



December 7, 2018

TO: City Council Member Lynda Roesch, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee of City Council

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, City Manager *BKR*

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Monday, December 10, 2018

As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the City Hall, Council Chambers. Items to be discussed include:

1. Discussion of City Owned Athletic Fields—Please find attached correspondence from Terry Willenbrink, Assistant Public Works Director regarding the assignment of City owned athletic fields. Staff will be at the meeting to discuss the suggested assignments with the Committee and representatives from GSSA and Sycamore Premier.
2. Update on Recommended Appointments and Re-Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission—Please find attached correspondence from DeAnna Gross, Volunteer Coordinator, updating the Committee on suggested re-appointments and appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
3. Other Business—The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask questions that may be on your mind.

Also attached are the minutes from the November 12, 2018 meeting of your Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to these topics or have additional items to be discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

c: Mayor and City Council Members (3)
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

**December 10, 2018
Montgomery City Hall, Council Chambers
10101 Montgomery Road**

3:30 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Guests and Residents**
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Discussion of City owned Athletic Fields
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Update on Recommended Appointments and Re-Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission
- 5. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2018**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Adjournment**

December 7, 2018

To: Brian Riblet, City Manager
From: Terry Willenbrink, Assistant Public Works Director TW
Subject: City of Montgomery Soccer Field Distribution

Background:

At the October 8, 2018 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting representatives from the GSSA and Premiere SC soccer organizations were in attendance to request the usage of city soccer fields. At this meeting both organizations were instructed to work together to reach a compromise for the soccer field usage and report back to the Committee on the results of these discussions. At the November 12, 2018 meeting both organizations returned only to report that they were unable to reach a compromise and asked the Committee and staff to intervene. Council Member and Committee Chair, Lynda Roesch asked staff to create a map of the fields and to submit a recommendation on the scheduling of the fields that would be equitable to both organizations.

Recommendation:

After review and consideration of all parks and the fields staff identified the following fields for use:

- Dulle Park and Pioneer Park both have (one) larger field for play
- Swaim Park is not being used presently for soccer but possibly could in the future
- Weller Park has (four) larger fields and (eight) smaller fields.

Staff suggests that if the fields are equitably assigned to both parties at the same park that the Committee considers assigning Field #2 (larger field) and Fields #11 and #12 (smaller fields) to the Sycamore Premier League as they are situated together. Staff does note that the field layout must be worked out with the Sycamore Baseball association during baseball season.

WELLER PARK

GOOD SHEPARD CHURCH PROP.



RESERVES OF MONTH.

Pioneer Park



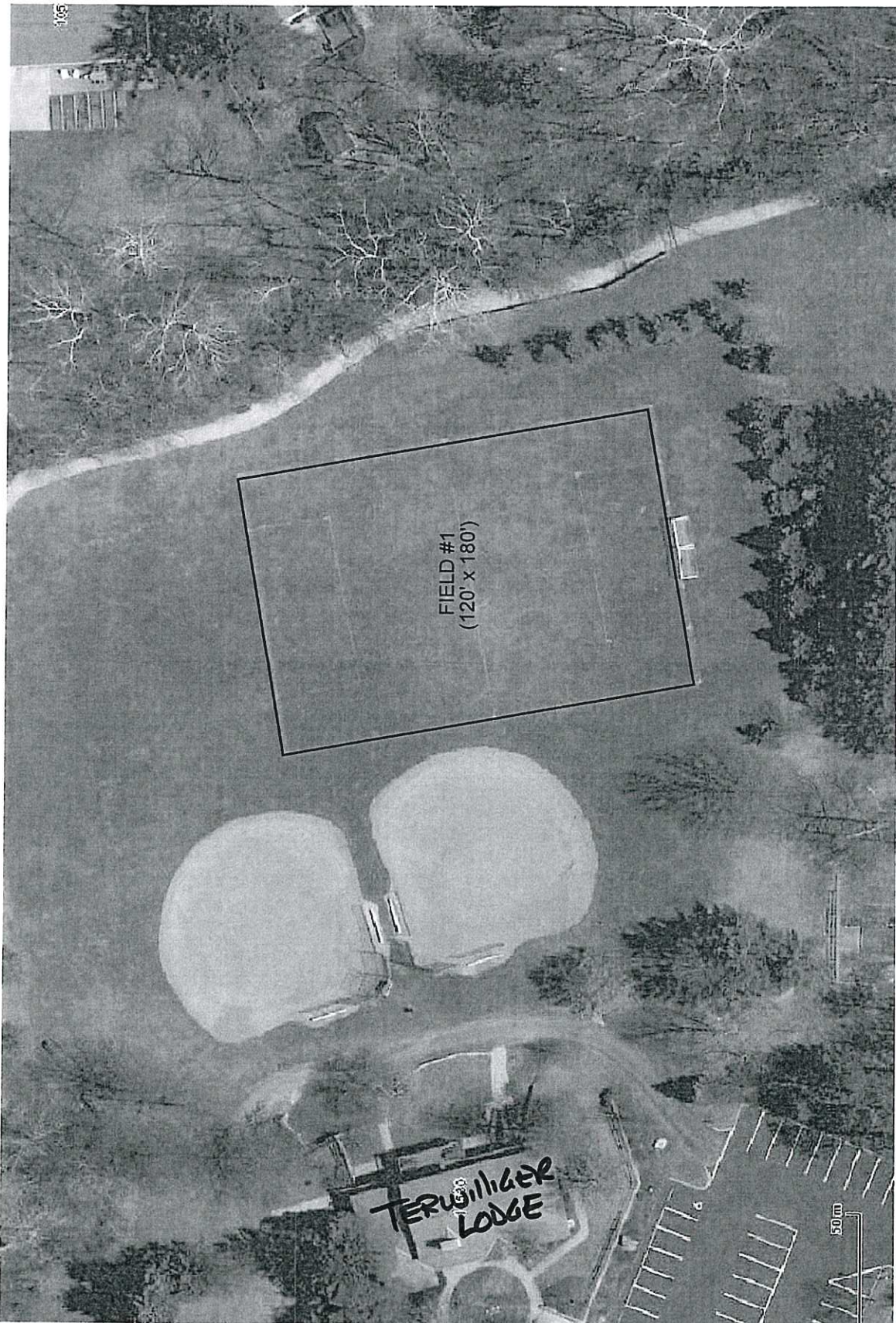
PARKING LOT

POST 3

RESTROOMS

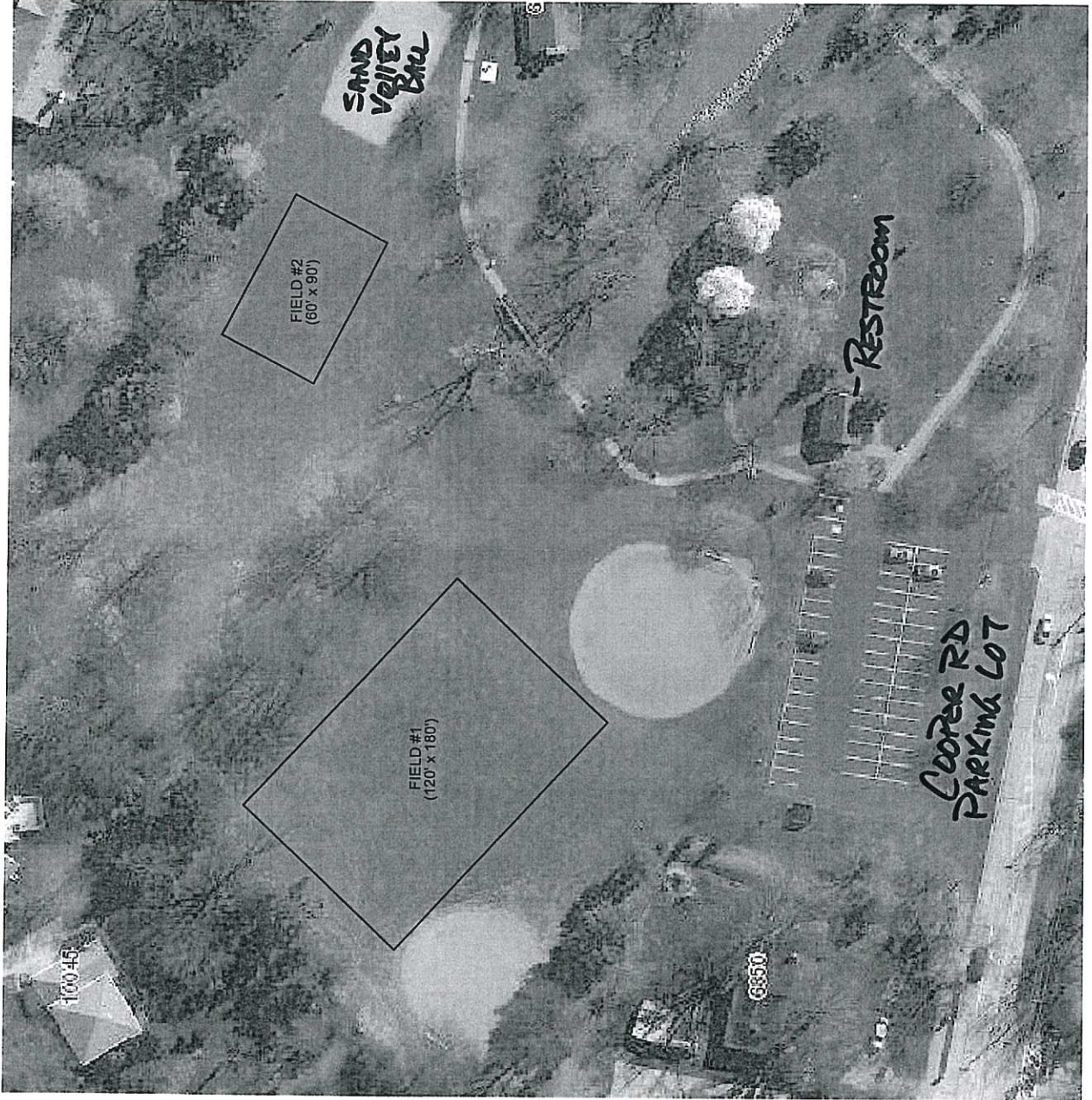
FIELD #1
(120' x 180')

DULLE PARK



SWAIM PARK

*NOT PRESENTLY
BEING USED
BUT LAYED OUT
FOR POSSIBLE
FIELDS



October 25, 2019

TO: City Council and City Manager

FROM: DeAnna Gross, Volunteer Coordinator 

SUBJECT: Status report on Board and Commission members with term expirations of 1/31/2019.

Board/Commission & Member	Term Expiration	Re-Appointment Status
Art Commission		
Christine Genovese	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Elise Williams	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Beautification & Tree Commission		
Helen Grimes	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Civil Service Commission		
Fred Kleiser	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Board of Tax Appeals		
Gary Blomberg	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Chris Skufca	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Ed Steinebrey	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Environmental Advisory Commission		
Laith Alfaqih	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Mary Ann Folz	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Carol Suer	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Landmarks Commission		
David Clark	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Jane Garfield	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Mark Stella	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Parks and Recreation Commission		
Cindy Deihl	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Bev Stull	1/31/2019	Not Seeking Re-appointment
Peter Teitelman	1/31/2019	Not Seeking Re-appointment
Planning Commission		
James Matre	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Barbara Steinebrey	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Sister Cities Commission		
Blair Davis	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment
Marcallene Shockey	1/31/2019	Seeking Re-appointment

Cc: Department Heads
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City of Montgomery
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
November 12, 2018

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Terry Willenbrink, Asst. Public Works Director
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Committee Members Present

Lynda Roesch
Gerri Harbison
Mike Cappel

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council convened in Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. with Ms. Roesch presiding.

Old Business

Discussion of City Owned Athletic Fields

Ms. Roesch stated to those in attendance that she was disappointed that at the conclusion of the October 15 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting that representatives from the GSSA and Premiere SC were not able to come to an agreement on the usage of the City's soccer fields. She stated that after discussing the matter with the City's Law Director she feels the only equitable method is to give one third of the field use to the Premiere League based on the number of participants in the organization. She stated that City staff will create a field map which will designate which fields will be granted to the individual organizations.

Mr. Cappel stated that the City fields are for the use of every family and that teams are to be reminded that they do not have ownership of the fields. Mr. Cappel stated that an alternative is to begin charging for the fields and requiring people to register for the use of them.

Mrs. Harbison stated that the City must be fair to all parties and if a family was to have reserved a shelter for a family reunion and were using the fields that the leagues would not have the right to ask them to leave.

Mr. Derek Scranton with the GSSA, stated that they offered four fields to Premiere SC, but they were not at Weller. He explained that approximately 800 players participate in their organization every fall. He stated that their organization started at Weller Park and is 100% Montgomery residents and Sycamore School students. He stated that he felt that Premiere SC only wanted Weller Park and wouldn't accept the use of other fields. He stated he is sorry that they could not come to a resolution.

Ms. Roesch stated that this situation is a measure of the success of the sport of soccer, however the fields belong to the City and the residents so one third of the fields will go for the use of the Premiere SC.

Mr. Riblet stated that Ms. Roesch has made it very clear where the Committee stands on this issue. He stated that he feels that it may be time for staff to conduct a comprehensive study to identify how the parks are being utilized and where other field space could be found. He stated that it's unfortunate that the teams could not work out a compromise.

Mr. Scranton explained that GSSA worked to consolidate as much as they could into one park, which was Weller. He stated they did this so that they wouldn't be splitting up families who may have more than one child playing in games at the same time. He stated that they offered Premiere SC more than what they requested, but they didn't want it because it wasn't Weller Park.

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Mrs. Harbison stated that the City really doesn't want to make these decisions but will since they are unable to.

Ms. Roesch stated that staff will look at it in the most equitable way possible and that staff can only assign City owned parks so if there are school fields in use they will not be included.

Mr. Cappel stated that everyone is entitled to use all parks, the City will not choose a favorite park for the teams.

Ms. Roesch stated that staff will move forward with creating the map and assigning the fields. She stated her hope is that the organizations can work something out even after these assignments are made.

Mr. Riblet stated he hopes they can come together to work things out.

Mrs. Harbison asked the groups to notify the Committee if they reach a compromise.

Mr. John Mercurio of Premiere SC stated that they have no conflict with GSSA. He stated that Weller Park is available in both seasons and that is why both parties want it.

Mr. Scranton stated that GSSA currently works with the baseball association to schedule fields during the spring season and that they need to be involved in the process as well.

Ms. Roesch stated that this schedule may require some fields to be used interchangeably from day to day. She asked Mr. Willenbrink when a map can be produced.

Mr. Willenbrink replied that it could be done by the next Committee meeting to be held on December 10.

Ms. Roesch invited both parties to come to the December 10, 2018 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for final field assignments.

Minutes

Mrs. Harbison moved to approve the October 15, 2018 Committee minutes. Mr. Cappel seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Adjournment

Mr. Cappel moved for adjournment. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Chair