

# Facilities Improvement Placant Valley Fields Project

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#### Scope of the Project

Planned improvements include:

- turfed soccer/lacrosse/football field
- restroom facilities
- additional parking
- basic sound system

- basic concession stands
- lighting
- bleachers
- improved road access to the field and Pleasant Valley parking lot

The existing baseball field will remain a grass surface. The rendering above is a proposed draft from the architect and may differ from the final outcome as planning is still underway on the project.

#### Lighting/Sound

Lighting at the field is designed with glare-shields to limit spill-over light into the surrounding area (see image, right). Lighting will also be turned off each evening at 10 p.m. in accordance with Township ordinances. The sound system proposed at the field will also be in limited use during varsity and junior varsity games only. The system will not be in use during practice or during recreation events.

#### Cost Projections

- The overall project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.5 million
- The District has also chosen to maximize our borrowing efforts due to low loan rates at this time and may borrow nearly double that amount to handle other necessary improvements throughout the District such as roofs, sidewalks, technology infrastructure, parking lots, as well as future capital improvements planned over the next few years
- Our current annual budget will be minimally impacted only by the interest payments on this \$5 million loan, an estimated \$160,000.

### **Next Steps**

The Board of School Directors continues to evaluate the project at regular Buildings and Grounds Committee Meetings. At this time, additional data is being gathered regarding the results of initial drainage testing and drawings are being finalized by the architects.

With zoning approval, the District plans to send the project out for bid in late May, and to award contracts in June.

If the project proceeds on the original timeline, construction is expected to begin in July and will be ready for play in late October.

#### Use of the Fields

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of School Directors undertook a thorough examination of the current use of the fields, the current conditions, and the desired use of the area by the athletic teams and physical education teachers. Below you will find the list of teams who currently use the Pleasant Valley fields. Under current conditions, the fields are primarily a practice facility.

Athletic Teams Currently Using the Pleasant Valley Fields

- Varsity/Junior Varsity Football
- 9th Grade Football\*
- Boys Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer
- Boys 9th Grade Soccer (games only)
- Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer
- Boys Varsity/Junior Varsity Lacrosse
- Boys 9th Grade Lacrosse
- Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Lacrosse
- Track & Field
- 9th Grade Baseball\*
  - \* games played at this location
  - \*\* selected games may be played at this location for junior varsity

Plans for Use with Proposed Renovations

- Varsity/Junior Varsity Football\*
- 9th Grade Football\*
- Boys Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer\*\*
- Boys 9th Grade Soccer (games only\*)
- Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer\*\*
- Boys Varsity/Junior Varsity Lacrosse\*\*
- Boys 9th Grade Lacrosse\*
- Girls Varsity/Junior Varsity Lacrosse\*\*
- Field Hockey\*\*
- Track & Field
- Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball
- 9th Grade Baseball\*
- Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball
- Middle School Football (one game per season)
- PTHS Marching Band

#### Facility Photos: Fall 2010

The photos below were taken in the fall of 2010. They depict the condition of the field following the dry season, the condition of the fences that surround the field, the portable restroom facility on site and the current bleachers.







