

Edgefield County Recreation Program

County Council Retreat January 2020





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The Recreation Department was established in co-operation with the Towns of Edgefield and Johnston to provide youth sports to the County. In addition, pickle ball is provided in the Town of Edgefield's gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays for adults. The Department provides youth sports for football, soccer, baseball, girls softball, and basketball.



Edgefield County Recreation Commission

- Meets Once Each Quarter
- Composed of 5 Members
- 3 County Appointed (Mike Garrett, Frankie Newsome, Dr. Jackie Kennion)
- 1 Town of Johnston appointed (Manny Felton)
- 1 Town of Edgefield Appointed (John Brown Jr.)
- 2020 Meeting Dates: February 17th, May 18th, August 17th and Nov 16th



Edgefield County Recreation Department Duties:

- Supervises Federal inmates Daily (maintaining County Park)
- Prepares fields at County Park for all games scheduled at park
- Works with towns coordinating field preparation for games at town parks
- Helps clean Sweetwater community center
- In charge of all advertising for all recreation programs
- In charge of all registrations for each sport
- Orders uniforms and supplies for each sport
- Does all scheduling for all sports
- Schedules referees/umpires for all games
- Oversees all games scheduled in each sport
- Works closely with each leagues boards to oversee rules and regulations for our programs.



EDGEFIELD COUNTY RECREATION PROGRAMS OFFERED

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Ages: 4 to 14

Season: March-June 15-16 games per team

Registration: January



GIRLS SOFTBALL

Ages: 7 to 15

Season: March-June 12-15 games per team

Registration: January

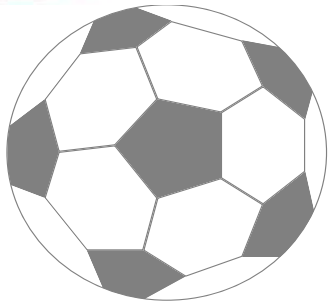
BASKETBALL

Ages: 6 to 12

Season: November-February 10 games per team

Registration: November





SOCCKER

Ages: 4 to 13

Season: Spring: March-May 10-12 games per team

Fall: September-November 10-12 game per team

Registration: Spring: Late January

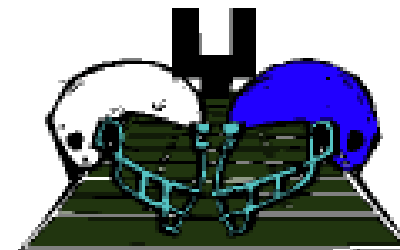
Fall: August

FOOTBALL

Ages: 6 to 12

Season: September-November 6-8 games per team

Registration: August



CHEERLEADING

Ages: 6 to 12

Season: September-November 6-8 games per team

Registration: August



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Below is the participation in each of these activities over the past 5 years.

Source	Football	Fall Soccer	Spring Soccer	BB- Edgefield	BB- Johnston	BB- Bettis	Girls Softball	Basketball
2015	178	115	104	96	59	21	32	67
2016	136	110	107	89	37	20	52	51
2017	127	96	97	82	53	18	43	56
2018	148	112	95	81	51	11	41	44
2019	121	128	90	78	64	12	44	37

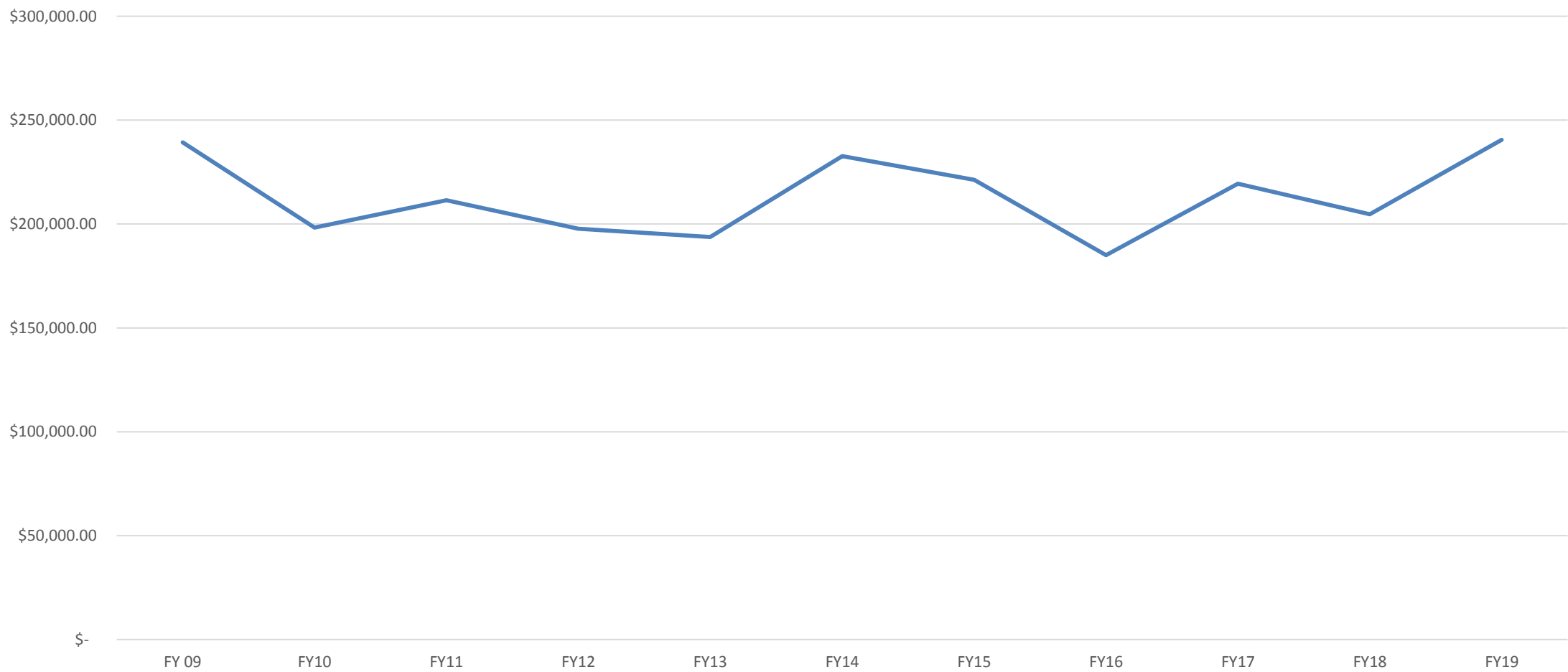


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Expenses have remained fairly constant from FY09-FY19 with some minor dips through the years.



Recreation Expense-FY09-FY19





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While expenses have remained fairly constant, there were some increases which include:

- The replacement of 53 football helmets at \$74.95 per helmet, or \$3,972.35. This replacement was necessary to prevent concussions. Each helmet has a life span of 10-years until it needs replacement.
- Irrigation for Bettis Park - no longer utilize pond water. This requires the Recreation Department to purchase water from the Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority for irrigation at \$6,000 to \$12,000 per year.
- During the last seven years several All-Star teams have made the state tournament. The Recreation Department will pay for 4 rooms and \$100 per day for the team's expenses. This amount is approximately \$4,600.



Expense Increases

The Recreation Department has also seen the normal increase for materials and supplies for the past 7 years.

				Percentage
	FY12	FY17	FY19	Increase
Football Uniform	\$11.99	\$14.99	\$21.99	83%
Baseball Uniform	12.95	\$19.00	\$20.99	62%
Baseballs by Dozen	\$30.89	\$54.99	\$54.99	78%
Chalk by bag	\$3.99	\$6.99	\$6.99	75%



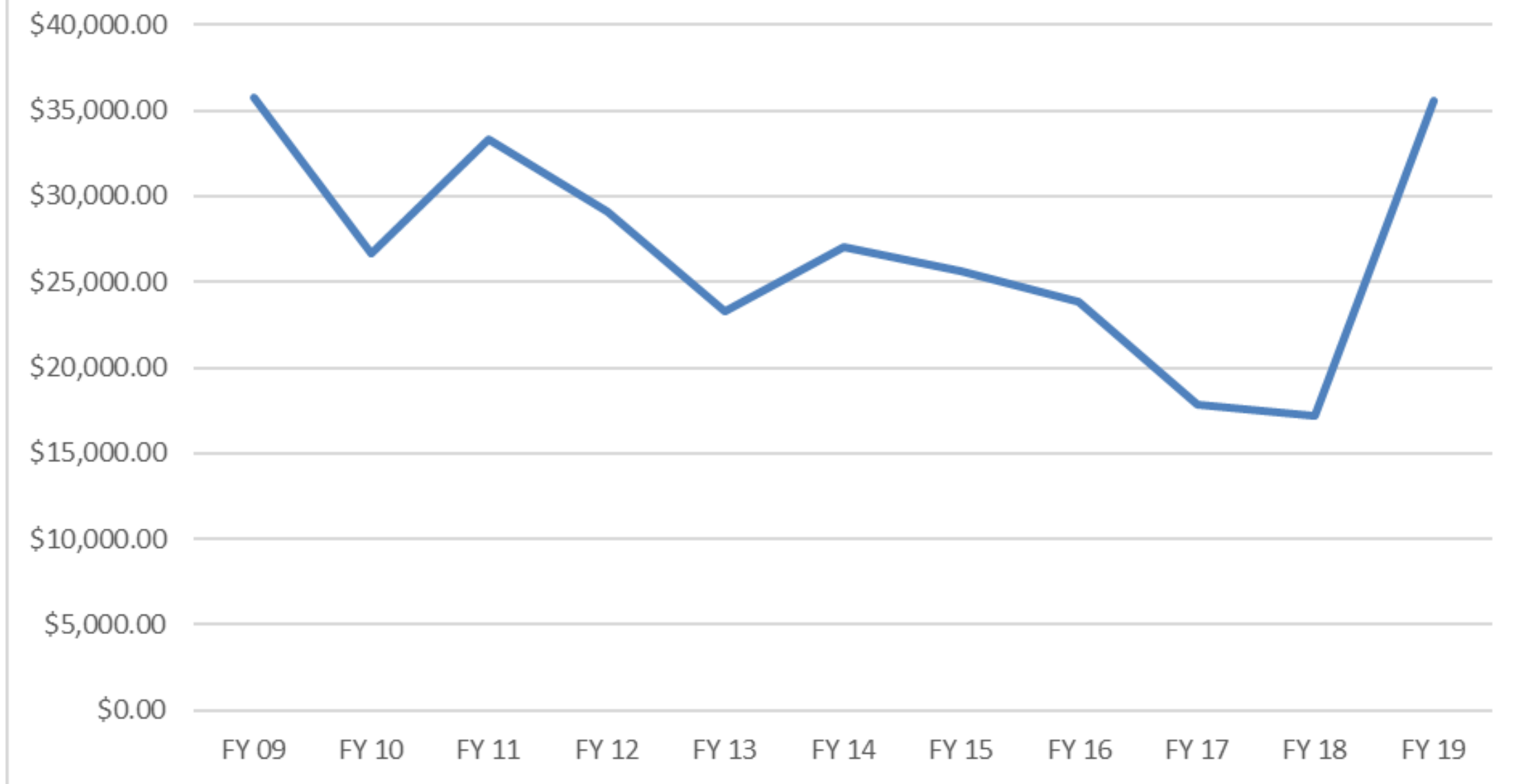
Insurance Increase

The Recreation Department maintains supplemental insurance on the youth sport participants. The insurance premiums have increased over the past seven years.

				Percentage
	FY2011-12	FY2016-17	FY2018-19	Increase
Baseball	\$45.00	\$52.00	\$53.02	18%
Football	\$220.00	\$263.00	\$285.00	30%
Soccer	\$7.74	\$8.72	\$8.72	12%
Basketball	\$5.89	\$6.04	\$6.04	2%
Girls Softball	\$63.00	\$63.00	\$63.00	0%

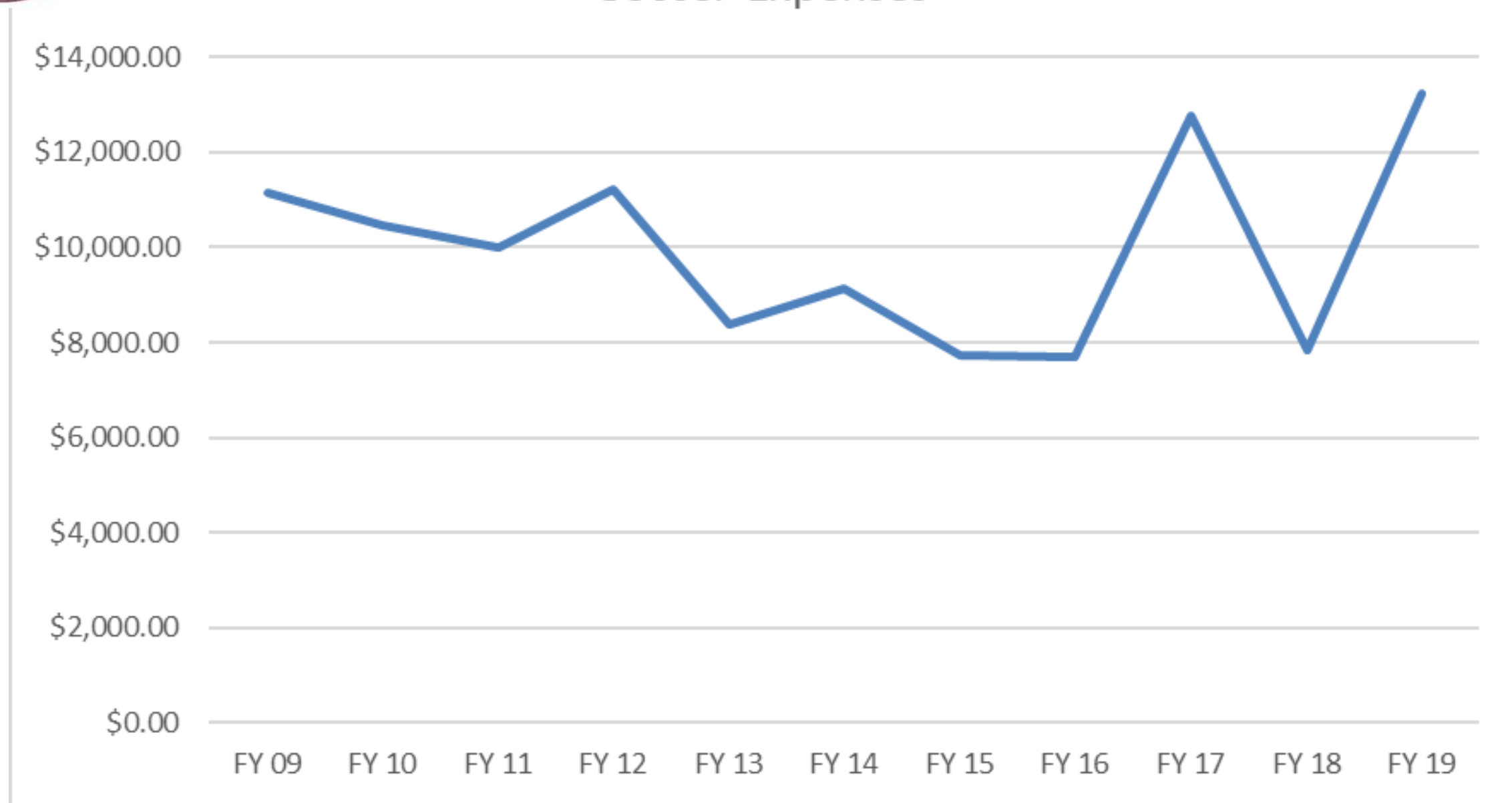


Football Expenses



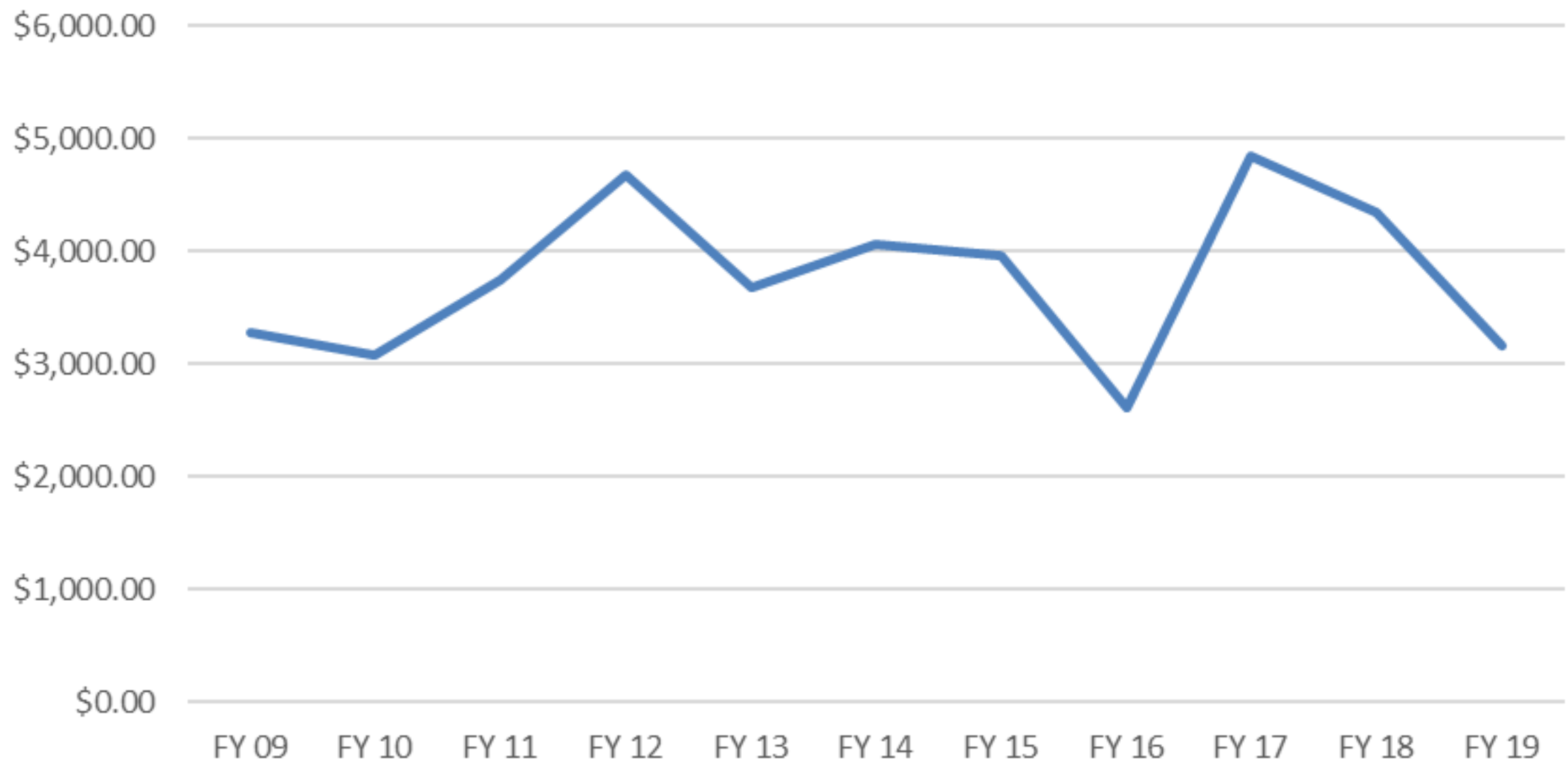


Soccer Expenses



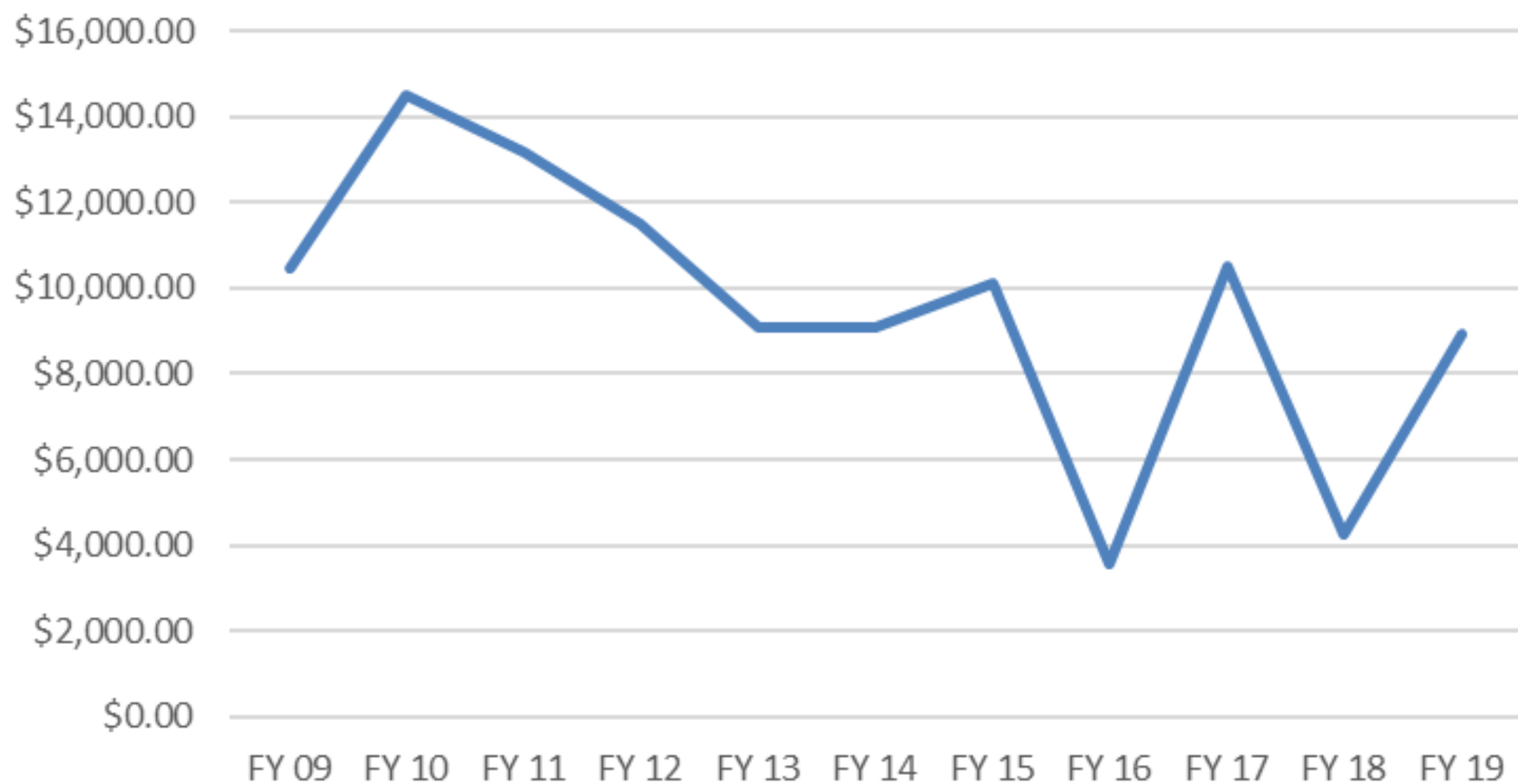


Basketball Expenses



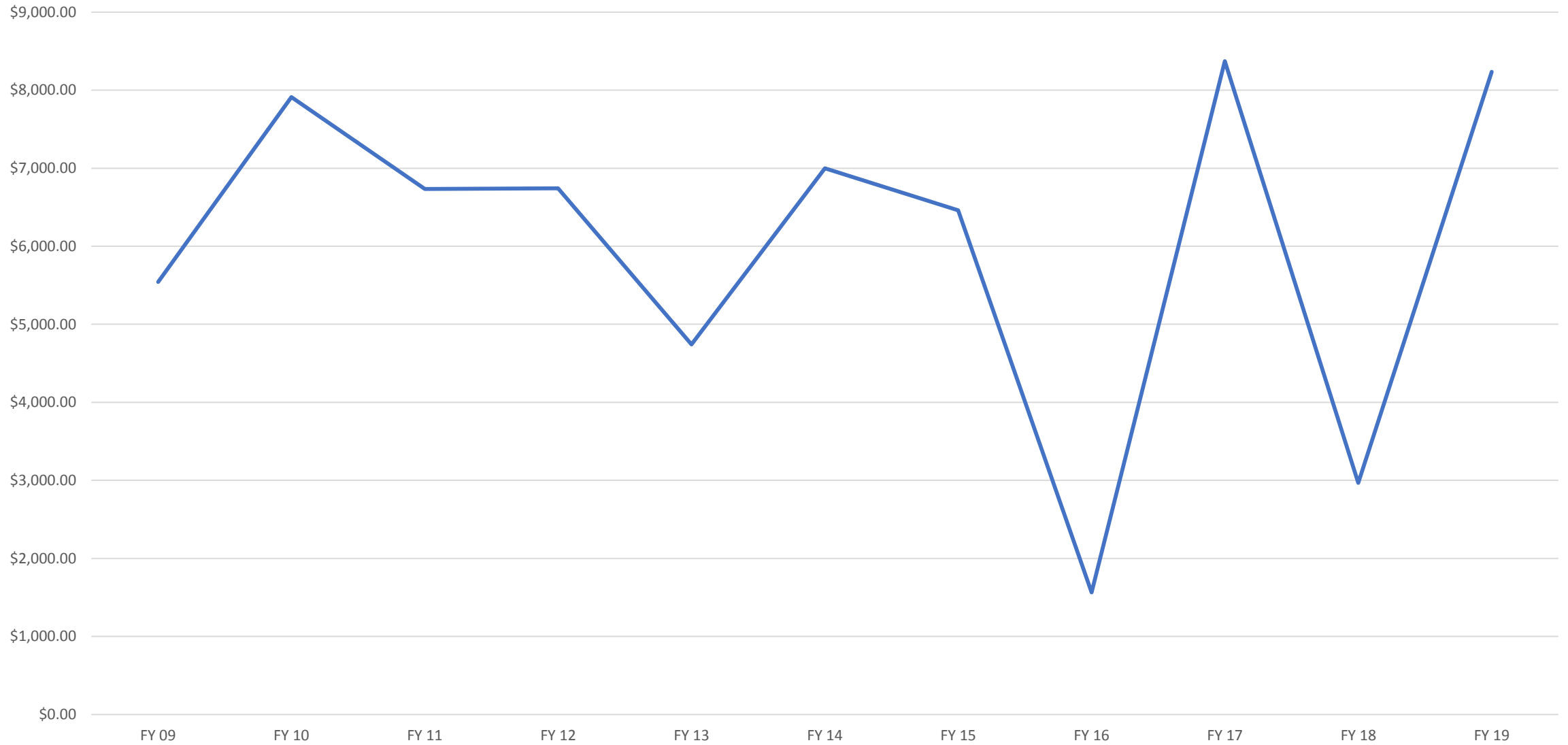


Edgefield Baseball





Johnston Baseball





Bettis Park Baseball





Girls Softball





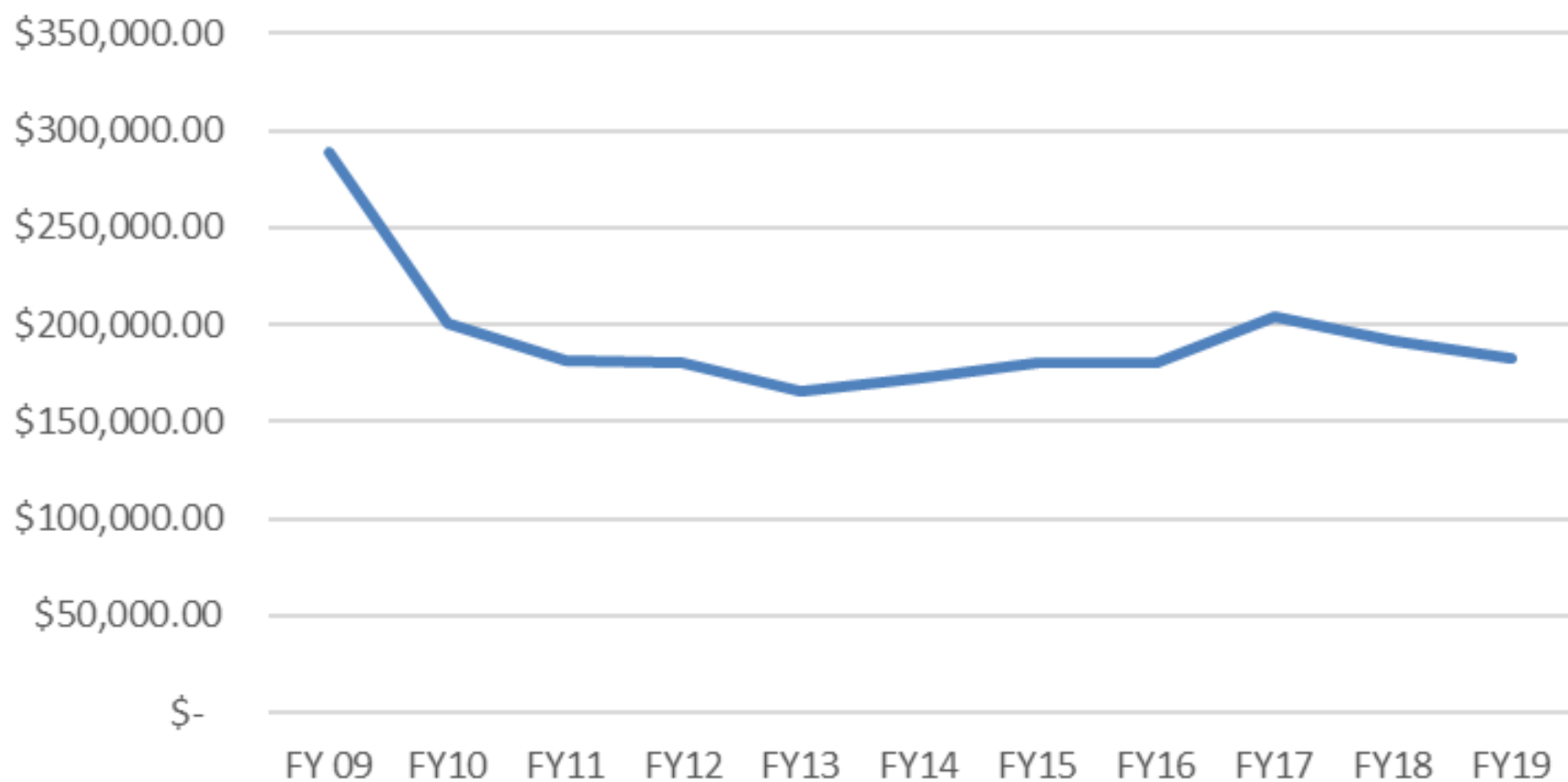
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Revenue

There has been an across the board decrease in revenue generated by sports participation. In fact, some of the sports have seen their revenues cut in half over the eleven-year period. Football has seen a big decrease in participation over the past few seasons. A lot of it is due to the fact parents are scared for their children to play with concussions and the long term affects of them. Also, you have a lot of children concentrating on one sport now instead of playing multiple sports. A good many children now play baseball or soccer in particular year-round.



Recreation Revenue-FY09-FY19



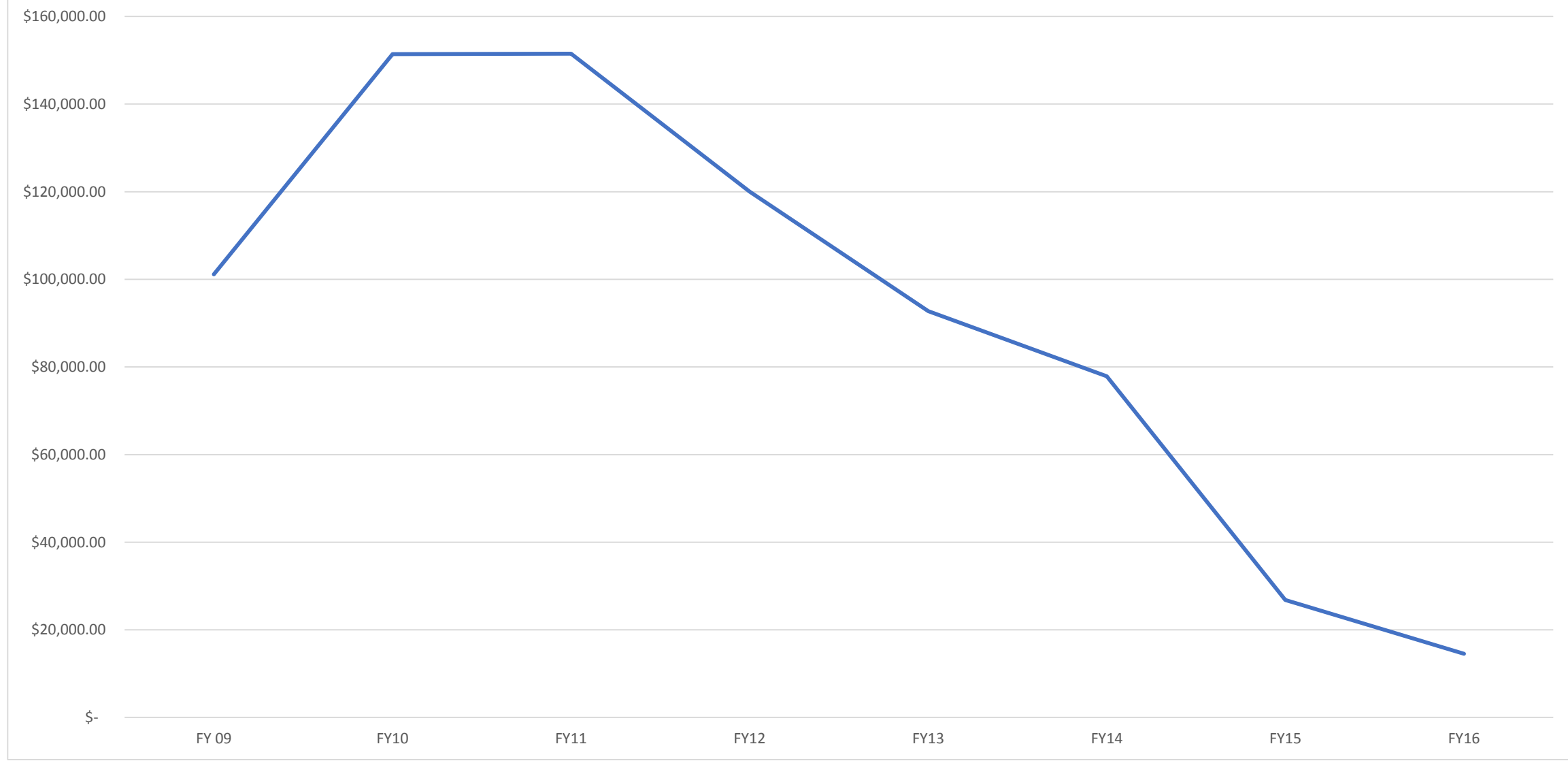


Fund Balance

The greatest impact on the Fund Balance was caused by the decrease in property taxes when the millage appropriated to the Recreation Department was cut from 3.08 mils to 1.50 mils for FY10. As an example of the impact of this cut on the revenue, in FY09, the Recreation Department received \$215,496.69 in various tax revenues. In FY10, the Recreation Department received \$133,079.32 in tax revenues. Since FY10, tax revenues received by the department have never exceeded \$120,000, a loss of almost \$100,000 per year in operating revenue.



Recreation Fund Balance-FY09-FY16





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Recreation Fund Balance on June 30, 2019 had a deficit of
\$113,147