



MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council
From: John Tingley, City Administrator
Date: April 23rd, 2019
Re: Improvements to NE Baseball Diamond at Manitou Park Discussion

The Minnetonka Baseball Association (MBA) has expressed interest in making improvements to the smaller baseball diamond at Manitou Park. Those improvements include reshaping the infield, pouring cement pads under existing benches, extending existing fence in front of benches/dugouts and installing drain tile in low areas. In addition, MBA has also expressed interest in having a discussion about moving the field and allowing for the expansion of the parking lot to create a rectangle shape, with their interest focusing more on the former and less on the latter.

Attachments

Sketch of Plans Proposed by Minnetonka Baseball Association
Email from Kyle Heitkamp dated 4.13.19

Council Action Requested

Discuss the request and provide direction to staff.



- ① RESHAPE INFIELD / ADD A6 LIME
- ALLOWS FOR 60 FT. BASES (CURRENT 55 FT)
- ② POUR CEMENT PADS UNDER EXISTING BENCHES
- ELIMINATE PUDDLES IN DUGOUT AREA
- ③ EXTEND FENCE IN FRONT OF BENCHES / DUGOUTS
ON BOTH 1ST + 3RD BASELINES
- ④ INSTALL DRAIN TILE IN LOW AREAS



From: Kyle Heitkamp
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:53 AM
To: John Tingley <jtingley@cityoftonkabay.net>
Cc: 'Tim Jenzer'; Robin Bowman <rbowman@cityoftonkabay.net>; 'Nick Preisler' <npreisler@wsbeng.com>
Subject: RE: small baseball diamond

John-

We discussed as a Board on Thursday and MBA would be interested in partnering in the movement of the field. Our interest would lie more in the movement of the field and making improvements (i.e. backstop/fencing/field improvements/drainage) more than the parking lot infrastructure. Please let me know if you would like to meet to discuss so we are on the same page.

Thanks, Kyle

From: John Tingley <jtingley@cityoftonkabay.net>
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Hi Kyle,

I briefly mentioned the improvements you had proposed last night in my Administrative Reports to foreshadow to the Council this item coming before them on April 23rd. The Council requested me to ask about interest in moving the baseball field slightly to the west to allow for the "squaring off" of the parking lot and to gauge MBA's interest in a project such as this. As you are aware, the Parking Lot improvement project is currently in the engineering stage so we may have some room to change gears if it is of interest to MBA. Please reach out if you would like to chat further on this. The ballfield improvements will be on the agenda for April 23rd.

Thank you.



John Tingley
City Administrator

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