

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, May 11, 2010
TOWN HALL 10:00 A.M.

Present: Melissa Santoro, John Fredsall, Joseph McGonigal, Polly Redmond, Suzanne Stich, Keith Murphy, Linda Inness and Stasia Motuzick.

M. Santoro called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and informed everyone that the Grand Opening of the Sports Complex is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. She thought it a good time to hold a Safety Committee meeting to discuss any issues regarding safety within the complex.

Harwinton Sports Complex Field Use Guidelines (attached) is distributed by J. Fredsall and the commission reviews. M. Santoro states that there has been concern within the parking area with children who have been seen darting out among the roadway. J. Fredsall states that stop signs have been placed at every crosswalk (five to six signs throughout the complex) and 15 mph signs have been posted. HYSA coaches have cautioned their players to walk within the crosswalks when crossing the roadway.

The basketball court area is discussed. It is closed at dusk, as the entire complex is, but kids sometimes remain on the courts well after dusk. It is noted that the Resident Trooper patrols the area regularly.

There have been issues with dogs being walked, and some let free to run, within the complex even though signs stating "No Dogs Allowed" are posted. An ordinance has been drafted prohibiting dogs at the complex and fines will be imposed.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Redmond
Secretary

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HARWINTON SPORTS COMPLEX

FIELD USE GUIDELINES

- During weekdays, field conditions will be evaluated in the early afternoon and any field closings will be determined by 3:00 p.m. Decision subject to change based on changing weather conditions.
- On weekends and holidays, field conditions will be evaluated in the early morning and any field closings will be determined by 8:00 a.m. Decision subject to change based on changing weather conditions.
- Field status is determined by the Highway Supervisor or Recreation Director and on weekends and holidays by League Administrators.
- The Town of Harwinton maintains fields therefore there may be no alterations to fields.
- Field users are responsible for cleaning litter from all areas and depositing litter in trash receptacles or recycling containers, prior to leaving.

Top 5 Signs Fields Are Unsafe to Play

1. Fields have standing puddles of water
2. Footing is unsure or slippery
3. Ground is waterlogged or squishy
4. Grass is easily pulled out of the ground
5. Lightning or severe weather storms

When games are played or practices take place under these conditions, it can often cause irreversible damage to fields.

It takes months, sometimes years, for fields to recover! It is also unsafe for participants.

RULES FOR USE

1. Area open Dawn to Dusk
2. Harwinton Recreation Department approved activities only
3. All persons using this facility do so at their own risk
4. All children must be supervised
5. Stay off fences
6. Keep fields clean – use trash bins and recycle containers
7. Spectators are not permitted on playing fields
8. **The following are prohibited:**
 - Alcohol
 - Smoking
 - Dogs & Domesticated Animals
 - Snowmobiles/ATV's
 - Golf
 - Loitering
 - Profanity