

City of Cooper City
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 5, 2015

City of Tamarac Sports Complex - Synthetic Turf Site Visit
9901 NW 77th Street
Tamarac, Florida
7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Thiry, Diana Morales, Gina Chandler, Charmayne Dent, Luann Scott and Trinidad Gai

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: David Kolasa, Ivan Roiz, Michael Mogerman and Laurie Kruzel

COMMENTS:

Attendees arrived at the site, went onto the synthetic turf field, felt the rubber pellets, and made their own observations. The members spoke to volunteer coaches and parents present on the field and along the sidelines during a tackle football practice. Collected comments include:

- The field always looks fresh. It looked slippery but was not.
- The field is not muddy after a rain.
- The field is always flat, no holes and low areas where there is a lot of play. No bare dirt after too much play like on a grass field.
- The location of the fence around the field looked class to the edge and volunteers stated that the lights poles were already in place from the grass field and too expensive to move so the soccer lines are very close to the fence - it would be better to be 10 feet larger.
- During the day you can see visible heat rising from the turf.
- Games can be played one after another with no wait time.
- Sports seasons can go from one to another with no delay.
- There is no odor on the field.
- The field looks great and draws people from all over wanting to play on it. Brings in rental money.
- Coral Springs has an older field, approx. 20 years old. Some of the volunteers had played on that field and it was very hot to play on - had to put water on their feet. The field at Tamarac has some kind of cooler underneath making it so much better. Newer product.
- The heat is the only drawback.
- Per the cheerleading coach, less injuries to the cheerleaders. She feels the turf is safer. Football parents stated no different injuries as regular grass.
- For tackle football the kids wear whatever cleats they have and not just certain ones for the field as they play on grass fields elsewhere and too expensive to have two different shoes.
- You do not have to re-sod each year.
- Board members are concerned about the cancer issues attributed to synthetic turf play.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 2nd at the Pool & Tennis Center

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on:

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Chairperson
Recreation Advisory Board