

Recap of the 10/1/19 Swansson Complex Meeting:

Dant Clayton/stadium folks will complete their approx. cost Oct. 8th and will send figures to Mary S.

Discussion regarding changing focus of the "main field" at Swansson Complex. (make improvements to Blue vs. Orange).

Consensus from majority:

- do not want to have 2 average fields. Do concentrate the amenities to one field and do improvements to the other field.
- appreciate the ability to have Blue become a baseball field. (with possibility of becoming 75 and 90 foot)
- concerned about risk of lights not getting upgraded on Orange per city council. (At this point, it is not a 100% guarantee Orange will get funded for lights.) Thus, how are we assured lights (money) will be transferred to Blue. (with the idea of only straightening lights on Orange). The committee needs to know the procedure to move forward should the committee decide to focus on Blue as the main field regarding lights.
- we know the guidelines for the utilities per meeting that Rick M. attended with Utilities Dept. Water line is under Orange. Water line is not under Blue.
- Musco estimate for lights at Orange: \$300,000-\$315,000.
- If concession stand is located by improved Blue Field, that location is at the furthest away in complex and not softball area friendly. (The committee heard a minimum of 3-4 tournaments (softball and youth baseball) will be played at the complex.) Concessions is necessary for these tournaments.
- a turf field is highly recommended by several members on board.
- to rotate Blue will not be outfield/infield friendly. Leave as is.
- parking is an issue. Idea: have a lot south of Willmar Ave.

Concerns expressed from individuals:

Blue if main field:

- foul balls on Willmar Ave.
- parking (The existing lot has 81 stalls.)
- will a 300 or 400 or 500 seat stadium fit in space for Blue
- where will concession stand be located
- lights will need to be installed.....
- scoreboard
- fan fence
- drainage
- dugouts
- pressbox

Orange has needs if this is NOT the main field:

- bring in outfield fence
- bring in sides/foul lines
- pull-up back stop

- fix lights or new lights
- drainage
- concession stand
- dugouts
- must have new pressbox with whatever decision is made.

OR

- start over and build a new field south of Willmar Ave. per park plan.
- don't turf either field and improve both fields

New ideas after the meeting:

**** Instead of moving outfield fence in, if Orange is turfed, move everything toward outfield fence thus not to disturb irrigation system near outfield fence?**

**** Instead of having the raised stadium/more expensive, start on the ground/less expensive. Could we afford a smaller stadium for Blue then?**

At the next meeting, we'll have discussion and then vote on which field will get major upgrade. Majority rules.

We need all nine voting. May need to have conference call with absentees.

There may be other points that we discussed. Please bring them to the next meeting.

Mary