

RESOLUTION #09-1221-10

Authorize soccer tournament & t-shirt sales at Liberty Park

Whereas, Ohio South is requesting to use Liberty Park for its 2010 Ohio South State Cup Soccer Tournament to be held on May 8th and 9th with make up days due to bad weather being May 15th and 16th, and

Whereas, OYAA has confirmed this event would not disrupt the Spring 2010 recreational soccer schedule and Ohio South would provide liability insurance to cover the event, revenue the Township would receive is approx \$1500-\$2000, Park employees will run the concession stand, and

Whereas, Ohio South is requesting that they be allowed to sell t-shirts as a fundraiser at the above listed event with proceeds going to Olentangy Classics FC,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees, Delaware County authorizes the use of Liberty Park for the 2010 Ohio South State Cup Tournament as detailed in the attached letter.

Motion made by Sybert and seconded by Guzzo.

Vote: yes Ms. Guzzo yes Mr. Mann yes Mr. Sybert

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

12/21/09
Date

Curtis J. Sybert
Curtis J. Sybert, Trustee

Robert Mann
Robert Mann, Trustee

CERTIFIED BY:

Peggy Guzzo
Peggy Guzzo, Trustee

Mark S. Gerber
Mark S. Gerber, Fiscal Officer

TO: Andy Curmode, Park Superintendent
Liberty Township Board of Trustees
David Anderson, Township Administrator

DATE: December 14, 2009

RE: Use of Liberty Park for soccer tournament in May 2010

OYAA and Classics FC (travel soccer program) is writing to request permission to host a elite level soccer tournament at Liberty Park the weekend of May 8-9, 2010. We are confident this event would showcase Liberty Park's excellent facility as well as the Liberty Township community. The information below details the type of event and how OYAA will work with Liberty Park staff and the Township to ensure this is great experience for all participants, officials and spectators.

Ohio South State Cup

The state of Ohio is governed by two Unites States Youth Soccer associations: Ohio North and Ohio South. The state associations divide up their territory into districts. Ohio South includes four districts: Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Marietta. During the Fall soccer season Ohio South approached OYAA/Classics with the opportunity to host an event called Ohio South State Cup. This tournament brings together the top 16 teams from the 4 districts. We have been asked to host two age groups - U11 and U12 – in both the boys and girls divisions the weekend of May 8-9, 2010. The teams are arranged into four groups of 4 teams each. The teams would travel to the Liberty Township community and play 3 group games each at Liberty Park. The top 4 teams from each age group/gender advance to the Ohio South State Cup final four.

Over the past five years, Classics FC teams represented the community very well reaching the Final Four 7 times (multiple teams in various age groups/genders). The success of these teams is not reflected in the quality of the high school soccer programs. The quality of the CFC team performances, the good sportsmanship and quality athletic fields make this an excellent opportunity to showcase our community.

Hosting Requirements

Ohio South requires that we provide 8 fields for the tournament. Liberty Park is currently configured to have 12 fields. Adequate parking is needed to ensure a safe environment. The reduced number of fields needed would ease the parking needs for this event. OYAA/Classics FC would work with the Liberty Park staff to provide parking lot volunteers to manage traffic flow. We would also hire and station an officer at the Liberty Park entrance to manage the traffic into and out of the park. The game schedules would also be staggered so that teams are arriving and leaving at different times throughout the day.

Additional hosting details will be worked out in the coming months. OYAA/Classics FC would update Andy Curmode, Park Superintendent, on a regular basis so that all parties are working together to manage this experience.

OYAA Recreational Soccer

OYAA is confident this event wouldn't disrupt the Spring 2010 recreational soccer schedule. We will be moving games to the new Havner Park starting in April. The additional field space will help ease the number of games played at Liberty Park. Additionally, the increase use of Havener Park will expose families to this great new community resource.

Ohio South does require that we reserve the weekend of May 15-16 as a make-up date in the case severe weather forces us to cancel the May 8-9 weekend. This possibility has been considered and we are comfortable with the scheduling needs should this situation arise.

Revenue

OYAA/Classics FC would share with Liberty Township any profits realized from hosting this event. We anticipate this amount to be between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00.

Field Use- Ohio South pays a fee to use the field each day. The state association is meeting the week of December 14th to finalize the fee.

Concession Stands – Liberty Park, OYAA/Classics FC would have the opportunity to provide food and drink at concessions during the event. The proceeds from concession stand sales would go to the group who invested time into organizing and staffing the sale of goods during the event. If Liberty Park opts not to manage the concession sales, OYAA would extend an invitation to an OYAA sports group or one of the local HS booster programs looking for a fundraising opportunity.

T-shirt Sales – Ohio South and adidas will provide OYAA/Classics FC with tournament t-shirts. The proceeds for selling the t-shirts as a fundraiser would go to Classics FC.

Ohio South Insurance

Ohio South would provide a liability insurance certificate for \$1 million to cover this event.