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Current News

The July Club meeting will be held at the flying field. The meeting will be on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 am. This is a change from the existing scheduled club meeting of July 14.

Until further notice, the flying field has been shut down for flying due to the fire hazard in the area. In the past, there was a company that was hired by the Park District to mow, rake, and bale the grass in the north side of the reservoir in order to minimize the fire hazard in the area. This year a contractor could not be found to perform the operation and therefore, the grass has not been removed. Because we have not been proactive in keeping our area free of standing grass, and with the past fires caused from planes that have crashed, the Park people are cautious about having activities going on while the grass is dry and still standing.

In the distant past, the club used to have a large area and the complete parking area sprayed with pre-emergent during November to prevent grasses from growing in those areas. Also all of the remaining areas were mowed during April or early May while the grass was not completely dried out to help prevent fires from the mowing process. Because it was done each year, the grass seeds from the grass were minimized so that the grasses would not be as dense as they are now.

We need to understand that the field maintenance for fire control for our leased property is our responsibility. We can't, nor should we, expect the Park District to do these tasks for us. If we decide to not be proactive in keeping the field clear of the tall grasses, then we can expect the field to be closed each year during fire season.

We need to show the Park District that we can be proactive in keeping our field clear of tall grasses and restricting aircraft that have the potential of causing fires when crashed. Also, we need to get some fire fighting equipment such as fire extinguishers, and large portable water dispensing equipment to help put out any small fires that may get started.

Currently, the Park District is trying to get the Fire Marshal to perform a control burn in the area to remove the tall grass. At that time, the field will be opened up to flying. If not, we may not be able to use the field until fire season is over.

We can get on the field to perform maintenance including tree watering, mowing, weed spraying, equipment repair, etc. This can be performed only on Saturday and we must contact the Park personnel to unlock the gate to allow entry. At no time shall other activities including rc cars, drones, aircraft of any type, be performed at the field during this time. They will also allow TP Express to come in to perform maintenance on the portable toilet, as needed.