

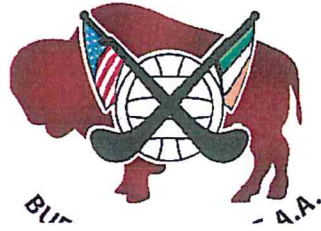
MEMO

TO: Honorable Town Board

From: Councilman Gene Hart

RE: GAA Continental Youth Championship

Please approve the Buffalo Fenians GAA application to allow the GAA Continental Youth Championship to be held at the West Seneca Soccer Complex from approximately July 25 through July 31, 2022. Approval of the use of the Soccer Complex for the Championship is contingent on the successful completion of a satisfactory rental agreement between the Buffalo Fenians and the Town of West Seneca, the providing of adequate insurance as determined by the Town, the filing of a security plan with the Chief of Police and the implementation the remaining or yet to be determined responsibilities as outlined in the Proposal to be provided the Town ASAP. Please see the attached letter from the Buffalo Fenians regarding the general outline of their proposal.



December 2nd, 2019

A Chairde, {Dear friends}

Hi Gene

The Buffalo Fenians Youth are once again looking to rent the West Seneca soccer Complex for the CYC 2022 {Continental Youth Championships} July 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st. We would be looking to take the complex over for the week again for setup and take down.

Last time, the town workers lined the field for us as part of the contract. The economic impact for the area was 3.8 million as published by Buffalo Niagara Sports Commission. We used both hotels in West Seneca. The total number of room nights was 1100 a night for 4 nights across 13 hotels. Pasquales across the street made most of the food for the event and our 5000 visitors ate and shopped in West Seneca. We had a beer tent last time but will not be having one this time.

We last hosted it in 2017 and it went down as the largest and most successful ever. It is still talked about in Ireland and around the country. The clubs keep asking when we are going back. The next CYC in Buffalo will be even bigger because last year in Philly it was the biggest with 1300 rooms a night. However there were not enough fields which is why they love West Seneca. The reason we need to know if we can work on a contract now is because we need to lock in the hotels at the best rates.

I am now the CYC Chairperson ,a position that's appointed by the GAA President in Ireland.

For those on the board that may be new this year and have never heard of Gaelic Games or CYC:

Gaelic games are the national sport of Ireland. All our players from youth to adult are amateur. The best players in the world play for their county in Ireland. Our championship games are played in Croke Park {Headquarters}the stadium holds 86,000 fans that fill the stadium for every game. The CYC is the largest youth tournament in the world outside Ireland. I say it's the largest because we run ours over 4 days,650 games and 260 teams/3000 players aged 6 to 18. The biggest tournament in Ireland is run over 2 weeks and they don't use hotels.

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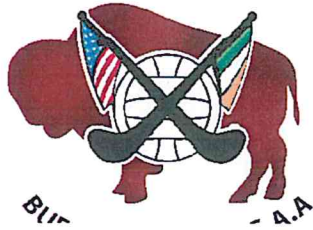
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We had over 100 volunteers that helped set up/garbage pick up each day/supplied the water for the kids/sold coffee/worked in our gear tent plus other areas we needed them.

The praise West Seneca received from our dignitaries from Ireland and within the USA was amazing. The Town Board was praised for all the help they gave us ,to the workers at the complex ,and the people of West Seneca who just stopped by to check things out, it was just all amazing.

I don't think too much has changed from last time other than it will be bigger.

We would love a sit-down meeting with the Board to discuss CYC 2022 and anything the town, if approved, would like to do different.

Is Mise le meas {respectfully yours}

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