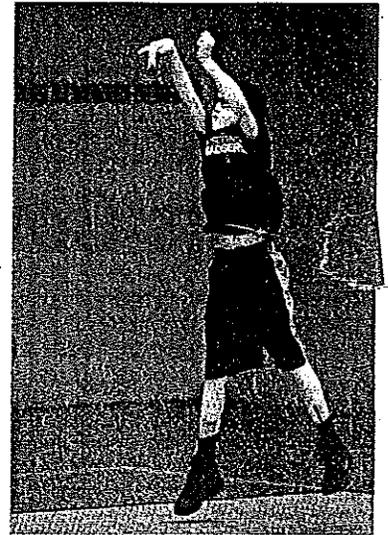
Selling the naming rights to the recreation center is one idea under consideration to generate additional money.

Kowal said the naming right is a sponsorship opportunity that could generate significant money for the indoor facility. He said it is too early to guess how much those naming rights could produce.

"That is up to discussions and dialogues on potential sponsors' interest," Kowal said. "I can safely say it would be a multi-year agreement in the six figures for the annual sponsorship."

Selling the parcels where the Golf Center and mini-golf course sit remain a village priority.

Village President Weppler said while the municipality would like to sell off the two parcels, it will only do so for the right price. Until the right offer or offers come along, he said, the village will continue to increase



Nine-year-old Conor Enright of Mundelein, shoots with the Kessel Heat basketball club inside of the Libertyville Sports Complex. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

the facilities' profitability.

"We are doing all we can to increase revenue. We rented out the miniature golf course," Weppler said. "We are still looking for purchasers because the miniature golf course and driving range continue to run in the red."

"The real estate market is just starting to turn around. We need to get the right offer. We can't give the land away because we are still on hold for the debt service. Unless we get a reasonable price, we are not going to sell it."

The Sports Complex's Kowal said he and his staff continue to reach out to let people know of the multipurpose facility as an event destination. He said Mundelein High School's 2012 graduation, two mixed martial arts events and Chicago Blackhawk Road Watch parties are just some of the varied events that have been held at the facility.

"It is Job 1 for us to get as many events and programs as possible in the multipurpose facility," Kowal said. "We take a very aggressive approach to bring in different events, activities, programs and special events to help our overall operation." ■

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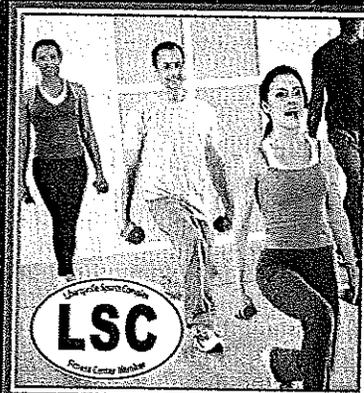
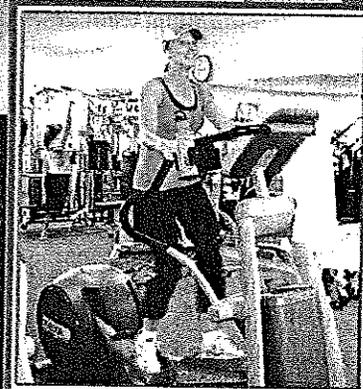
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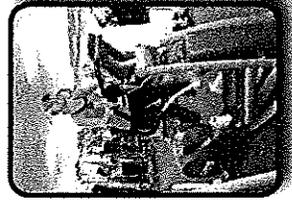
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In Profile

How some village parks, buildings are named

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LIBERTYVILLE

Duane Laska Park, Copeland Elementary, Butler Lake, the Schertz Building. They are all places familiar to Libertyville residents. But who are they named after and why?

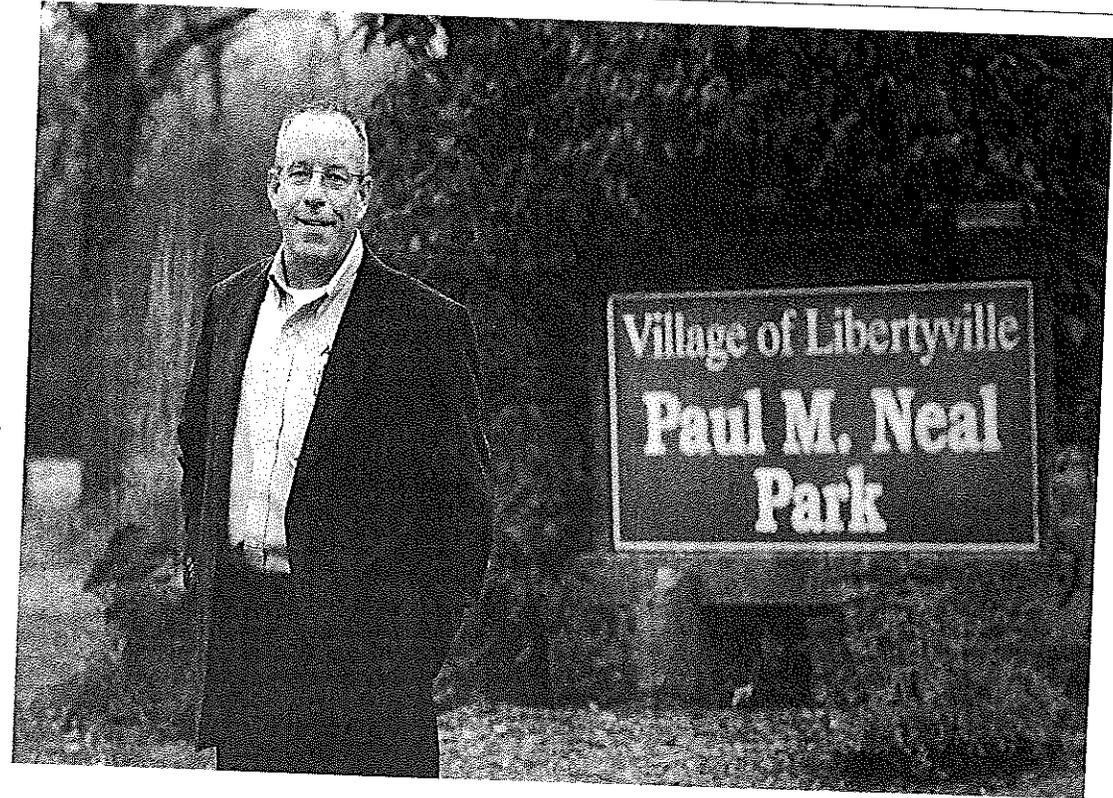
Jim Moran, a village trustee and vice president of the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society, helped shed some light on the issue. Moran has been a student of local history since he got involved with the society at the age of 8.

"Right now, there aren't any conditions or criteria to get something named after someone," Moran said. "Requests are presented to the Village Board, we vote on it."

Though there are no stringent rules, distinguished service to the community seems to be an unspoken requirement. For instance, there are five parks named after former

mayors, Duane Laska Park on Garfield Avenue being the most recent. Laska still lives in Libertyville today. He was mayor from 1997 to 2005.

Marty Neal's father, Paul M. Neal, is another former mayor whose name graces a local



Marty Neal of Libertyville in the park named after his late father and former Libertyville Mayor Paul M. Neal, located on New Castle Drive. | RYAN PAGELOW/Sun-Times Media

park. Neal Park is located inside a housing subdivision at 1251 New Castle Drive.

"I remember when they dedicated it," Neal said. "It was a big to-do. Our whole family was there."

Today, Neal says people

sometimes still ask if he's the same Neal the park is named after. Neal's father was mayor from 1980 to 1988.

Sometimes a park is named after an organization that donated money to refurbish it. Sunrise Rotary Park at

Milwaukee and Broadway is one such example.

Financing is currently playing a role in the naming of the Libertyville Sports Complex at Peterson Road and Route 45. Its naming rights are for sale, Moran said.

Conrad "Connie" Kowal, Director of Recreation & Sports Complex, said this is a marketing and advertising opportunity for interested companies and would be an added revenue source for the village. ■