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### Construction of New Multi-Purpose Field

We are in desperate need of more green space and parking at our complex. Growth is a good problem to have but it also makes logistics a nightmare at times! A little background . . .

Over the past seven (7) years, we are averaging about 1,040 participants per spring and 1,000 participants per fall athletic seasons. There was a high of 1,146 in the spring of 2016 and a low of 657 in the fall of 2020. Since our post-covid return, our participation numbers have seen a sharp incline. Our numbers this past fall were the highest they have been since 2018 and our numbers this spring are the highest they have been since 2017. This spring (22'), our baseball (498) and soccer (384) numbers are the highest they have been during the seven (7) year span. The majority of our participation numbers come from our 4U – 8U age groups (3 yr olds – 8 yr olds)! A few years ago, there was a new parking lot built across from the main gymnasium. Beside this parking lot, truck loads of dirt taken off our premises and used elsewhere. This left a perfect spot for a new multi-purpose field. In the summer of 2020, we attempted to overseed and fertilize this particular area (81,000 sq ft) in order to make this field playable. Unfortunately, nothing we did worked (even with professional help) and the grass never took root and grew.

Fast forward to this spring . . . Due to high numbers, we had to find somewhere to space out players so we could try and alleviate some parking issues and logistically hold practices and games for our soccer and baseball programs. We decided to put our 4U and 6U soccer program over on this piece of land. This would take away some of the burden (parking / congestion) from the current multi-purpose field / track field area where most of our soccer takes place. On that piece of land there is no running water, restrooms, concessions, etc. We rented six (6) port-a-potties and placed them over there to help with the restroom issues. Our 4U baseball program normally plays in the outfield of the Orange Field (which is near the track and multi-purpose field). In order to help alleviate some congestion in this area we moved them to the football field. Parking near the football field is limited due to the small parking lot that is adjacent to it. Near the current multi-purpose field / track, parking is extremely tight due to growing number of soccer participants. These parking areas are also used by volleyball and gymnastic participants which helps overload the parking lot leading to people parking on the edge of the road. By parking in these undesignated areas, it leads to unsafe conditions for players/parents walking around the park before or after games because these areas do not have lights.

In order to help eliminate some of these issues, we would like to use SPLOST funds to correctly design and develop the area across the street into a new multi-purpose field. We would have enough space on this piece of land to house our 4U – 6U soccer program and our 4U baseball program.

Like many projects within the County, some of the project could be completed by teaming up with Public Works [grading, plumbing, irrigation & electrical (to an extent), construction related details and material, etc]. This would help keep the overall cost of the project as low as possibly while still creating a very nice addition to our complex.

- **Budgeting Needs**

- **SPLOST Funds (Estimates based on professional conversations)**
  - **Lights: \$225,000**
    - Includes material and labor
  - **Concession / Restroom Facility: \$135,000**
    - Constructed with the help of Public Works
  - **Sod: \$80,000**
    - 81,000 sq ft of sod professionally installed
      - A re-grade would be handled with the help of Public Works
  - **Irrigation: \$50,000**
    - This would include material and professional installation
  - **Fencing: \$12,000**
    - This would include material and potential in-house installation
  - **Sewer Tap Set-up: \$8,000**
    - City of Carrollton
  - **Water Tap Set up: \$3,500**
    - CCWA - \$2,000
    - Recreation / Public Works - \$1,500
  - **Electrical/Power Set-up: \$TBD**
    - GA Power
- **TOTAL FUNDS: \$513,500 + power setup**

- **Timeline**

- **Sewer, Water, Sod and Irrigation: July/August**
- **Electrical Set-up: August/September**
- **Concessions / Restroom Facility: Fall/Winter**
- **Fencing: Winter**
- **Lights: Winter/Spring**

Thank you for your consideration of this project to help alleviate parking issues and create a useable new green space for years to come!

Thad Ferguson  
Director of Recreation

NEW MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD DESIGN

