

## **FAQ's for Lake Hallie Soccer Fields and Related Facilities**

### **1) Who are the Chippewa Strikers?**

The Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club is a non-profit organization that since 1996 has provided an opportunity for Chippewa Valley youth to play competitive soccer throughout western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. The club is open to all youth between the ages of 8 and 18 who wish to play competitive soccer in a safe and respectable environment.

The ideals of dedication, commitment, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect are stressed by the Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club and its members. It is the obligation of all members of the organization to encourage the spirit of fair play, the appreciation of competition, the essence of sportsmanship, and to teach the sport of soccer to the best of their ability. The Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club functions with a volunteer Board of Directors, volunteer coaches, and volunteer team managers.

### **2) Why is this happening at Hallie Park?**

The land was purchased by the Village from William Taylor in 1976. A portion of the land was previously used for a landfill, which has ceased operation and been capped. The remainder of the land was designated for sports and recreation. Early on there was a hockey program and continuing through the years there has been successful baseball and softball programs. With the growth of youth soccer nationally, the Chippewa Strikers desired to expand the soccer field availability in the Chippewa Valley to welcome this growth. With Lake Hallie's desire to grow sports and recreation in the community, the partnership fit both entities goals.

### **3) Did the Village of Lake Hallie sell the land to Chippewa Strikers?**

The Village of Lake Hallie owns 54 acres of land located at the southwest corner of 117th St. and 50th Avenue and known Hallie Park. The purpose of the land is for the growth of sports within the Village of Lake Hallie. The Village of Lake Hallie has agreed to allow the Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club to develop approximately 10 acres into a green space where they will host soccer practices and games. The Village of Lake Hallie will retain ownership of the property as Hallie Park. A park use agreement between the Village of Lake Hallie and the Chippewa Strikers was drafted and approved by both parties.

### **4) Where will the soccer fields be located?**

The soccer fields will be located south of the current softball fields inside a tree lined field.



**5) How many soccer fields will there be?**

Unlike other organized sports, soccer is a game that can be played on any grass surface. The fields used by soccer organizations do not have to be permanent structures. Approximately 10 acres of the property will be leveled and completely seeded with viable grass creating a green space. The boundaries needed to define a soccer field will be painted with water-based paint. Portable goals will be placed on these fields to complete them. Size and number of fields needed will be determined yearly and painted on to the green space.

**6) Who will maintain the fields?**

The Chippewa Strikers will be responsible for: maintaining all equipment that they own, water bills assessed by the Village, and providing a powered line machine for line painting.

The Village will be responsible for: mowing and field line painting of irrigated turf areas, maintenance of the irrigation equipment, turf care in the spring/fall, restroom maintenance, parking lot grading, garbage/recycling removal, and winterization irrigation system.

**7) Will the fields be watered?**

Yes, The Village of Lake Hallie will be extending a municipal water supply in the spring of 2019 for use by the Chippewa Strikers. The cost of the extension will be paid for using room tax funds, which the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission manages.

**8) Will there be a barrier between the fields and the nearby houses?**

The natural tree line surrounding the field will be kept in tack, except trimming necessary for the health of the trees, and it is the intention of the Chippewa Strikers to purchase and use portable fence backstops behind the goals backing up to neighboring properties.

**9) When will construction begin?**

The spring of 2019, with the first games to be played in the spring of 2020 after the grass has taken root.

**10) Who will oversee construction?**

Representatives from the Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club with the input and approval from the Lake Hallie Parks, Recreation and Tourism Board and Village Board.

**11) Will they have their own concession stand? Bathrooms?**

A separate concession stand and bathroom is planned for phase 2 of the project. If the Chippewa Strikers would like add a concession stand and bathroom buildings they will need to bring a separate plan to the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission and then to the Village Board.

**12) Will there be trees removed?**

The Chippewa Strikers would like some trees removed in the center of the 10-acre area and will be working with the Village Board on a final approved plan.

**13) Who is paying for the land to be developed?**

The Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club, through a capital campaign, is raising the funds necessary to complete the project under the supervision of the Lake Hallie Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission and Village Board.

**14) When will the first games be played?**

Spring 2020

**15) How many games will there be a week?**

This would be determined every year and will fluctuate with each year depending on the number of youth teams registered with the Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club. In 2019 there was an average of 3 games per week between May 1st and June 27.

**16) What ages will be playing?**

The Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club is open all youth between the ages of 8 and 18.

**17) How many kids are on a team?**

Roster numbers vary between ages of players with the youngest aged teams being allowed to have up to 12 players on the roster and the oldest aged teams having 22.

**18) How many kids are signed up for the 2019 season?**

116

**19) When will games be played?**

League games are played during the weekdays with tournaments being played on the weekends between the months of April and October.

**20) Will there be lights at the fields?**

No, games will be played until dusk.

**21) Will there be increased vehicle traffic?**

With any development or expansion of an entity within a municipality, it is the goal of the developer and managing body to produce increased usage of the entity in turn enhancing the municipality it serves.

The growth of Hallie Park is intended to enhance the Village for its residents. A result of the growth will be additional traffic to Hallie Park by visitors to the organizations using the park. These visitors will patronize Lake Hallie businesses for such as gas stations, grocery stores, shopping centers, hotels and motels in turn growing the capital of the Village.

**22) Will 117<sup>th</sup> Street be upgraded to accommodate increased traffic?**

The Village plans to apply for a grant in late 2019, which would provide for reconstruction of the road with a dedicated bike/walk lane.

**23) Will the Chippewa Strikers be changing their name?**

At this point the Chippewa Strikers are not considering a name change. The Chippewa Strikers Soccer Club is open and used by youth from the Chippewa Valley.

**24) How can I help?**

The Chippewa Strikers, as a 501c(3) recognized organization, are accepting donations to the project in any amount. There are opportunities for donors if they so choose to sponsor fields, goals, and benches which would display the name of the donor for a specific length of time. All donors will be recognized through newsprint, social media, and an erected donor board at the complex when finished. Donations can be mailed directly to:

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Youth Soccer Complex

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