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Another meeting of the newly-reorganized Imperial Baseball/Softball Association (IBSA) will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Bruce Peterson said they will discuss the group's efforts for this season, which include finalizing a date for the work day in the parks in early May.

Peterson met with the park board at their meeting April 7, and discussed the IBSA's continued interest in helping build the summer ball programs.

One of the programs they also discussed was the Little League (pony league) for girls.

The IBSA is in the process of getting feedback from parents about the Little League-aged softball girls, to help determine what is causing low registration numbers.

The Little League girls started traveling out-of-town for games a couple years ago, and the IBSA is hoping to gauge whether the parents would rather play those games in a local league again, as the boys' teams do, or continue to travel. To have a league in town, however, more girls age 9-11 need to sign up.

The IBSA will likely discuss that program again at Thursday night's meeting.

Peterson said anyone interested in the ball programs in Imperial is invited to attend the meeting.

He also encouraged parents to continue to get their children's registration forms into the city as soon as possible.

Baseball and softball programs are offered for youths T-ball age and older.

Rec director compiling
list of umpires for summer

City recreation director Darrin Schultz is also encouraging parents to get their children's registration forms into the city office as soon as possible.

Teams competing in the area's Tri-County League from Imperial are being determined at this time, so number of players are needed to be finalized.

He also encouraged anyone interested in umpiring games in Imperial this summer to call him (308-882-8622), as he is compiling that contact list. Umpires for all age-level games in the Imperial leagues are paid.