

Softball Improvements Meeting

February 6, 2023

PRESENT

Kirsti Fleming, Ryan Fleming, Mike Halvorson, Mindy Halvorson, Ryan Hastings, Jackson Lyngaas, Tim Sanvik, Darin Vetter, Rachelle Vetter, Maggie Walker, Rick Walker

SCOPE

Determine field needs and what grants are available

IMPROVEMENTS LIST

Fencing

- Construction new fence 6' tall, 200-220 feet from home place on Fields 1 and 2 (approx. \$9,538)
 - Westlund Fencing (Chris Anderson)
- Install windscreen for new fences (approx. \$1,524)
 - BSN 6x200 @\$1.27/sq ft
- Build up fence height on Field 2 and add gate for safety (Field 1 already received this upgrade)
 - Do we know cost from Field 1?
- Install/create Agri-Lime Warning Tracks (safety so players feel they are getting close to fence)
 - *Warning Tracks are an integral safety component of baseball and softball fields whether they are natural grass or synthetic turf fields. Their sole purpose is to keep athletes safe by warning them they are close to the edge of the field and approaching a fence or wall.*
- Re-do Sprinkler Systems to account for new fencing
- Re-seed as need due to project, especially in left field on Field 1

Sound System/Live Stream

- New Sound System
 - Primary use would be for Field 1
 - Speaker under shelter area for better sound for spectators; speaker out to field; speaker on outside of Press Box
- Live Stream Set Up for Field 1
 - Need LAN line ran to Press Box
 - Need camera mount for best field view
 - Would Arvig or Midco donate LAN line?

Fix Water/Non-Drainage Issues on Fields 1, 2 and Spectator Areas

- New Agri-Lime (6x1500)

- Grade and lay concrete in spectator areas to help drain away water from Fields 1 and 2 dugouts/catcher box; will also take care of pools of water in spectator area
- Remove dangerous pokey tree

Press Box/Dugout Repairs

- Address Safety Issues
 - Install window in Press Box to prevent water coming in (rotting wood; moldy); equipment below was also getting wrecked due to water seepage
 - Replace/repair upper floor with safer/sturdier floor
 - Gutter system repairs
- Replace tin or paint to be Hawley or neutral colors

Field 2 Scoreboard

- 5' x 8' Everbrite (BSN Sports \$7,000)
- Plus cost of power to run

Field Lights

- Install field lights on Field 1

Signage

- Install Record Board & Team Successes (Dugout of Field 1)
- Install Donors signage (Dugout of Field 2)
 - Single \$1,000
 - Double \$2,500
 - Triple \$5,000
 - Home Run \$10,000
 - Grand Slam \$25,000

ORDER OF EVENTS

- Propose plan to AD, Brett Mayer Schmidt (Lyngaas)
 - Brett will discuss overview and next steps with Superintendent (Phil)
- Go to City Council Meeting with proposal (Lyngaas + SB Players)
 - February 21 at 6pm (location?)
 - Are we on the agenda?
- Start asking for donations (Coaches plus SB players)
 - Jaycees
 - Thursday, February 16th at 7pm (AmericInn)
 - Already on the agenda
 - Hawley Women of Today
 - Monday, March 6th at 6pm (MN Slice)
 - Already on the agenda

- Fire Department
 - Monday, February 27th at 7pm (Fire House)
 - Already on the agenda
- Lion's Club
 - Monday, February 20th at 6pm (Location?)
 - Contact Matt Schenck or Mark Sellin to get on the agenda
- Businesses to connect with (point person in parentheses)
 - Midco () – donate LAN line for Live Stream?
 - Wild Rice Electric (Mike Halvorson)
 - Red River Telephone ()
 - Red River Power Company (Mike Halvorson)
 - Fevig Oil (Mike Halvorson)
 - Arvig () – donate LAN line for Live Stream?
 - John Lowry – can he get us a basic rendering
- Get bids/quotes; start determining schedule

GRANTS/MATCH PROGRAMS

Twins Grant

- Deadline: March 1
- Rachelle and Kirsti will begin work

Scheels Foundation Grant

- Must be initiated by a Scheel's employee
- Biggest Questions
 - How many people (kids) does this affect?
 - How much time in volunteer work is involved?
 - How much have you raised?

Waste Management Charitable Giving

- Offers charitable gifts to promote civic pride, economic development, and revitalization. Waste Management primarily supports environmental initiatives, including promoting parklands and green spaces for people to enjoy and play, and environmental education initiatives targeted at middle and high school students.
- Eligible entities include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public organizations. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.
- Learn more and apply at www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving

Baseball Tomorrow Fund/Major League Baseball Field Maintenance Education Program

- Provides the opportunity for MLB groundskeepers to share tips and techniques with other professional sports turf managers, coaches, parents, and volunteers who are involved in the maintenance of youth baseball and softball fields.

- In conjunction with the clinics, recipients are awarded a \$10,000 grant to a local organization selected by the participating Club. The grant funds are used for the purchase of field maintenance supplies, equipment, or services.
- Learn more at www.mlb.com/baseball-tomorrow-fund/how-to-apply

ACTION ITEMS BEFORE NEXT MEETING

<i>Item</i>	<i>Point Person</i>	<i>Status/Date</i>
Meet with AD/Superintendent	Jackson Lyngaas	
Get on City Council Agenda	Jackson Lyngaas	
Create Club to avoid issues with Hawley High School – Hawley Diamond Club	Committee	Complete
Develop Mission Statement	Kirsti Fleming	Complete
Create account for email, docs, etc.	Kirsti Fleming	100% Complete
Create website to make information more available to potential donors	Kirsti Fleming	70% Complete
Develop flyer for when we request donations	Kirsti Fleming	100% Complete
Gather numbers of all teams and amount of use the fields get with summer community ed and Town & Country	Jackson Lyngaas; Beau Lofgren	

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 13 at 6:30pm at MN Slice

UPDATES FROM ABOVE ACTION ITEMS

Mission Statement

- The goal of the Hawley Diamond Club is to provide the facilities and resources to encourage development and good sportsmanship of all players through participation in a team environment.
- Our primary focus is fields 1-4 at the Hawley Rodeo Grounds.

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