

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
SYNTHETIC TURF SITE VISIT NOTES/MINUTES
CITY OF TAMARAC SPORTS COMPLEX
9901 NW 77TH STREET, TAMARAC, FL
JULY 13, 2015, 12:00 PM**

Attendees:

Cooper City Commission Members

Commissioner Jeff Green
Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi

Cooper City Staff

City Manager Bruce Loucks
City Clerk Susan Poling
Public Works Director Jim Bowman
Recreation Director Lynda Good
Public Works Foreman Tim Fleming

Cooper City Residents/Legal Representative

Robert Meyers, Esq., Weiss Serota
Mike Russo, Optimist Club
Pete Schlang, Optimist Club

Tamarac City Staff

Manager Mike Cernech
Public Works Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Levertis Byrd
Public Works Superintendent Rodney Sims
Director of Parks & Recreation Greg Warner
Project Manager Dave Moore

The Tamarac staff described the type of synthetic turf that was installed on their field and advised that they had met with approximately six different vendors to review their products. Some of the points that were made include:

- Very little upkeep was required, only the use of a broom approximately every 4 months
- Infill is replaced only if an area is washed out
- The field is approximately 18 months old
- Drainage is not a problem and there is no standing water problems
- The lines are built into the turf so there is no necessity to paint additional lines
- Biggest complaint is that everyone wants to use the field
- Upon testing of temperatures, the air temperature above the synthetic turf was approximately 5 degrees higher than the natural field
- Public reaction to the field has been positive; the City has plans to have a second field built with synthetic turf in the next 12 months.

The meeting/tour was over at approximately 12:40 p.m.