

Work Session Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, January 19, 2023 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; City Engineer/Public Work Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; and Police Chief, Blaine Clark.

Special Guests: Barry Bacha, Eastern Regionals – Little League; Randy Schmidt – DuBois Little League; Scott Frano and Wife – President, DuBois Little League; Aaron Weber – Little League East Region Director

Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

Approval of Registry of Invoices

Review for Monday

Recommendations from Watershed Committee – Review for Monday

- Spraying entire Watershed for Gypsy Moths in mid – May
- Continue with the DMAP Program

Announcement – Little League Eastern Regionals

City Manager Suplizio stated that since renovating Showers Field he and his team at the City have been trying to get the Eastern Regionals or a World Series here in DuBois. That dream has come to fruition; the Junior Little League 13 – 14 years olds will be playing the Eastern Regionals in DuBois this year. When New Jersey decided to no longer have the Junior League event, a bid went out to all Little Leagues within the region. DuBois beat out twelve (12) other locations for the honor of hosting the Eastern Regionals.

Aaron Weber, Little League East Region Director stated that it came down to the involvement of the Community. He went on to say that “DuBois has great facilities, two different stadiums, and a family atmosphere. Little League is all about community and DuBois represents that.”

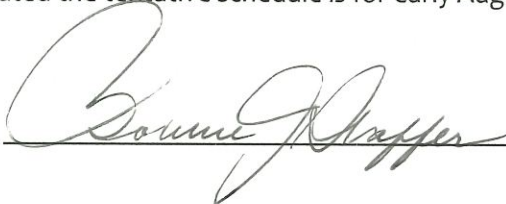
DuBois Little League President, Scott Frano, stated that the regional tournament agreement is for a minimum of three years, with the City continuing to host the state championship tournament for Senior League (15-16 year olds). Currently, there are still ongoing discussions about the Junior League state championship which has been hosted by DuBois in the past. Frano feels that the City fields are built for this; the fields sell themselves. He went on to say that the hospitality of the Community is what separates us from other communities.

Mr. Barry Bacha, District Administrator for Pennsylvania District 10 Little League, stated that the City of DuBois, DuBois Little League, and District 10 all worked together on the plan submitted. Mr. Bacha went on to say if he didn’t think DuBois could handle the event he would have never recommended them.

Mayor Walsh stated that this tournament will consist of twelve (12) teams with players, coaching staff, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles from all over the eastern United States; 13 – 14 year olds usually travel with many family members. Walsh went on to say that the economic impact will be huge. We should see approximately 1,000+ hotel room nights and retail and restaurant sales should increase significantly during the event.

Frano stated the tentative schedule is for early August utilizing both Showers and Stern Fields.

ATTEST:



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