

Baseball Heaven... The Road To Williamsport...

God, I thank you that I can rely on you to be the same—yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Amen.

NEW AND IMPROVED: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7:14 NIV –Daily Strength For Men



Integrity of the Game vs The Oklahoma Business Plan!

The JOURNEY...

A SEED planted April 27, 2005... Endures with no ending. I Can Do..... But Only Through HIM... HIS Timing... HIS Vision... I recently attended the 2024 Little League International SW Regional Roundtable in Houston, Texas. What an experience to witness first hand and the impact Little League has within local communities beyond SW Region but the commitment to kids and opportunities Internationally. As I listen intently to each keynote speaker it becomes evident and reinforces my research and

development, doctoral research / study... Integrity of the Game vs Economic Impact, The Oklahoma Business Model.

Oklahoma Little League... We have serious challenges and a toxic culture that is reinforced with ignorance, greed, or political pressure without oversight. Those entrusted or expected to protect the integrity of the game for kids and families within their communities have failed.

Little League is a community based program run by volunteers with a primary focus on kids. The business is simply for kids and provides opportunities in a safe well educated environment. This conflicts with the Oklahoma Culture as research indicates Oklahoma's business model is driven by profit and kids are customers. In fact, Oklahoma should advertise Youth Umpire Leagues instead of Youth Sports Leagues. This will offend many elected or appointed community officials and leaders however, with data analysis, personal interviews and continuing education... It is my belief that with the exception of one Oklahoma Charter success in Oklahoma is based upon an annual basis. Facility owners are committed to profits that severely hampers Oklahoma's growth and potential. OKC Parks & Recreations has a big responsibility and could catapult Little League exponentially in years if successful. The flipside, if not done properly, without understanding the Oklahoma market and business plan could be the final nail in Oklahoma Little League's coffin. ALL other Oklahoma Little League Charters have been initiated by parents that have essentially become a user group in the eyes of municipalities limited to annual agreements. Research indicates those entrusted to approve those annual user group lease agreements are lacking INTEGRITY! This severely hampers Little League's Programs from developing and flourishing for kids and opportunities. The dynamic concept of Youth Sports in Oklahoma is set up for failure that should be an indictment on the State of Oklahoma Legislature for failure to provide oversight within the parameters of their responsibilities. I have had numerous communications with my State of Oklahoma elected officials as well as reaching out to other States Legislatures and Attorney Generals in search for definitive solutions to the identified Oklahoma culture.

What would be easier... Change the mindset of a failed local municipality regarding youth sports or incorporating a new community that's driven primarily by leadership for kids? Within my county, Pottawatomie County, doctoral research reveals Dale, OK with admiration for their vision to incorporate as a town to prevent annexation allowing the community to remain small but have a

significant impact on their public school district and their athletic branding remaining a small school dynasty in every aspect you would search for in a public school community.

Duplication or mimicking Dale, OK... North of Shawnee, OK city limits we have a small area designated on the Oklahoma map, Aydelotte, OK and I have identified 50 acres on a 4 lane highway with a major side street access. Perfect location for a Little League Sports Complex as the location has quick access to 2 additional counties bordering as well as an independent school district that could possibly exponentially benefit with the addition of a sports complex close if not in their public school district. Incorporating a new town or municipality should have serious consideration in lieu of the obstacles and hurdles that have been presented. Baseball Heaven will have generational impact not only for kids and opportunities but facilitate a cultural change without the worries of survival on an annual calendar educating parents who strive for equal opportunities lacking support from experts such as Little League International.

Sometimes it is the people who no one imagines anything of, who do things that no one can imagine...

CURRENT ONLY OPTION FOR SHAWNEE OKLAHOMA COMMUNITY KIDS. No answers provided from City of Shawnee, Shawnee YMCA or County Commissioners.



Success is not a straight line upwards, it's a Journey with many falls, and the strength to get up, no matter how hard the fall...



For Every Goliath There Is A Rock...



When Leadership Fails To Protect The Integrity Of The Game...

Screenshot above images provided via youtube video: https://youtu.be/A9_WEhz_hml?si=tHTEFiZ-S5qzHGxS

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