

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050870)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council's Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold public hearings to examine the conditions, maintenance policies and irrigation methods used to maintain functional and safe outdoor athletic fields city-wide and to also explore the option of working with area agricultural colleges to help accomplish this initiative.

WHEREAS, The Fairmount Park Commission manages over 175 athletic fields including cricket, soccer, baseball and softball, rugby and football; and

WHEREAS, The Recreation Department manages over 100 athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia currently manages approximately 160 athletic fields that are used for school sports and are available for short-term leases; and

WHEREAS, Every year, thousands of applications are submitted for seasonal or one-time usage of outdoor athletic fields for league sports, intramural games, school teams, tournaments and leisurely ball games; and

WHEREAS, Due to lack of equipment, staff and finances, only a small portion of athletic fields are able to be reconditioned annually, resulting in many athletic fields to be left in poor condition for great lengths of time; and

WHEREAS, Area agricultural colleges provide their students with the knowledge and understanding of the environment so they can improve the quality of their communities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That authority be given to the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold public hearings to examine the conditions, maintenance policies and irrigation methods used to maintain functional and safe outdoor athletic fields city-wide and to also explore the option of working with area agricultural colleges to help accomplish this initiative.

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*RESOLUTION NO. 050870 continued*

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twentieth of October, 2005.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kenney and Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, Reynolds Brown, Council President Verna, Councilmembers DiCicco, Tasco, Goode, Clarke, Ramos, Mariano, Rizzo, Kelly, Blackwell, Krajewski, Miller, Nutter and O'Neill