

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, December 14, 2017

Attendees from Cosumnes CSD

Steve Sims, Drew Golbin, Josh Branco, Jamie Fawcett

Field User Organizations Represented

Elk Grove Youth Baseball, Laguna Youth Baseball, Delta Valley Baseball, Elk Grove Babe Ruth, Elk Grove Girls Softball, Elk Grove United Soccer, Elk Grove Soccer, IR Academy

Opening Notes (Steve Sims)

The "soccer cut" (1 ½ inch) started as a favor for a special event and eventually became an expectation.

It is not cost effective for our contractor to have reserve mow staff for extra mows and special requests.

Contractor has a hard time getting staff back from the winter which negatively impacts the mowing services we receive in the spring season.

CSD Park Operations found that the contractor has been performing the extra mows but at the expense of other park services because they do not have the resources to do both.

CSD Park Operations is ok with the leagues paying for the extra services through our current contractor only if it does not impact the other services that they provide to the District.

Comments from Field Users

Many of the baseball fields have grass that exceeds 3 inches. The appropriate maximum height for baseball is 2.94 inches.

Baseball/Softball groups would prefer the 1 ½ inch cut.

When the sports fields are cut to 1 ½ inches, the rest of the park is left looking like a "jungle" with tall grass.

Q & A

Q: Can the leagues allow volunteers to mow the fields?

A: *The District does not allow mowing by volunteers.*

Q: Can field users request mows later in the week?

A: *Send a list of the parks and District will work with the contractor to accommodate as much as possible without impacting other services.*

Q: Can Bermuda be considered at Rau Park since there are irrigation issues?

A: *Not likely due to low funding and the other needs of that particular benefit zone.*

Bermuda

Cosumnes Park Operations is installing Bermuda grass at the LCP multi-purpose field. This will be a trial for District staff to determine whether or not it will be feasible for other sports fields.

Requests from Field Users (District Staff to follow up)

Can weekly mowing begin in February when baseball practice starts?

Can all of the sports fields in Elk Grove Park be mowed to 1 ½ inches?

Field users would like to know the rates for extra services.

Other Notes and Action Items

The feedback of the field users will be reflected in Cosumnes CSD's Master Plan Update.

Josh will request a listing of fields that the field users would like mowed to 1 ½ inches and provide it to Park Operations.

Steve will work with contractor to accommodate the field users to the best extent possible and will follow up with our plan moving forward.