

Josh Milotte grew up in Lanark Village in Lanark Highlands Township. As a child, he was an avid baseball player and grew up around the local baseball diamond – Clyde Memorial Park est. 1973. Josh and his brother both helped the adult volunteers to build the Clyde Memorial Park. Back then “many hands made light work” and that included small hands too. Most of his childhood memories are of the activities and baseball games at Clyde Memorial Park. Back then the Highlands youth played under a different League Umbrella – that eventually became Perth and District Little League. He tells how Lanark always had a team and we always played Perth. He also tells how Perth and Lanark always joined forces to form an All Star Team and that “we” were really good players. Josh continued to be a player until he aged out.

In 2009, Josh became a Leader of our newly formed Lanark Division of Perth and District Little League. He was our first coach with 11 youth of various ages who just wanted to play ball. He inspired more youth to join the sport and our division of all age categories began to grow. Josh was there to lead the development of our defining age divisions and offered his knowledge to assist in forming a great baseball program.

In 2010, Josh continued to work towards our division entering Game Play with the Perth teams. Back then competitive games made Lanark parents nervous and they just wanted to keep it fun and not competitive! He reassured them that the kids are having fun yet the kids wanted the competitive games too.

Josh engaged community partners, businesses and people to help support our growing Little League division canvassing for support through gifts of equipment and sponsorship of uniforms.

Lanark became an official division of Perth and District Little League and Josh was there to bring our teams to competitive level. In 2014, social media was used to grow our Lanark Division and we gained more adult leaders and coaches. Josh became our Vice President. His passion to develop our youth baseball programs continued.

In 2022 – Lanark Division Chartered as Lanark Highlands Little League, where Josh continues to lead our Youth as a coach; is the Vice President and he fills in on other roles when there are spaces to fill. Josh has seen our Lanark youth grow out of our programs and he holds many memories of baseball with them.

Josh’s love of the game and his commitment to the community has been inspiring. His leadership has been pivotal in forming a Little League in Lanark Highlands. Hundreds of youth have benefited from our baseball programs because of his commitment to Baseball. Josh continues to be where he is needed and always says “it is for the kids”.

Josh says he remembers how important it was to him as a Youth to have baseball and his commitment is to pass that love of the game on to the Youth. Our community is stronger because of his commitment to baseball, our League and our programs. Josh has shaped our history and his commitment has lead us to where we are today!

Thank you Josh!