



Interoffice Memorandum

City of Green

Public Service Department

To: City Council

From: *mc* Valerie Wax Carr, Service Director

CC: Mayor Neugebauer

Date: Aug. 23, 2018

Subject: 2018-R66

Recently, the Sports Impact Advisory Committee made their recommendations on the effect to the sports organizations and facilities based on the proximity to the Nexus pipeline. It was recommended that the Greensburg Field #4 would not be scheduled and/or programmed through the City of green system use, thus eliminating one less field. Under the short-term baseball field solutions, the following recommendations were made:

Short-term baseball field solutions: *Since Greensburg Field #4 will not be scheduled for games, alternate venues are needed to accommodate leagues by Spring of 2019.*

- 1) Re-establish two (2) 180'/220' baseball fields at the former Kleckner school site. Utilize temporary backstops.*
- 2) Utilize local church and other area fields as allowed. City to enter into temporary use agreements.*

The City is asking for the use of Nexus funds in the amount of \$100,000 to proceed with the planning and construction of baseball fields at the former Kleckner School Property for the Spring 2019 season. Due to the timeline for spring play we are **requesting first reading passage on Aug 28th.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sports Impact Advisory Committee

As an outcome of the recent settlement with Nexus, the City of Green is establishing a Sports Impact Advisory Committee, specifically to address the proximity of the pipeline to specific sports fields, and general parks and recreation. Initially the committee will serve as an advisory group to make recommendations on the decisions needed related to the future of the parks in relationship to the Nexus pipeline. The committee representatives will be charged with expressing the needs and concerns of their individual sports groups as they relate to the presence of the Nexus pipeline.

Recommendations adopted on 7/12/18 as discussed and developed by the Sports Impact Advisory Committee work sessions. Adopted by verbal approval by the following members in attendance:

Don Zwisler, Tim Dodd, Jeff Lewis, John Piersol, Wayne Wiethe, Eric Chojnacki, Valerie Wax Carr, Eric Scott, Andrea Hurr, Wendall Jackson, Spanky Raymond, Joe Bologna. Mayor Neugebauer in attendance but did not vote.

Greensburg Park: As the PIR is within the Greensburg Park boundaries the impact to this park was clearly the focus of the Sports Impact Advisory Committee. The following has been discussed as recommendations directly involving Greensburg Park.

- 1) Extend the sidewalk/multi-purpose trail from 4851 Massillon Rd (where current sidewalk ends) to the Greensburg Park entrance. This would allow for a better pedestrian exit from the park in case of a pipeline emergency. It would also continue connectivity to the other public walkways.
- 2) Field #4 which is located nearest to the pipeline would remain. The field would not be scheduled and/or programmed through the City of Green system. However, its use would be left to the discretion of the coaches/leagues. The City would continue to maintain the field.
- 3) Provide coaches/leagues training on pipeline safety and proper evacuation procedures.
- 4) Post signs regarding pipeline safety in Greensburg Park since fields are located within PIR.
- 5) Provide mounds and tree planting buffers where practical to buffer fields within the PIR.

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Long-term baseball field solutions: Since the Kleckner solution is being established as temporary, the City should consider the building of additional fields.

- 1) The City explore viability and costs to establish an additional baseball field and needed amenities at Kreighbaum Park.
- 2) The City and the Green Local Schools explore the viability of establishing additional fields on school property. Establish a shared use agreement. Program use would be part of the City scheduling system.

Ariss Park: Although none of the fields are located within the PIR, the Youth Football Club wishes to expand field use into the PIR area. The following should be considered if the expansion happens.

- 1) Provide coaches/leagues training on pipeline safety and proper evacuation procedures.
- 2) Post signs regarding pipeline safety near football fields
- 3) Provide mounds and tree planting buffers where practical to buffer fields within the PIR.