
PARKS DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of Mayfield Village Council
FROM: Shane McAvinew, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: August 11, 2026
RE: **Mayfield Youth Soccer and Cleveland Cobras Soccer Clubs Field Use Agreement — Update**

Thank you for asking whether our rental rates for the Mayfield Youth Soccer Club and Cobra's Soccer Club (the "Clubs") cover what it costs the Village to maintain the soccer fields. It is a fair question, and I am glad to walk through it.

Our total field maintenance costs run \$37,033 a year, and, as you know, I am proposing annual field-use fees in 2026 of \$4,000 for Mayfield Soccer and \$1,000 for the Cobras, each with escalators in 2027 and 2028. Comparing the annual maintenance cost to what the two Clubs pay may seem like we are under-recovering, however, it is important to note that the Clubs are only two of many groups utilizing the fields, and most of the maintenance costs would still exist if neither of the Clubs used the fields.

Who uses the fields

- Mayfield Youth Soccer and Cobra's Soccer
- Recreation Department Programming
- Rookie Sports programming
- Rookie Sports Camps
- In-house adult soccer leagues
- Adapted programming
- Mayfield High School soccer, whose use is offset against our fees
- The general public — we keep one field open every day, no reservation and no fee

Every one of these groups adds wear to the fields, and every group factors into how we set our rates. We recover a portion of our costs from all of these groups collectively. No single user carries the whole expense, and no single user should be measured against it.

Where the \$37,033 goes

Sorted by what actually drives each expense, the budget falls into three tiers:

Cost Category	Annual Cost	Share
Baseline Park maintenance	\$9,944	26.9%
Mowing	\$6,552	
Fertilizer	\$3,392	
Driven by total usage — all groups	\$16,818	45.4%
Extra mowing	\$6,552	
Watering (water permit)	\$5,898	
Field maintenance labor	\$4,368	
Field preparation for Soccer Specific Use – Mayfield, Cobra, Rookie and Adult Leagues	\$10,271	27.7%

Cost Category	Annual Cost	Share
Turf material (seed, field conditioner)	\$5,000	
Field paint	\$4,396	
Machine rental (seeder / aerator)	\$875	
TOTAL	\$37,033	100%

The first tier, \$9,944, is fixed. We mow and fertilize because these are public fields, and we would keep them up to that standard regardless if organized games are played on them.

The second tier, \$16,818, is the largest share of the budget. These costs rise with how much play the fields see. The extra mowing and the watering are needed because of the sheer volume of use coming from all groups combined, not from any one of them. The same is true of grounds labor.

The third tier, \$10,271, is field preparation for sport use. Even this is not specific to the two Clubs. The same striping, seeding, and aeration serve our in-house adult leagues, our Rookie Sports soccer programs, and our soccer camps, along with our volleyball and football camps.

What the clubs give beyond their rental fee

The field-use fee is not all that the Clubs bring to Mayfield Village. The Clubs has purchased the current goals in past, sparing the Village the cost of that equipment. Both Clubs have also offered to share in ongoing maintenance costs, beyond their rental payments, specifically the annual sodding of the goal mouths. That is the fastest-wearing spot on any field and a cost the Village would otherwise carry alone.

Conclusion

I believe the proposed rates recover a fair share of the costs attributable to the Clubs. Keeping the fields mowed, watered, and open is part of providing leisure space for the residents of Mayfield Village, the same as any other park amenity we maintain. Both Clubs serve the Mayfield School District, and any additional shift of maintenance costs to them would only push up the registration fees to the families that participate in their programs, potentially resulting in their inability to register their children due to the price. Thank you for your inquiry and I hope that this provides some clarification.