

The Ledyard Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Department is requesting \$16,082.00 out of the Parks and Recreation Capital account (20360101) for Pfizer field improvements.

Background:

We have a unique opportunity where little league and the BOE are funding repairs to the High School field that will allow us to shut down the Pfizer Senior baseball field this fall to make needed repairs/ upgrades. Little League has funded other improvements at Pfizer that include bringing power to the property and installing a score board. The proposed work will address safety concerns, improve drainage, and increase the overall quality of the field with the intent of being able to host state tournaments in the future.

Improvements:

1. Bring in loam to level and hydro seed a large indent located in right field.
2. Bring in red clay and sod to level the infield and eliminate any elevation change "lips". The transition from infield to turf should be flat.
3. Additional seed to increase the overseed rate. Overseeding is part of our turf management contract, and the additional seed will allow us to seed at higher pound per square foot than what is included under the contract. This will allow us to take full advantage of the field closure to establish new turf and fill in bare spots.

Safety/ Liability Concerns:

1. Elevation/grade changes on a baseball field are a tripping hazard and can lead to sprained/rolled ankles.
2. The ball interacts differently with uneven turf causing the ball to change direction suddenly or cause a ground ball to become airborne.