

## **Milwaukie High School Lake Road Fields Neighborhood Meetings Summary and Annual Reports 2019 - 2021**

March 2019 - March 2020

[Community Meeting Minutes: April 23, 2019](#)

[Community Meeting Minutes: August 28, 2019](#)

[Community Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2019](#)

[Community Meeting Minutes: January 29, 2020 - Annual Report \(2019\) -- \(attached\)](#)

[Phone Call Log of Complaints and Resolutions](#)

***Community Meeting for Spring 2020 canceled due to COVID. Instead, the following letter was sent on July 13, 2021 and included a summary of items needed for the annual report such as events, complaints, resolutions, etc. since the COVID closure.***

Good morning,

I am sending this email in an effort to reach out to those of you who have expressed interest in receiving updates or having a conduit for feedback regarding Milwaukie High School's athletic complex located on SE 28th off Lake Road. It is the intent of North Clackamas School District and Milwaukie High School to provide the best possible athletic programs and facilities for our students and community while maintaining positive relationships with all of our neighbors, and particularly those most impacted by the use of those facilities.

Prior to COVID, we had been meeting quarterly with some of you at Milwaukie El Puente Elementary as part of our three-year commitment to the City. Between March 13, 2020 and late Fall 2021, we were closed to student and community activities on all of our district sites. However, we were able to open up our fields and gyms for limited athletic events starting last November 2020. In addition, we welcomed back approximately 75% of our students in a part-time learning hybrid model this past Spring 2021.

We recognize that you have not seen a full spectrum of events at the Lake Road fields during COVID times. However, we want to reach out to you to see if you have any concerns or questions and update you on contact information should you need to share anything with us in the future. In lieu of an in-person meeting, the City has granted me permission to reach out via email with an invitation for you to contact us. We can be available to meet with any of you later in the summer if needed as well. The following are the items we typically provide information to you at the annual meeting:

### **Schedule of Events**

Since reopening fields in 2021:

- Soccer practices March 8 - April 5 with 4 home games
- High School baseball and Softball official (abbreviated) season, including weekly practices and 15 games between April 5 - May 22

- Junior Baseball and Junior Softball field use May 10 - July (summer leagues and camps for junior teams)
- August - high school practices/tryouts begin again starting mid-August

Once the fall schedules are completed, they will be available on the [MHS Athletic webpage](#).

### **Traffic/Parking Reports**

We had no reports of any traffic or parking issues in the past year.

### **Other areas of possible concern**

It is highly likely that you have seen the grounds look unattended to some areas. We are still working on the ice storm cleanup with trees/limbs down on virtually every one of our 34 district campuses. Even though we contracted out many of those clean-up sites, those companies are also behind. We lost 90% of our 6 person grounds crew over the past year due to retirements and some COVID-related issues, but we are now back up and running with a full crew, including some summer seasonal help. Hopefully, you are now seeing some improvement.

If you have questions or concerns, please email MHS Athletic Director, Sean Mailey at [maileys@nclack.k12.or.us](mailto:maileys@nclack.k12.or.us) or call him at (503)353-5835 or contact me and the information below. Sean is likely on vacation through much of July. You can also contact the main office at MHS during their summer hours; 9 am-1 pm Monday-Thursday, June 28-Aug.6.

We are looking forward to a return to a typical school year. I hope that you and your families are well and finding a return to some normalcy as well.

Sincerely,

**Cindy Detchon**

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, North Clackamas School District



## **Milwaukie High School Lake Road Athletic Fields Neighborhood Meeting**

**Date: January 29, 2020**

**Location: Milwaukie Elementary School**

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

In attendance:

Hal Wacek, resident

Gordon Neumann, resident

Ray Bryan, resident

Patti Lange, resident

Sean Mailey, MHS Athletic Director

Melinda Shumaker, NCSD Director of Facilities

David Yoshihara, NCSD Assistant Superintendent, Operations

Cindy Detchon, NCSD Executive Director of Community Relations

6:30 pm: Meeting began. Introductions were made.

MHS Athletic Director, Sean Mailey handed out the spring softball and baseball game schedules. These are fairly accurate, but there are some things that could change.

Question regarding facility rental during the summer. Sean indicated right now they are probably only looking at the youth league and the MHS summer teams. That could change, but all approval must go through Sean and high standards for behavior will be monitored.

Questions around lighting - Sean reiterated that the lights are scheduled to go off 15 minutes after the last scheduled event. Sean only programs lights for pre-scheduled events. No one should be using the fields without pre-scheduling.

One resident reported that the fields are being used almost nightly but there are no noise concerns for the most part. One closest neighbor hears the event noise, but supports kids playing in a healthy active way. Concern that any renters or other users might cause disruption and want to have confirmation that the district and school will be a good neighbor in creating a respectful neighborhood.

Parking has not been a problem up to this point. Traffic has been completely tolerable. We have not had any issues as anticipated.

The neighbors are reporting that there has never been an issue with lights on after 9 pm.

Reviewed the communication plan for other teams who bring buses here and don't know where to park. Sean asked for patience as we get to establish relationships with teams in our league who need to get used to coming to this venue. Buses will be provided written communication and maps on where to park. Sean has contact with each of the Athletic Directors and can reach them via cell phone when there is a need.

Sean recommends leaving the pathway lights on all evenings until 8 pm or so just to provide some safety for neighbors who are using the path as a walkthrough. It is very dark otherwise. Neighbors didn't share a concern.

There have been several coyote sightings in the area. There was a request to make sure garbage is being picked up regularly to avoid attracting critters. Sean shared that any event has a custodial sweep of the area to clean the bathrooms and remove garbage.

The Facilities Department has recently hired a new ground person. This should continue to help with the cleaning up of the grounds/walkways. In the rainy times, it is hard to keep the bark dust from sliding down onto the sidewalks. There has been an improvement for sure. The district will monitor this issue this spring, but there is no dedicated maintenance staff for one site. They will be on rotation across the 36 sites.

**Cindy shared the following as the annual report:**

The following is a summary of the types of events held on the Lake Road fields since opening March 2019.

Number of school baseball and softball practices scheduled: 68

Number of school baseball games: 16

Number of school softball games: 11

Number of rentals/events (individual renters, all youth teams): 23

**Traffic/parking issues:**

There have been no reports since the last meeting. Since March 2019, there have been 6 reports in the following categories:

1 trespassing

1 lighting

3 parking/traffic (1 was not on district property but across Lake Road on lower SE 28th)

All issues were responded to in a timely manner and resolved quickly.

Again, here is a link to the [full phone log](#) of incident reports and responses. In total,

Cindy reminded everyone to email concerns when they happen and not wait for a meeting to happen. All concerns can be emailed to Sean at [maileys@nclack.k12.or.us](mailto:maileys@nclack.k12.or.us) or Cindy at

[detchonc@nclack.k12.or.us](mailto:detchonc@nclack.k12.or.us). For immediate parking violations, the number on the sign, posted in the parking lots to our 24-hour response service should be contacted.

Sean responded to questions around the types of events that were rented. He stated that there were some other local high schools under construction that needed field space, but mostly it was our own youth baseball/softball programs.

Next meeting: After the Spring season, tentatively scheduled June 16. Milwaukie Elementary library will be under construction so the meeting will be either at Rowe Middle School or the District Office.

Adjourned: 7:06 pm