

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: West Jordan Copper Hills Cal Ripken Baseball

SUMMARY: Requesting a variance to city code to start their season early.

FISCAL None at this time.

IMPACT: They will work with staff and coordinate efforts to prepare the facility for use.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the variance after considering the participants history with the city, Ron Wood Park and the volunteer work they provide.

MOTION RECOMMENDED:

"I move to approve the variance for West Jordan Cal Ripken to use Ron Wood Baseball Park starting on March 26, 2015."

Roll Call vote required

Prepared by:



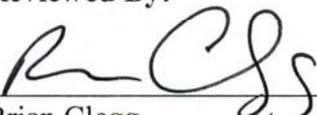
Julie Brown
Events Coordinator

Recommended by:



Bryce Haderlie
Interim City Manager

Reviewed By:



Brian Clegg
Parks Director

Review By:



Darien Alcorn
Deputy City Attorney

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Cal Ripken request letter attached.

8-3-2: HOURS OF OPERATION AND SEASON

- A. Open Season: City parks are open to the public starting the first Monday in April and are closed to the public starting the first Sunday in October until the following first Monday in April. City recreational facilities and concession stands are not open to the public and may be occupied and used only by reservation or permit, except that the city may reserve the arena for designated periods of public access.

Cal Ripken has been a great partner at Ron Wood Park. They have worked well with city staff and have donated items for the park such as scoreboards. They help prepare the venue each spring and have helped staff when tournaments have used the facility.

Our parks currently open on Monday April 6th. All restrooms and facilities will be functional at this time. With West Jordan Cal Ripken's help, parks staff can have the interior facilities open and the league can help prepare the fields for their earlier start date.



To: West Jordan City Council

From: Jason Saunders, Public Relations, WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken, Youth Baseball League

Date: March 4, 2015

Subject: Youth Sports Complex, Ron Wood Baseball Fields, Opening date

As the Public Relations person of the WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League I would like to thank you for your help and concern for the youth here in the city of West Jordan. You have given our youth areas that are clean, safe and convenient places where they can learn important values and build friendships that will benefit them throughout their lives.

I am writing this memo in response to the new Youth Sports Complex dates. In the past we have been able to start our league the first week in April. This was done to allow us to have our regular season completed and affording the players in our league the opportunity to represent the City of West Jordan throughout the State and Country in Tournament play. With the growth happening in the City of West Jordan comes growth in our baseball league. With the increase in players registered it is important that we get an early start to the season in insure maximum playing time for each player

With the new requirement that opens the Ron Wood Baseball facility on the second weekend in April we are finding it difficult and nearly impossible to complete our season in time for the Tournaments that begin the first part of June. Each player that participates in Post season or All-Star play must compete in a minimum number of games during the regular season. With the new start date we will lose valuable days of play which equates to 32 games. Plus those days that the fields are closed due to inclement weather.

I am requesting that the WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken Baseball League be given permission to have access to the Ron Wood Park on or before Monday March 30th 2015. This will ensure that our regular season will be complete and the requirements for post season play will be met.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jason Saunders

Jason Saunders, Public Relations, WJ Copper Hills Cal Ripken

