



Item: Resolution 10132 – Establishing Fees for the Multi Sports Softball Program

From: Park and Recreation Department

Initiated By: Park & Recreation Department

Presented By: Joseph Petrella, Park and Recreation Director

Action Requested: Set Public Hearing on Resolution 10132

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner _____ moves:

“I move that the City Commission (set/not set) a public hearing on Resolution 10132, Multi-Sports fees for March 15, 2016.”

2. Mayor Kelly requests a second to the motion, Commission discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Commission set a public hearing on Resolution 10132 establishing fees for the Multi-Sports Softball Program. Resolution 10132 would repeal the fees in Resolution 8782 adopted by the Commission in 1996.

Background: Initially developed in 1966 by volunteers without financial support from the City, the Multi Sports Complex provided a high quality facility to host adult softball programs and tournaments in Great Falls. Due to the overall success of the facility and continued interest by the general public, the complex was expanded to an eight field facility with support from the City. Over the years the complex has seen successes and failures, but it has always played a major role in providing softball fields for the softball community. In 2010 the complex was leased out for three (3) years to Mr. Gary Ehnes in the hopes of generating additional revenue for the complex. Unfortunately, Mr. Ehnes opted out of the lease in October of 2011 and the complex was returned to the City for the 2012 softball season with the understanding that the Park and Recreation Department would operate the facility without receiving any general fund subsidies.

As of 2012, user fees and concession sales have been the only source of revenue to support operations. During this time, the department has been able to establish a healthy fund balance, but has not been able to address major concerns with the facilities infrastructure.

In order to sustain current operations and address the deteriorating infrastructure at the Multi-Sports Complex, fees need to be established that are fair and equitable to the public, but will also help provide funding for equipment replacement expenses, capital-improvement expenses, and staff cost-of-living increases.

Currently the facility is home to the C.M. Russell High School Girls Softball Program, Great Falls High School Softball Program, University of Great Falls High School Program and the Park and Recreation Departments Adult Softball Program. The complex also hosts a variety of tournaments organized by various private user groups. Recently, many of these groups have met in an effort to brain storm and find ways to work together in the hopes of raising funds to help improve the facility and get it back to being the premier softball destination in the State of Montana. The increase in fees will primarily affect the private user groups.

Fiscal Impact: The increase in fees is projected to bring in an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 in revenue to be utilized to help fund much needed improvements to the facility.

Alternatives: An alternative would be to not increase Multi Sports fees.

Concurrences: The Park and Recreation Advisory Board will review the resolution at its March 7th meeting.

Attachments/Exhibits: Resolution 10132 Golf Fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 10132

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR THE MULTI SPORTS SOFTBALL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department’s primary focus is to enhance the overall health and livability of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution 8782 titled “Multi Sports Fees” on March 19, 1996. Said fees have not been adjusted since that time; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation staff strives to provide quality facilities and programs at affordable prices so citizens can realize the personal and social benefit attributed to a softball program; and

WHEREAS, having considered the cost of operation, administration and maintenance of the multi sports complex, it is deemed necessary and appropriate to adjust fees associated with running a sports complex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, that the fee structure for multi sports programs and usage are established as follows:

RESOLUTION 10132 – MULTI SPORTS FEES			
Non Tournament Rates			
<i>Fee type</i>	<i>No. of Fields</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Damage Deposit</i>
Field Rental	Per Field	\$12/hr	50% of total rental up to \$500
Field Preparation	Per Field	\$15/prep (after 1 st prep)	
Staff Fees	NA	\$25/hour on overtime	
All Day Tournament Rates 8:00 am-dusk			
<i>Fee type</i>	<i>No. of Fields</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Damage Deposit</i>
Field Rental	Per Field	\$100	50% of total rental up to \$500
Field Rental	8 Fields	\$720	50% of total rental up to \$500
Field Preparations	Per Field	\$15/prep (after 1 st prep)	
Staff Fees	NA	\$25/hr on overtime	
Partial Day Tournament 8:00 am -2:30 pm			
<i>Fee type</i>	<i>No. of Fields</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Damage Deposit</i>
Field Rental	Per Field	\$50	50% of total rental up to \$500
Field Rental	8 Fields	\$360	50% of total rental up to \$500
Field Preparation	Per Field	\$15/prep (after 1 st prep)	
Staff Fees	NA	\$25/hr on overtime	
Miscellaneous			
<i>Fee type</i>	<i>No. of Fields</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Damage Deposit</i>
Team Registration	NA	\$450	
Player Registration	NA	\$250	

High School Team Regular Season	NA	\$700	
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS,
MONTANA**, that Resolution No. 8782 is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, this 15th day
of March, 2016.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney