

MEMORANDUM  
October 10, 2007



TO: A.J. Johnson, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation *Richard Klimes*  
SUBJECT: Bruner Field – Request for Permanent Improvement to Public Property

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request by the Muscatine Community College and the Muscatine Community School District to make permanent public improvements to Tom Bruner Field.

As the attached proposal illustrates, there are many upgrades and renovations planned for Tom Bruner Field. Specifically, approval is being sought to double the size of the existing dugouts. This will change the current footprint of the permanent structures in this facility thus making it necessary for Council approval before work may proceed. The anticipated cost of this project will be roughly \$60,000.00 and will be funded 100% by the requesting organizations.

Tom Bruner Field is owned by the City of Muscatine. In 1997 the City of Muscatine, the Muscatine Community College and the Muscatine Community School District entered into the first of three 28E agreements that provides for the college and the school district to maintain, schedule and make improvements to the facility. The current 28E agreement started on January 1, 2007 and is due to expire on December 31, 2009.

The Recreation Advisory Commission at their October meeting unanimously accepted this proposal and agreed that it should be forwarded to City Council for their approval.

At this time, City staff would recommend that the Muscatine City Council approve the request from the Muscatine Community College and the Muscatine Community School District to make permanent public improvements to Tom Bruner Field as submitted.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

C: Nick Gow, Athletic Facilities Manager  
Jeff Armstrong, Dean of the College

## Tom Bruner Field Projects / Plan

### Projects in Process\*

Field was evaluated by Bush Sports Turf. His recommendations are attached.

Based on his (and others) recommendations, the following projects were initiated:

1. Crushed Brick Material- Replace and expand warning track. Spent \$6900.00 on materials (Plus labor.)\*
2. Rebuilt Infield - Rebuilt base paths, home plate, pitchers mound and spot sodding. Spent \$1750.00 on material to date- additional \$2500 on infield mix, \$600 on sod. (Plus labor)\*.
3. Driveway- Added gravel \$300.00 (Additional gravel to be added at the beginning of each season fall, spring and summer). Funds will come out of Bruner Account.
4. Wash / Stain Fence, etc. - Contracted to wash/stain fence, etc. \$1100.00
5. Exterior Outfield Fence - Bush hog ten foot swatch behind outfield fence twice during growing season. \$300.00. Funds will come out of Bruner Account.
6. Storage Building - Adding electricity and interior lighting to storage building. \$2150.00.

\*(Labor this fall totals \$2500.00)

### Planned Projects (depending on external funding).

1. Replace / Upgrade Bleachers (Priority 1)  
Estimate \$5000.00 to replace all-weather wood boards plus labor.  
Estimate \$12000.00 to recap with vinyl plus labor.

2. Replace Dugouts (Priority 1)  
Double the size. Run water and utilities. Brick facing. Maintenance free materials (steel/vinyl).  
Estimate \$60,000.00
3. Replace Batting Cage Astroturf Surface. (Priority 1)  
Estimate \$7000.00
4. Replace Turf Mower (Priority 1)  
Estimate \$20,000 - \$30,000.00
5. Rebuild Outfield / Infield (Priority 2)  
Estimate - \$75,000.00
6. Replace Scoreboard (Priority 2)  
Estimate \$3000.00 - \$9000.00
7. Replace Restrooms (Priority 2)  
Estimate \$12,000.00

On-going maintenance fund-raising

1. Interior fence advertising banners.  
Will provide an additional \$6000.00 per year  
10 (company) banners @ \$600.00 per banner per year.

Capital Projects fund-raising. (Goal of approximately \$100,000.00)

HNI - \$30,000.00  
Carver Trust - \$30,000.00  
Banks - \$15,000.00  
School District-  
College-  
Other - \$25,000.00