



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information**, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: November 10, 2021 Date of Meeting: November 18, 2021
Submitted by: Parks and Recreation Director Matthew Casparius
Department: Parks and Recreation Time Required: 20 minutes
Speakers: Background Info. Yes: No:
Supplied:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment: Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:
Public Hearing: Old Business:
New Business: Consent Agenda:
Nonpublic: Other:

TITLE OF ITEM

Proposal to Increase Athletic Field Rental Rates [Tabled at the November 4, 2021 Town Council meeting]

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to review current fee charges to rent athletic fields in Merrimack and consider a proposal to increase those fees to bring them up to market rate.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA: Warrant Article: _____
Charter Article: Town Meeting: _____
Other: N/A

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector: Grant Requirements:
Easel: Joint Meeting:
Special Seating: Other:
Laptop: None:

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APPROVAL



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TO: Paul Micali, Town Manager

FROM: Matt Casparius, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: November 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Revised Athletic Fee Scale

Hi Paul,

Based upon the Town Council's feedback, I have revised the proposed fee structure which I believe reflects the changes that they wanted to see.

PROPOSED FEE STRUCTURE:

Fee Type	Example Time Blocks	Merrimack Residents Private Events	Non-Residents
Up to 4 Hours	8:00 am to 12:00 pm 12:00 – 4:00 pm 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm	\$50.00	\$75.00
Up to 8 Hours	8:00 am to 4:00 pm 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm	\$75.00	\$100.00
Up to 12 Hours	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	\$100.00	\$150.00
*Surcharge for use of Athletic Field Lights	Price Per Hour	\$25.00/ HR	\$25.00/HR

Using the example from the meeting on one of the Adult Softball Tournament group from the meeting:

This group uses Martel & Twardosky Field almost every Saturday from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm at Martel and from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Twardosky for this tournament. This organization currently pays \$125.00 per day for Martel Field and \$30.00 per day at Twardosky for their tournament.

If we apply our revised pricing structure to this group, they will now pay \$150.00 for Martel Field from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and then pay an additional fee of \$100.00 fee for use of the lights from 8:00 – 10:00 pm.

However, in the fall, it gets dark sooner and so if they needed to turn the lights on earlier; we have the ability to cover the added lights cost rather than leaving it as a flat rate fee. They would still pay the flat rate based upon the number of hours and then pay this hourly surcharge based on when they turn on the lights.

Then this group would be \$150.00 to use Twardosky Field from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Their new fee would be \$400.00 per day as opposed to \$155.00 per day that they pay now.

Please let me know if you have any questions.