

FinComm Review Parks & Receptions
July 14, 2021

The Medway Parks and Recreation Commission initial responses to questions for 7/14/2021 Meeting:

- 1. Usage patterns/trends of the fields**
 - a. All three turf fields are heavily used; grass fields are in good condition with light use; baseball fields are heavily used; softball fields are moderately used.
 - b. Expect continued heavy use on all turf fields

- 2. Current condition/estimate life remaining of fields**
 - a. Turf fields are in good condition; we're in 7th season at Hanlon.
 - b. Life span of turf fields is approximately 10 years on average; we have a maintenance plan for the fields involving regular testing and grooming and believe that will extend the life of the turf fields

- 3. Historical data on the revenues & expenses related to the rentals and maintenance**
 - a. See attached documents for breakdown of revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2018 through FY 2021 as of 3/31/2021.
 - b. Please note revenues and expenses over this time frame has been highly irregular and challenging to use for projections due to the following:
 - i. Fall 2019: EEE resulted in limited evening rentals
 - ii. Mar 2020 – Mar 2021: COVID-19 resulting in limited to ZERO rentals.

- 4. Other potential financial needs for funds related to the fields in the future**
 - a. Track around Hanlon needs to be replaced. Currently, repairs are done when needed. Track and turf will be replaced simultaneously due to proximity to each other.
 - b. VFW needs extensive work and a plan.
 - c. Baseball diamond at HS

- 5. If possible, information about the usage, rental fees and expenses by sport**
 - a. Combination of in-town and club teams use facilities
 - b. In-town rates are significantly lower than out-of-town/club rates
 - c. Users include football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, softball

- 6. Forecast for 21-22**
 - a. Continued normal to high usage on all turf fields
 - b. Increase Parks programs
 - c. Expect profits for FY 2022 and ability to move funds to stabilization fund while investing in other projects necessary for upkeep

Thank you,
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Parks Commission, Chair