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Baseball Field Management and Use Arrangement Under Consideration *Public Input Sought on Proposed Agreement with Twinsburg Baseball League*

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – **March 15, 2023** – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees is considering and seeking public input regarding a proposed agreement with Twinsburg Baseball League, Inc. (TBL) for full maintenance and limited use of the baseball field on the Townshipowned Harvard Road Property in Twinsburg Heights Allotment. The field, in place for decades, was substantially improved in 2018 through a unique partnership with an area non-profit that leveraged Township funding to secure donations from many area businesses and individuals.

Through the proposed agreement TBL would be responsible for field maintenance and clean-up, including but not limited to tarping/un-tarping mound and home plate, plugging base slots, field lining, raking and dragging pre- and post-use as necessary, and general dugout and field cleanliness, with all maintenance materials, equipment, and tools to be stored off-site. The Township would provide materials (dirt, clay, etc.) to TBL for field maintenance, and continue to cut grass surrounding the field.

TBL use of the field would be limited to three weeknights (4:00 to 9:00 PM), plus Saturday (9:00 AM to 9:00 PM), from April through October, with usage during such times limited to TBL-affiliated teams including TBL's membership base (K-12 children residing in Twinsburg City School District), along with coaches and umpires. In addition, TBL would host not less than one introductory baseball camp on the Property each year, with such camp to be free of charge to Township youth, and with the Township to assist with advance communication to residents about registration.

A copy of the proposed agreement is available for review on the Township website, www.twinsburgtwp.com (under Current Programs), as well as at Twinsburg Township Hall, 1790 Enterprise Parkway, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087. Public comments may be submitted either (1) in person at Township Hall during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; (2) via fax to (330) 963-6816; or (3) via e-mail to info@twinsburgtwp.com. It is the intention, but not the obligation, of the Board of Trustees consider the proposed agreement at an upcoming regular meeting.

Township Trustee and Board Chair James C. Balogh said that "The Board of Trustees look forward to working with the TBL to perpetuate the ballfield's improved conditions, and to hearing from residents about the proposed agreement. Former Township Trustee John Curry would be proud to see that the field will see increased use and continue to benefit the community."

About Twinsburg Baseball League

Twinsburg Baseball League, Inc. (TBL) includes boys and girls, ages 5 to 18 years. TBL provides supervised training of youth for educational and recreational purposes, and in an effort to combat juvenile delinquency. TBL provides the opportunity for the boys and girls to play and learn organized baseball without regard for their ability, with sportsmanship stressed over and above winning. Parents of the boys and girls participating in TBL pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for their children. TBL operates under the supervision of its President and Board of Directors. For more information about TBL, visit <u>www.twinsburgbaseball.com</u>.

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About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 3,857 in 2020. The Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So, stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out <u>www.twinsburgtwp.com</u> to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at <u>rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com</u>.

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