

Board Meeting with Butler 19-Mar-25

Attendees:

Michael Lofton

Robin Roach

Karissa Hulse

Rachel Hunter

Randy Sanders

Michael and Karissa made it very clear that Butler was only having two soccer camps, June 2nd-6th and June 23rd=27th. The other are club teams that are renting the fields and Butler is not responsible for them.

The club teams will be starting on April 1st. Karissa is working on getting dates, times and approximately how many people will be attending these. She will pass that information on to us when she finds out.

We expressed our concerns about the amount of traffic, reckless driving and trash being left. We pointed out at times the traffic was backed out onto Westfield causing traffic issues there also.

The first issue that they are going to get fixed is the timing of the gates leading to the fields. These are on a timer and close early causing one side of the road to be blocked off.

We suggested designating a pickup/drop off area in one of Butler's parking lots and having the camps rent the Butler shuttles to the fields. Due to liability issues, they do not appear to be considering this. They also expressed that since parents are picking and dropping off kids around their work schedules, they are not sure it will be very well received if they did.

Another suggestion was a pickup/drop off at Holcomb gardens. Their response was that this was a single road in that traffic would just back up there also. They also said as a parent, they thought parents would be concerned with their kids walking through a woods to get to the soccer fields and out of sight.

It was also suggested that they include a fee for the clubs using the fields to pay for BUPD to be present during the drop off and pickup times to help offset the costs.

Butler emphasized the point that BUPD is responsible for managing traffic, but not evaluating/surveying it.

The second issue that we brought up was the paving expenses for 52nd street to Lester, 5100 block of Clarendon and 5100 block of Lester. I expressed that I appreciated the offer to pay 12.5% toward the cost, but that for the traffic these roads are being required to handle versus the other roads in our neighborhood, and with Butler putting a much larger part forward back in 2017, I would like to see if a larger portion could be paid. Michael said the board is hesitant on paying out for this paving. He asked if we had any records to show how much more often these roads are paved versus other roads in the neighborhood. I will follow up with Officer Mike to see what he may be able to share on this.

They proposed having quarterly meetings before our monthly meetings and touch points in between if needed.

Michael also made it very clear that they will not be attending any more board meeting or public meetings with the town due to the hostility from the meetings involving the flood project.