



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Assistant County Administrator /**  
**Department of General Services**  
**Parks and Recreation**

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**Date:** April 6, 2022

**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

**From:** Beth Powell, Interim Director Parks & Recreation

**Subject:** Approval of a License Agreement with Indian River Sports Complex, Inc. (a Not for Profit Florida Corporation) to provide Youth Baseball Programming and Enrichment Programs at the Helen Hanson Park located at 8020 129<sup>th</sup> Court, Sebastian Fl.

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**BACKGROUND**

Indian River Sports Complex, Inc. (a Florida not for profit corporation) approached the County with the concept to provide youth baseball clinics, leagues, and enrichment programs at the County's Helen Hanson Park located at 8020 129<sup>th</sup> Court, Sebastian, Florida.

The proposed license agreement will enable Indian River Sports Complex, Inc. (IRSC) to utilize the lighted baseball field and restrooms to conduct programming in exchange for IRSC making approved improvements to the baseball field. The improvements that IRSC will make during the initial term of this license will be installing a baseball field irrigation system, installing natural sports turf, and make playability improvements to the entire field. In addition to these improvements, IRSC will be responsible for the electric costs and will also maintain the entirety of Helen Hanson Park by providing grounds maintenance and custodial services. In exchange for providing the programming and oversight, assuming the maintenance responsibilities, making the above improvements, and paying the electrical costs for the park, IRSC will not be charged a fee for this license. The proposed term of this license is for an initial three years with an option to renew for two additional three-year periods.

Conditions of this license directly related to youth sports programming are that IRSC will ensure that all staff, coaches and volunteers receive a Level 1 Background Check annually and that all staff, coaches, and volunteers receive enhanced coaching and youth engagement training via SafeSport. Annually, IRSC will provide a detailed description of all programs scheduled and conducted, attendance data, and details of how IRSC programs benefited the residents of Indian River County. IRSC will also provide a list of all staff, coaches and volunteers who are associated with the operations, maintenance, and programs performed by IRSC at Helen Hanson Park.

The playground, basketball court, and open space of Helen Hanson Park will remain open to the public and use of the baseball field will be coordinated through IRSC with no fee during daylight hours. When lights are required, IRSC may charge a \$20 fee per hour which is consistent with the County's current fee for other County operated ball fields.

This item was brought to the Board on October 12, 2021, however, it was deleted from the Consent Agenda prior to the meeting due to License Agreement negotiations requested by IRSC. The License Agreement is now being brought back to the Board for consideration.

**FUNDING:**

There is no direct funding impacting this Agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners accept the attached License Agreement with Indian River Sports Complex, Inc and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement after review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**ATTACHMENT:**

License Agreement between Indian River Sports Complex INC and the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida for the use of the Helen Hanson Park

**Approved Agenda Item for April 19, 2022**