



Board Memorandum

February 27, 2020 Agenda Item

To: Board of Commissioners

Through: Ray McGury, Executive Director, 630-848-3500 *RSM*

From: Brad Wilson, Director of Recreation and Facilities, 630-848-3532 *BW*

Re: **National Sportsmanship Day Resolution**

Action and Motion Requested:

Move to approve Resolution #20-01 for the Observance of National Sportsmanship Day.

Background/Analysis:

Resolution #20-01 for the Observance of National Sportsmanship Day is presented to the Board in support of the Naperville Park District's initiative to further promote good sportsmanship within athletic programs. The Institute for International Sport established National Sportsmanship Day in 1991 to promote the values of sportsmanship and fair play through education and sport. The day is observed annually on the first Tuesday of March, which will occur this year on March 3, 2020. Participants in the District's athletic programs learn and not only practice athletic skills, but also social skills, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Observance of National Sportsmanship Day will reinforce the District's commitment to the sportsmanship initiative, and supports our core value of Personal Growth and Enrichment.

Approval of Resolution #20-01 will authorize the Executive Director to promote the importance of good sportsmanship District-wide through the following actions:

- Observe National Sportsmanship Day annually on the first Tuesday of March.
- Remind participants, coaches, parents and spectators of the District's expectations related to conduct and good sportsmanship through training, program materials and a variety of media.
- Create awareness in the community of the District's emphasis on good sportsmanship and its benefits for everyone.

Good sportsmanship and fair play will continue to be promoted by the District within our youth and adult athletic programs throughout the year.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this item.



RESOLUTION #20-01

Observance of National Sportsmanship Day

February 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the goals of athletic programs of the Naperville Park District (the “District”) are for participants to enjoy playing various sports and to learn and practice not only athletic skills but also social skills, teamwork and good sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the District’s athletic programs support the District’s core value of personal growth and enrichment and the District’s mission to promote healthy lives, minds and community; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a culture of sportsmanship, which includes fairness, a positive attitude, respect for and consideration of others, and handling winning or losing with grace, is vital to all of the District’s athletic programs and to a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, in today’s competitive culture, the practice of good sportsmanship needs to be promoted; and

WHEREAS, National Sportsmanship Day, begun in 1991 by the Institute for International Sport, promotes the highest ideals of sportsmanship and fair play among America’s youth; and

WHEREAS, National Sportsmanship Day is observed on the first Tuesday in March annually and thereby provides an opportunity to launch a sportsmanship awareness campaign as the spring athletic season begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Naperville Park District Board of Park Commissioners as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2: The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Executive Director to promote the importance of good sportsmanship District-wide through the following actions:

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SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval by a majority of the Board of Commissioners.

VOTE:

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NAY:

ABSENT AND

NOT VOTING:

Approved by the Board on _____, 2020

Rich Janor, President, Naperville Park District Board of Commissioners

Attest: Secretary