

**Minutes – Parks and Recreation
Buildings and Grounds
Sub-Committee Meeting
March 24, 2009**

Present: Wayne Tinker, Chairman, Jon Chase, Phil Kearns – P&R Commission
Paul Roche, Director – Parks and Recreation Dept.
Robert Schneider, Asst. Director-Parks – P&R Dept.

Meeting was convened to discuss the specific request made by The Soccer Club of Ridgefield (SCOR), Coaching Director-Phil Bergen to allow SCOR to begin a premier soccer program in Town. The committee discussed this in the context of the similar issues with youth lacrosse wanting to and having been asked to stop running special programs for a premier type program and in the context of the Rebels girls soft ball program raising questions as to why out of Town players are not being allowed beyond the two currently allowed per team.

The committee discussed a number of issues related to this including:

- The impact of these types of programs on field allocations.
- The impact of these types of programs on wear and tear on the fields.
- The impact of these types programs on maintenance and Parks and Rec budget.
- Past history with these types of programs, such as premier soccer when it was in Town 20 years ago.

The committee also discussed the impact of out of Town players in adults' sports.

The committee agreed to meet again to discuss this issue further and at that time to discuss further the field use criteria as it relates to this issue.

The meeting began at 7:30 AM and ended at 8:45 AM.