

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
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West St Paul Park Usage Reports

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the recent September 9, 2019 Council Meeting, a resident had concerns about park usage, or lack there of. Staff felt it would be good to provide the Council with statistics about the usage of our parks, especially fields, picnic shelters and indoor rental space. One report lists all the facilities/fields in West St Paul, how many times each has been rented to date in 2019, and the total number of hours of use in 2019. The other four reports are monthly calendars (May-August) of all usage for all the fields at Harmon, Haskell, Southview and the Sports Complex.

Here is a brief explanation of how to read the calendars: For any given day, each field used is listed for each individual program. Each listing shows the start time, the group using the field, the field being used and the total time range of the usage.

Example: 5:30pm, WSPYAA Baseball, H-HP, 5:30pm-9:00pm

Example explained: Program starts at 5:30pm, the user is West St Paul Youth Athletic Association (WSPYAA) Baseball, the field is Harmon-Harmon Park, total rental is from 5:30pm-9:00pm

The calendars list all WSP P&R day and evening programs (including youth and adult programs) and all private group usage (including Salvo soccer, Eclipse soccer, MHAA Softball, and WSPYAA Baseball). If the same group is listed multiple times on the same day, that means they are using multiple fields (listed separately for each field used). As you may know, there are 5 baseball/softball fields at Harmon, 3 softball and 2 soccer fields at Sports Complex, and 1 of each soccer and t-ball fields at Southview and Haskell.

As you can see, each park is getting plenty of usage days and nights throughout the summer.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the park usage reports for 2019.

Attachment: WSP Facility Usage 2019; Field Usage Calendar May 2019; Field Usage Calendar June 2019; Field Usage Calendar July 2019; Field Usage Calendar August 2019