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Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:40 PM
To: James Clinch; Shawn Yeager
Cc: Edward Exner; Tim George; Ricky Simpson
Subject: RE: Wellfield Park - Soccer Fields Question
Attachments: UF Athletic Field Use Standards.pdf

Good afternoon James,

The soccer fields at Wellfield are closed for field rest and annual cultural maintenance practices such as fertilization, herbicide applications, slicing, tining/aerification and there will be new sod applications to field #2 forthcoming soon. This past three years have exhibited the following average number of reserved/used hours for each soccer field:

Wellfield Soccer field annual reservation/hours use 2018-2020

- Wellfield Soccer field #1 – 787.6 hours
- Wellfield Soccer field #2 – 734.1 hours
- Wellfield Soccer field #3 – 820 hours

Based on the University of Florida Athletic Field Use Standards (see attached) and the hours of recorded use, these fields fall into the category of localized to significant turf loss and surface damage. We will be recommending the adoption of these standards to our board as they are currently used by our neighboring Southwest Florida counties as a measuring tool. This data exhibits the need for optimum field rest and cultural practices as a means of remedy and preparation for the upcoming fall season.

We will work on obtaining quotes for both the soccer and football facilities. Once received we will share them with you. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you Sir!

Respectfully,

Steve Rauh

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Good Afternoon Steve –

This is excellent information and I really appreciate the research and feedback. I see the fields are currently closed for repair. Could you please provide some feedback/description of the current approach to closing and field maintenance. I'd like to share with the users the more immediate steps which are being taken currently to help improve the field conditions.

In regards to the necessary future capital projects, that is certainly a quote number which I would be interested in receiving. Obviously there are a lot of unknowns about Wellfield Park into the future, but it would be good to get an idea of what the field renovation would run (per field) as you describe below.

Thanks Again,

James R. Clinch, PE
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Good morning James,

Thank you for reaching out. Ed and I were just discussing these specific fields this past Friday. As I'm sure you're aware these fields receive a high volume of use. In particular, field #2 has had nematode issues (info on nematodes attached) in the past that we've treated for (although they periodically return). Our discussion on Friday included the likelihood that these fields (all three soccer fields) would need to be fully renovated sometime in the near future. This would include the removal and replacement of the first 4-6 inches of soil and subsequently new sod/turf applied. It would also be beneficial to conduct an irrigation audit while renovating to ensure proper system use. This scale of work would undoubtedly exceed the amount of capital expenditure that the county is authorized to apply on an annual basis.

In looking at the park as a whole, the main football field at Letson Stadium and practice field would also need to be replaced in the same fashion. These fields (both soccer and football) have exceeded their lifespan for expectations related to the quality of conditions. If you'd like we'd be happy to get quotes on the renovation of all five fields. Perhaps this is something the city may want to review and or take a phased approach to renovation. I've also attached the annual reports from 2016-2020 that exhibit our recommendation for replacement of various fields within this same scope. Please let us know how we can be of assistance moving forward. Thank you Sir!

Respectfully,

Steve Rauh

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Good morning James,
Thank you for the questions – Steve and Ed will be following up with you on these items.
Have a great week!

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Hello Steve –

We gotten a couple calls this week from soccer parents regarding the soccer fields out at Wellfield Park. Specifically the requests were related to the condition of the field turf and the safety of the players. I noticed the fields are closed currently, so I was hoping perhaps you could share some of the turf plans with us. If there are some turf related projects planned this summer and any other status updates that would be very helpful with addressing these questions.

Thanks,

James R. Clinch, PE

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