

BOARD SUMMARY

DATE: July 13, 2011
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Michael A. Fugiel, Interim Executive Director & Staff
SUBJECT: Outdoor Athletic Field Report

As requested, staff has assembled the following report on outdoor athletic field utilization. In addition to an inventory of scheduled athletic facilities, kindly note the related site plans, user groups, respective summaries of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's), District policies and use priorities, potential future use locations, changes in participation/field use trends, and identified overlaps where field locations are dual purpose (e.g. baseball/football practice) triggered by demands. Staff has also attempted to identify short term as well as long term solutions to enhance the existing standards as they related to the provision of suitable practice and game locations, summer camps, tournament venues, and clinics for a number of sports activities.

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Section I Historical Perspective / Site Plans

From an informational and historical perspective, please note the following summaries as they relate to the most heavily programmed sites including Ackerman, Village Green and Newton Park.

Ackerman Park is used weekdays between 4:00 and 7:30 pm pretty much year round while weekends are heavily programmed on Saturdays between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and on Sundays from Noon to 6:00 pm. With 31 travel soccer teams and over 900 participants in the house soccer program, the heavy use is compounded by two seasons (spring/fall) each year. Additionally, the Lakers Classic tournament in October draws over 100 teams all weekend. The increase in travel participation, by virtue of practices as well as games, has caused much of the wear and tear on the fields, especially in the goal mouth areas.

Spring is the most difficult season since soccer shares lower Ackerman with the softball program and generally sustains the greatest amount of precipitation during the scheduled season. Within the past few years, travel soccer has shifted scheduled games from March into early April providing some relief for players, spectators and fields alike. The two full sized fields (110 yards x 70 yards) are also used by

Glenbard West in the spring (girls' soccer) on a daily basis from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for both practices and games. Further impact is sustained in accommodating 7 Laker Teams that play on those same two fields.

Baseball and Football fields at Newton Park are heavily used during the week for practices between the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 pm when volunteer coaches are available to work with their teams. Game schedules are generally on the weekends during football season while baseball games tend to be during the week and on weekends for both the spring and fall seasons. In the fall, the lower field is used by Glenbard West Football from August through November for weekday practices and Saturday morning games. The Golden Eagles also use this same field for their second game field on weekends if it is available. The Eagles have exclusive use of the upper field for their program which runs from August through November. In addition to two baseball/softball diamonds on the west end, there are two baseball/softball diamonds in the lower field that are used occasionally by our programs or rented by private groups. Additionally, the Golden Eagles host a Jamboree in August with over 160 teams playing all weekend.

At Village Green in the spring/summer, most of the baseball fields are used by our programs. Glenbard West utilizes Field 2 as their Varsity Field and Field 3 for their lower levels. Games and practices are scheduled March through May from 4:00 to 7:00 pm daily. During the summer, GW utilizes Field 2 for league play as well as camps. The remaining fields sustain typical use for practices, games and tournaments. A number of the outfield areas are used for Golden Eagles football practice September through mid November. Site maps for Ackerman Park, Newton Park and Village Green are attached to this report.

Section II Field Inventory and User Information

A summary of the athletic fields used by the Glen Ellyn Park District is listed below:

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|----------------------|--|
| Village Green | 4 Baseball diamonds with Lights (2 Major League/2 Mid size) 4 Baseball diamonds (Little League) 1 Lacrosse / Soccer Field |
| Ackerman | 6 Softball Fields with Lights 2 Softball Fields without lights 2 full size soccer fields (110 x 70) 3 mid size soccer fields (80 x 55) 4 mid size soccer fields (60 x 45) 4 small soccer fields (60 x 40) 5 small soccer fields (micro size) |
| Newton | 4 baseball diamonds 2 football diamonds |
| Lake Foxcroft | 1 soccer field (practice only) |
| Memorial Field* | 1 soccer sized field (also used for football, lacrosse, field hockey) |
| Hadley School* | 1 soccer sized field (also used for lacrosse) |
| Parkview School* | 2 baseball/softball fields |
| Glencrest School* | 2 baseball / softball fields |
| Ben Franklin School* | 1 baseball / softball field |

*not owned by the Glen Ellyn Park District, permitted use by IGA

Attached to this report is a detailed field inventory of athletic areas owned by the Park District and individual field usage reports by location.

Section III Intergovernmental Agreements

IGA with SD #89-SD Baseball/Softball Fields (4/1/2011 through 3/31/2016)

Permitted Uses: Baseball Fields #1 & #2 at Parkview Elementary School and Baseball Fields #1 & #2 at Glen Crest Middle School

Maintenance: School District agrees to maintain infrastructure related to fields while PD provides for all mowing and turf maintenance. SD agrees to allow PD to place portable restrooms at sites from April 1st through June 30.

Financial Considerations: None

Current Issues: None

IGA with SD #87 – Memorial Stadium GWHS (4/26/10 through 12/31/18)

Permitted Uses: Allows for use of Synthetic Turf Sports Field adjacent to Glenbard West High School. Permitted use (239 hours) is in accordance with Master Use Schedule dated March 9, 2010. Amendments to schedule are via meeting prior to December 31 of each year.

Maintenance: School District agrees to maintain infrastructure related to facility. PD agrees to be responsible for any damages caused by PD employees, agents, volunteers, participants, etc. PD has access to keys and alarm codes thereby alleviating the need for school personnel to be on site.

Financial Considerations: PD pays SD \$160K in 8 annual installments. PD is granted use of 239 hours of facility at a rate of \$83.68/hr. If allotted use is less than 239 hours, contribution is prorated at a reduction of said rate.

Current Issues: Current dates in March need to be adjusted into the remainder of the spring season since the PD no longer has a demand for such early use.

IGA with SD #87 – Village Green Park (6/30/08 through 12/31/12) PD Site with lighted fields

Permitted Uses: Allows for SD use of PD's Village Green Facilities as designated to conduct baseball (Fields #2 and #3) practices and games, soccer practices and games, cross country practices and meets, and other practices and games as approved by both parties to the Agreement.

Baseball season is defined as March/April/May on M-F 3:30 to 6:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 Am to 4:00 PM. Summer League use in June/July is 4 days per week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM as well as 2 Saturdays (same times) a month. Soccer use in August/September/October and again in March/April/May includes practices from 3:30 to 5:30 PM (M,W,Th) with games in accordance with IHSA schedules. A provision for Saturday morning games is in place for March and April. Cross country includes 4 weeknight meets in September/October.

Maintenance: School District agrees to pay for costs related to supervision, facility preparation, such as filed striping, surface and equipment set up and any extraordinary costs associated with its use of the site. Costs associated with use of the site such as utilities, maintenance, mowing, and seeding will be paid by the PD. Extensive restoration costs will be paid by the SD within 30 days.

Financial Considerations: SD pays PD \$250K in 5 installments through 7/1/2012.

Current Issues: Permitted uses and defined hours should be reflected in ensuing agreements and should be reviewed/modified on an annual basis. The PD has been preparing fields in advance of game/practice dates without a charge back. There is also not a provision for shared costs of annual improvements. Both items should be adjusted in ensuing agreements.

IGA with SD #87 – Anticipated Uses of GWHS and GSHS Facilities by PD and Uses of PD Facilities by GWHS (11/1/99 through 6/30/20)

Permitted Uses: The "Original Agreement" provides for use of various facilities including those at Ackerman (soccer), George Ball Park (tennis), Newton Park (football, x-country/track), and Maryknoll (softball/soccer). The "Original Agreement" provides for uses by the PD for GWHS Auditorium (dance recital), Biester Gymnasium and Memorial Park (sports camps/tennis lessons) Duchon Field (youth football game dates), and the Gymnastics Room and Outdoor Track (summer) at GSHS.

Applicable/Current uses include:

SD: Ackerman (soccer and softball), George Ball (tennis), and Newton (football)

PD: GWHS Auditorium (dance recital/rental fee), Biester Gymnasium (summer camps), Memorial Park (tennis lessons), GSHS Gymnastics Room and Track (occasional uses) and GSHS Auditorium (dance recital/rental fee).

Amendments to schedule are via mutual agreement by April 1 (Fall/Winter Sessions) and October 1 (Spring/Summer Sessions).

Maintenance: All costs shall be borne by the respective user of the facilities including preparation/set-ups, lining, supervision, and any extraordinary costs associated with the activity. Use conditions provide for normal wear and tear while there are no provisions for facility improvements/enhancements.

Financial Considerations: None other than the sale conditions of Memorial Field.

Current Issues: Exhibits D&E need to be amended to include existing uses. In addition to those noted above, club lacrosse has been using fields at both Ackerman and Village Green. Revised agreement should call out notification dates for facility improvements as well provide for cooperative improvements to said facilities. Memorial Park Tennis Courts are currently not usable due to unannounced resurfacing. A cooperative venture to improve field conditions at lower Newton Park is well past due.

Section IV Participation Numbers / Trends / Overlaps / Potential Future Use Locations

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| HOUSE BASEBALL | 1,431 | 1,397 | 1,448 171 (Fall) | 1,291 155 (Fall) | 1,044 |
| TRAVEL BASEBALL | 2 teams 24 | 2 teams 24 | 2 teams 24 | 2 teams 24 | 6 teams 73 |
| HOUSE SOFTBALL | 546 | 486 | 396 | 365 | 263 |
| TRAVEL SOFTBALL | 15 teams 194 | 13 teams 159 | 11 teams 136 | 13 teams 172 | 12 teams 158 |
| HOUSE SOCCER | 784 (spring) 1,071 (fall) | 813 (spring) 1,051 (fall) | 743 (spring) 1,013 (fall) | 737 (spring) 987 (fall) | 759 (spring) |
| TRAVEL SOCCER | 15 teams 205 | 16 teams 206 | 24 teams 299 | 30 teams 354 | 32 teams 381 |
| GOLDEN EAGLES FOOTBALL | 442 | 419 | 417 | 413 | 436 |
| FLAG FOOTBALL | 158 | 148 | 126 | 170 | 145 |
| LACROSSE | 31 | 14 girls 79 boys | 39 girls 80 boys | 56 girls 55 boys | 49 girls 83 boys |
| FIELD HOCKEY | - | - | - | 37 (spring) 42 (fall) | 51 (spring) |

House and Travel Baseball practice and play games at Village Green.

House and Travel Softball practice and play games at Ackerman.

House Soccer practices at local parks and schools; Games are played at Ackerman. **Travel Soccer** practices and plays home games at Ackerman and Memorial Field.

Golden Eagles and Flag Football practices are at Newton Park in August and then the practices move to Village Green. Golden Eagles' games area at Newton Park and Memorial Field. Flag Football games are played at Village Green.

Lacrosse boys practice and play games at Village Green (looking for new space); girls practice and play games at Hadley Jr. High.

Field Hockey practice and play games on the indoor turf at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center and Memorial Field.

Outside Groups- Glenbard West Rugby Club uses Community Park; Victory Camps use Newton Park in the summer; WDSRA uses Newton Park; Glenbard West Lacrosse Club uses Hadley; Cooperative summer camps with Glenbard West use Newton, Ackerman and Village Green. Glenbard West athletic teams use Newton, Ackerman and Village Green.

Maryknoll Park Use - Currently, we have no games in any sports scheduled at this park. There is an open level area of grass that measures 76 x 76 yards just south of the splash pad. A site plan is attached to this report. House soccer uses this area for practices occasionally (no goals). Historically, when this park was first developed, the Park District made a commitment to the neighbors that the area would remain open for passive recreational play.

An optional use for this field would be to move one or two football team practices here from Village Green baseball outfields. It would allow some rest to the outfield areas. It is also the off season of use for that park so the parking would be available. The downside of this location is the lack of lights. We would need to bring in portable lighting. We would also have access to the shed at Maryknoll for equipment storage.

Ackerman Park Lenox Road Property - The Lenox Road Property is open space originally planned for extra soccer fields because of its proximity to Ackerman Park. A site plan with the soccer dimensions is attached to this report. This would be an excellent area to create a large 110 soccer field for use by the Park District or the School District. It would be a great option when looking to rest fields of this size at Ackerman Park. The downside of this location is the lack of parking, restroom facilities and water access.

Section V Glen Ellyn Park District Use Priorities and Athletic Policies

Attached to this report is the Park District Policy on Athletic Field Reservation, Priority Use and Field Use Fees.

Summary / Recommendations

This field usage study has shown repetitively the main issue(s) with most all of the athletic fields are continuous usage from one season/sport overlapping to the next. The wear and tear generated from the use in the early spring when the field conditions are vulnerable is when we experience the most damage. This can be attributed to higher than average rainfall amounts as was the case this spring. Also detrimental to the field(s) condition is when they are used late into the fall without rest or when baseball outfields (overlaps) for football practice into Oct/Nov. Recently, the weather trends have not allowed staff to maintain or repair the turf in November and early December. Much of this extreme usage comes from Glenbard West High School's IHSA athletic programs. This user group along with travel soccer heavily uses and subsequently damages these fields at times when staff cannot repair the fields before the start of ensuing season. These less than acceptable conditions for our own programs use can be minimized if the fields are rested along with funding provided to repair them in a timely manner. If the fields are not rested, staff is unable to manage the repairs seasonally, and the problems keep growing resulting declining field conditions. In the future, funding for specific field repairs could be utilized in a yearly funded site specific, maintenance program in concert with resting fields and replacing turf. This would be dependent on all programs agreeing to resting and scheduling fields appropriately to achieve this goal to improve turf conditions.

The following table summarizes the long and short term goals and costs associated with our large athletic parks:

| Ackerman Park | Baseball/Softball | Football/Soccer |
|------------------|---|--|
| Short Term Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseed/topdress fields • Reduce radius on all infields • Fertilization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rest/renovate fields, • Deep tine aeration • Overseed • Purchase irrigation equipment |
| Long Term Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace backstop and foul line fencing • Add restroom facilities in western portion of the park • Add lighting to all athletic fields • Add automated irrigation throughout the park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial turf two 110x70 fields • Re-sod entire field(s) • Hire engineering firm to develop a master plan for field design changes • Install netting barrier • Experiment with artificial turf in goal mouths • Add lighting to all athletic fields • Add automated irrigation throughout the park |

| Newton Park | Baseball/Softball | Football/Soccer |
|------------------|--|--|
| Short Term Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce radius on all infields • Install drainage behind backstop • Fertilization • Deep tine aeration • Overseed/topdress fields • Add retaining wall along first base line of Newton #1 to eliminate erosion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-sod entire lower football field • Fertilization • Deep tine aeration • Overseed/topdress fields |
| Long Term Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add automated irrigation throughout the park • Remove two baseball fields and install multipurpose fields | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial turf Upper and Lower Newton fields • Add automated irrigation throughout the park • Add lighting to all athletic fields |

| Village Green Park | Baseball/Softball | Football/Soccer |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Short Term Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce radius on all infields • Add new ballfield mix • Provide drainage as needed • Add irrigation behind mounds as needed • Remove lips • Repair turf as needed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair turf as needed • Fertilization • Deep tine aeration • Overseed/topdress fields |
| Long Term Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace entire irrigation system • Add irrigation well and structure • Replace backstops and foul line fencing • Laser grade infields • Add specialized ballfield mix • Add lighting to all athletic fields • Restroom facility near fields 5-8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace entire irrigation system • Add irrigation well and structure |

| Facility | Short Term Costs | Long Term Costs |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Ackerman Park | \$34,800 | \$3,485,000 |
| Newton Park | \$67,500-\$85,000 | \$2,720,000 |
| Village Green Park | \$37,045-\$120,000 | \$1,737,217 |
| TOTAL | \$139,345 - \$239,800 | \$7,942,217 |

Staff's recommendation for the top ten field repairs would be:

1. Ackerman Soccer field #6 & #7
2. Newton Park lower football field
3. Village Green field #1- #2- #3
4. Village Green Automated irrigation system
5. Ackerman lights #5 & #6
6. Ackerman automated irrigation soccer fields
7. Ackerman artificial turf/lights soccer fields
8. Newton artificial turf/lights football fields
9. Ackerman Park pre-fab restroom facility upper soccer fields
10. Village Green pre-fab restroom facility near fields 5&6

As in most park district settings, the current inventory of fields were built to satisfy community based recreational activities. With the advent of travel programs, increased expectations for playing standards, condensed schedules, elevated awareness of safety practices, reducing rainouts/makeup games, lighted fields, and synthetic turf fields now provide a new dimension to open turf areas with painted lines and simple baseball fields with sand/clay infields. Simply stated, whether we agree or disagree, the demands to increase the standards of existing field conditions are unilateral throughout all of our user groups. Sophisticated users now have the luxury of comparing facilities within communities that have significantly higher levy rates than Glen Ellyn.

Initially, the general opinion (particularly from soccer) was that there was a need for more field locations to satisfy the increased demands on play. While this may be partially true with only two full-sized fields, it appears that the majority of those smaller fields could be better and more frequently scheduled to meet that demand.

As far as the large soccer fields, the impacts of High School use as well as the fact that travel soccer teams have doubled since 2008. It is suggested that a new field be located off Lenox Road thereby eventually allowing for a three field rotation. In this case, two of the three fields can be scheduled each year while the third field is rested or scheduled for routine aeration, topdressing, over seeding, and irrigation to establish a healthy and more sustainable turf environment. This remedy may preempt the need to install synthetic turf fields at Ackerman.

Cost estimates relating to short term and long term solutions by location should be implemented within future budget cycles to enhance existing standards and resolve obvious problem areas. Our current annual budget of \$21,000 fails to address even routine field maintenance practices. Based on the current budget, Minimum Short-Term Solutions (\$139,345) would take nearly seven years to complete.

As the various IGA's expire, the District needs to take a stewardship role to alleviate the near total destruction of playing areas. While SD #87 is investing annually in field improvements at three of its campuses, it must do likewise within the framework of the IGA's with the GEPD. In our own program areas, we need to consider eliminating the overlap uses of baseball fields for late season football practice. Ultimately, it would be advantageous to preclude organized soccer practices on game fields.

While providing a volume of information relating to field use and high impact areas, it is hoped that this report can be a springboard for future budget considerations. The District, along with the user groups should begin to address user concerns and the desire for enhanced standards of play.

Likewise, staff recommendations for the "top ten" should be incorporated into the master plan. Keep in mind that these are only a starting point generated from this study and does not include infrastructure replacements into the future.

While the problems and issues noted within the report are not unusual, the solutions are indeed a team effort on the part of user groups, participants, staff, and elected officials.

Staff suggests we move forward with using the \$50,000 budgeted funds for improvement to the Ackerman Park soccer fields as agreed to with the soccer committee. These improvements include: purchasing a water cannon, fencing for ball control, and portable goals. Field condition improvements were already completed in the wear areas of the fields that are currently resting. Additional top dressing and fertilization will be completed at the appropriate time of the year when the soccer season is ended (weather permitting).

Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Ackerman Park #1 (NO LIGHTS) 2 fields (#6, #7) 2- 110yds x 70yds

Spring User Groups Glenbard West Soccer, GEYSO, GE Lakers
Summer User Groups Glenbard West Soccer, Victory Camps, Future Pros Camps, Chicago Storm Camps
Fall User Groups Glenbard West Soccer, GEYSO, GE Lakers

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 12 | 9.84% | 22 | 18.03% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 45 | 36.89% | 55 | 45.08% |
| # High School Use Dates | 25 | 20.49% | 28 | 22.95% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 15 | 12.30% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 25 | 20.49% | 17 | 13.93% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 17 | 13.93% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions: 3.5 With rain: 1

Short Term Solution: Overseed, top dress with 60/40 topsoil sand mix and biosolids, aeraute, water, and fertilize

Short Term Costs: Approximately \$2600

Long Term Solution: Synthetic fields, lighting, bathrooms, netting on west end of fields

Long Term Costs: \$1.7 million for synthetic fields
\$215,000 for lighting
\$100,000 for bathrooms
\$5000 for netting

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Ackerman Park #2 (NO LIGHTS) 3 fields (# 4, #5, #8) 3- 60yds x 40yds

Spring User Groups GEYSO, GE Lakers
 Summer User Groups Victory Camps, Future Pros Camps, Chicago Storm Camps
 Fall User Groups Rested

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
 Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|---------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 22 | 18.03% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 50 | 40.98% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 50 | 40.98% | 122 | 100.00% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 17 | 13.93% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions: 3.5 With rain: 2

Short Term Solution: Overseed, top dress with 60/40 topsoil sand mix and biosolids, aeraute, water, and fertilize

Short Term Costs: Approximately \$2600

Long Term Solution: Lights, regrade plus irrigate, resod, netting along north end of fields

Long Term Costs: \$215,000 for lights
 \$180,000 for regrade, sod, irrigation
 \$5000 for netting

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

**Ackerman Park #3 (NO LIGHTS) 3 fields (#1, #2, #3) 2- 80yds x 55yds
1- 60yds x 45yds**

Spring User Groups GEYSO, GE Lakers
Summer User Groups Rested
Fall User Groups Rested

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|---------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 24 | 19.67% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 50 | 40.98% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 48 | 39.34% | 122 | 100.00% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 17 | 13.93% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions: 4.5 With rain: 3.5

Short Term Solution: Overseed, top dress with 60/40 topsoil sand mix and biosolids, aeraute, water, and fertilize

Short Term Costs: Approximately \$2600

Long Term Solution: Regrade, irrigation, lighting, re-sod, netting along north end of fields

Long Term Costs: \$215,000 for lights
\$200,000 for regrade, sod, irrigation
\$5000 for netting

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Ackerman Park #4 (LIGHTS)

8 Soccer Fields (#10)

**7 Micro Fields
1- 110yds x 70yds**

2 Softball Fields (#3 & #4)

Spring User Groups Adult Softball, Glenbard West Softball, GEGSA House League, Phillies, GEYSO
 Summer User Groups Adult Softball, GEGSA House League, Phillies, Travel Softball Tournaments
 Fall User Groups Adult Softball, GEYSO, GE Lakers

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
 Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|---|---------------|--------|------------|--------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 65 | 53.28% | 58 | 47.54% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 22 | 18.03% | 40 | 32.79% |
| # High School Use Dates | 24 | 19.67% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 11 | 9.02% | 24 | 19.67% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 17 | 13.93% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions : 4 With rain: 3

Short Term Solution: Overseed, top dress with 60/40 topsoil sand mix and biosolids, aeraute, water, reduce radius to appropriate size, and fertilize

Short Term Costs: \$4000 for fertilize, water, overseed, top dress
 \$5000-\$7000 for softball field repairs

Long Term Solution: Remove turf, laser grade infield, install drainage, new ballfield mix, irrigate

Long Term Costs: \$65,000

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

**Ackerman Park #6 (LIGHTS) 3 Soccer Fields (#14, #15, & #16) 2- 60yds x 45yds
1- 40yds x 35yds
2 Softball Fields (#1 & #2)**

Spring User Groups GEGSA, Phillies, Glenbard West Softball
Summer User Groups GEGSA, Phillies, Travel Softball Tournaments
Fall User Groups GEYSO, GE Lakers, Phillies, Hadley Junior High Softball

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 54 | 44.26% | 18 | 14.75% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 42 | 34.43% | 60 | 49.18% |
| # High School/Junior High Use Dates | 8 | 6.56% | 22 | 18.03% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 18 | 14.75% | 22 | 18.03% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 20 | 16.39% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions: 4 With rain:3

Short Term Solution: Fix lips and reduce the infields on softball # 1 and #2
Overseed, topdress, aerate, water, and fertilize the turf

Short Term Costs: \$2,500

Long Term Solution: Fix HUB paths by raising and replacing

Long Term Costs: \$65,000 for turf repair
\$75,000 for HUB repairs

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Village Green #2 – Lighted field **Mound** **60.5'** **Bases** **90'**

Spring 2011 User Groups: Glenbard West Baseball, Travel Baseball, House Baseball, Glenbard West Summer Camp, Travel Tournaments
 Fall 2011 User Groups: Youth Football, Fall Baseball, Over 30 Baseball

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
 Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 7 | 5.74% | 30 | 24.59% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 12 | 9.84% | 35 | 28.69% |
| # High School Use Dates | 47 | 38.52% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 15 | 12.30% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 41 | 33.61% | 57 | 46.72% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 18 | 14.75% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 2 With rain 1.5

Short Term Solution: Add new mix, provide drainage behind backstop, reduce infield radius and re-sod infield.

Short Term Costs: \$15,000 to \$20,000

Long Term Solution: Remove turf and laser grade infield, install drainage, new ball field mix/sod infield, and irrigate entire field area.

Long Term Costs: \$25,833 without irrigation
 \$26,622 irrigation*
 \$6,700 fix infield warning track
 \$8,475 fix outfield warning track

***Irrigation for all fields at Village Green estimated at \$239,598. For purposes of this study, costs divided over 9 fields (not inclusive of the cost of an optional well which is estimated at \$50,000-\$75,000).**

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Village Green #5 - No lights **Mound** **44'** **Bases** **60'**

Spring 2011 User Groups: Travel Baseball, House Baseball, Travel Tournaments

Fall 2011 User Groups: Youth Football, Fall Baseball

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 24 | 19.67% | 22 | 18.03% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 34 | 27.87% | 35 | 28.69% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 64 | 52.46% | 65 | 53.28% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 18 | 14.75% | | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 3.5 With rain 3

Short Term Solution: Add new mix, remove all infield turf, skin infield.

Short Term Costs: \$7,500-\$10,000

Long Term Solution: Laser grade infield, add ballfield mix irrigate entire field, add lights and restroom building.

Long Term Costs: \$30,000 without irrigation
 \$26,622 irrigation*
 \$215,000 lights
 \$25,000 restroom building**

*Irrigation for all fields at Village Green estimated at \$239,598. For purposes of this study, costs divided over 9 fields (not inclusive of the cost of an optional well which is estimated at \$50,000-\$75,000).

**Restroom building at Village Green estimated at \$100,000. For purposes of this study, costs divided over 4 fields.

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Village Green #8 – No lights **Mound** **44'/48'** **Bases** **60'/70'**

Spring 2011 User Groups: Travel Baseball, House Baseball, Travel Tournaments

Fall 2011 User Groups: Youth Football, Fall Baseball

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 32 | 26.23% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 22 | 18.03% | 35 | 28.69% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 68 | 55.74% | 87 | 71.31% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 18 | 14.75% | | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 4 With rain 3.5

Short Term Solution: Add new mix, remove all infield turf, skin infield.

Short Term Costs: \$7,500-\$10,000

Long Term Solution: Remove turf and laser grade infield, install drainage, new ball field mix/sod infield, irrigate entire field area, add lights, replace/repair fencing and add restroom building.

Long Term Costs: \$30,000 without irrigation
 \$26,622 irrigation*
 \$215,000 lights
 \$25,000 fencing
 \$25,000 restroom building**

***Irrigation for all fields at Village Green estimated at \$239,598. For purposes of this study, costs divided over 9 fields (not inclusive of the cost of an optional well which is estimated at \$50,000-\$75,000).**

****Restroom building at Village Green estimated at \$100,000. For purposes of this study, costs divided over 4 fields.**

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Village Green Soccer

Spring 2011 User Groups: House Lacrosse

Fall 2011 User Groups: None

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|---------|
| # House Practice Dates | 30 | 24.59% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 92 | 75.41% | 122 | 100.00% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 18 | 14.75% | | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 1 With rain 0

Short Term Solution: Aerate, overseed, and fertilize. (Rest field for one season)

Short Term Costs: \$3,500-\$5,000

Long Term Solution: Remove turf, sod field, irrigate entire field area and add lights.

Long Term Costs: \$30,000 without irrigation
 \$26,622 irrigation*
 \$215,000 lights

***Irrigation for all fields at Village Green estimated at \$239,598. For purposes of this study, costs divided over 9 fields (not inclusive of the cost of an optional well which is estimated at \$50,000-\$75,000).**

Field serves as water detention area for park and is wet at times due to water storage.

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Newton Park Lower Football

Spring 2011 User Groups: Golden Eagles Football, Glenbard West Summer Camp

Fall 2011 User Groups: Glenbard West Football, Golden Eagles Football

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| # Golden Eagles Game Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 18 | 14.75% |
| # Golden Eagles Practice/Camp Dates | 14 | 11.48% | 7 | 5.74% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 60 | 49.18% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 5 | 4.10% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Rental Dates | 15 | 12.30% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 88 | 72.13% | 37 | 30.33% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 2 With rain 0

Short Term Solution: Re-sod entire field between the 10 yard lines and rest for one season.

Short Term Costs: \$25,000

Long Term Solution: Install artificial turf, install drainage and add lights.

Long Term Costs: \$850,000 artificial turf
 \$400,000 lights

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Newton Park Upper Football

Spring 2011 User Groups: Golden Eagles Football, Tuesday Night Races

Fall 2011 User Groups: Golden Eagles Football

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| # Golden Eagles Game Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 20 | 16.39% |
| # Golden Eagles Practice/Camp Dates | 4 | 3.28% | 17 | 13.93% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Rental Dates | 7 | 5.74% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 111 | 90.98% | 85 | 69.67% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 5 With rain 4

Short Term Solution: Improve drainage in North end zone, add sideline tarps, aggressively aerate, overseed and topdress.

Short Term Costs: \$7,500-\$10,000

Long Term Solution: Install artificial turf, install drainage and add lights.

Long Term Costs: \$850,000 artificial turf
\$400,000 lights

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Newton #2 – No lights **Mound** **None** **Bases** **60'/70'**

Spring 2011 User Groups: House Baseball, Travel Baseball

Fall 2011 User Groups: None

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|---|----------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 14 | 11.48% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Rental Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 108 | 88.52% | 122 | 100.00% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 23 | 18.85% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): **Dry conditions** **2** **With rain** **0.5**

Short Term Solution: Add new mix, remove lips and reduce infield radius.

Short Term Costs: \$2,500-\$5,000

Long Term Solution: Reduce infield radius, install drainage and irrigate infield.

Long Term Costs: \$30,000 without irrigation

\$15,000 irrigation

Recommend removing Newton #2 and converting to multi-use football/soccer/lacrosse/field hockey field.

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

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Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Newton #3 - No lights Mound 40' Bases 55'

Spring 2011 User Groups: House Baseball

Fall 2011 User Groups: Golden Eagles Football

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)

Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|------------|------|------------|
| | # | Percentage | # | Percentage |
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 20 | 16.39% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 31 | 25.41% | 19 | 15.57% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 71 | 58.20% | 103 | 84.43% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 19 | 15.57% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 2 With rain 1

Short Term Solution: Add new mix, provide drainage behind backstop, reduce infield radius and re-sod infield.

Short Term Costs: \$15,000 to \$20,000

Long Term Solution: Remove turf and laser grade infield, install drainage, new ball field mix/sod infield, and irrigate entire field area.

Long Term Costs: \$35,000 without irrigation
 \$30,000 irrigation

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

Long term solutions are capital improvements which would entail complete shutdown for at least one spring and fall cycle.

Glen Ellyn Park District Field Usage Report by Location

Newton #4 -- No lights Mound 40' Bases 55'

Spring 2011 User Groups: House Baseball
 Fall 2011 User Groups: Glenbard West Football, Golden Eagles Football

Spring Dates : April 1st to July 31st (122 days)
 Fall Dates : August 1st to November 30th (122 days)

| | Spring/Summer | | Fall | |
|--|---------------|--------|------|--------|
| | | | | |
| # House/Travel Game Dates | 20 | 16.39% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # House/Travel Practice Dates | 31 | 25.41% | 2 | 1.64% |
| # High School Use Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 60 | 49.18% |
| # High School Camp Dates | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| # Dates not Scheduled | 71 | 58.20% | 60 | 49.18% |
| # of Dates Rained Out (through 7/7) | 19 | 15.57% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total (provides for multiple uses each date) | 122 | | 122 | |

Current Play Conditions (1 to 5): Dry conditions 2 With rain 1

Short Term Solution: Add new mix, provide drainage behind backstop, reduce infield radius and re-sod infield.

Short Term Costs: \$15,000 to \$20,000

Long Term Solution: Remove turf and laser grade infield, install drainage, new ball field mix/sod infield, and irrigate entire field area.

Long Term Costs: \$35,000 without irrigation
 \$30,000 irrigation

Notes:

Short term solutions are best implemented while field is scheduled to "rest" for either a spring or fall season.

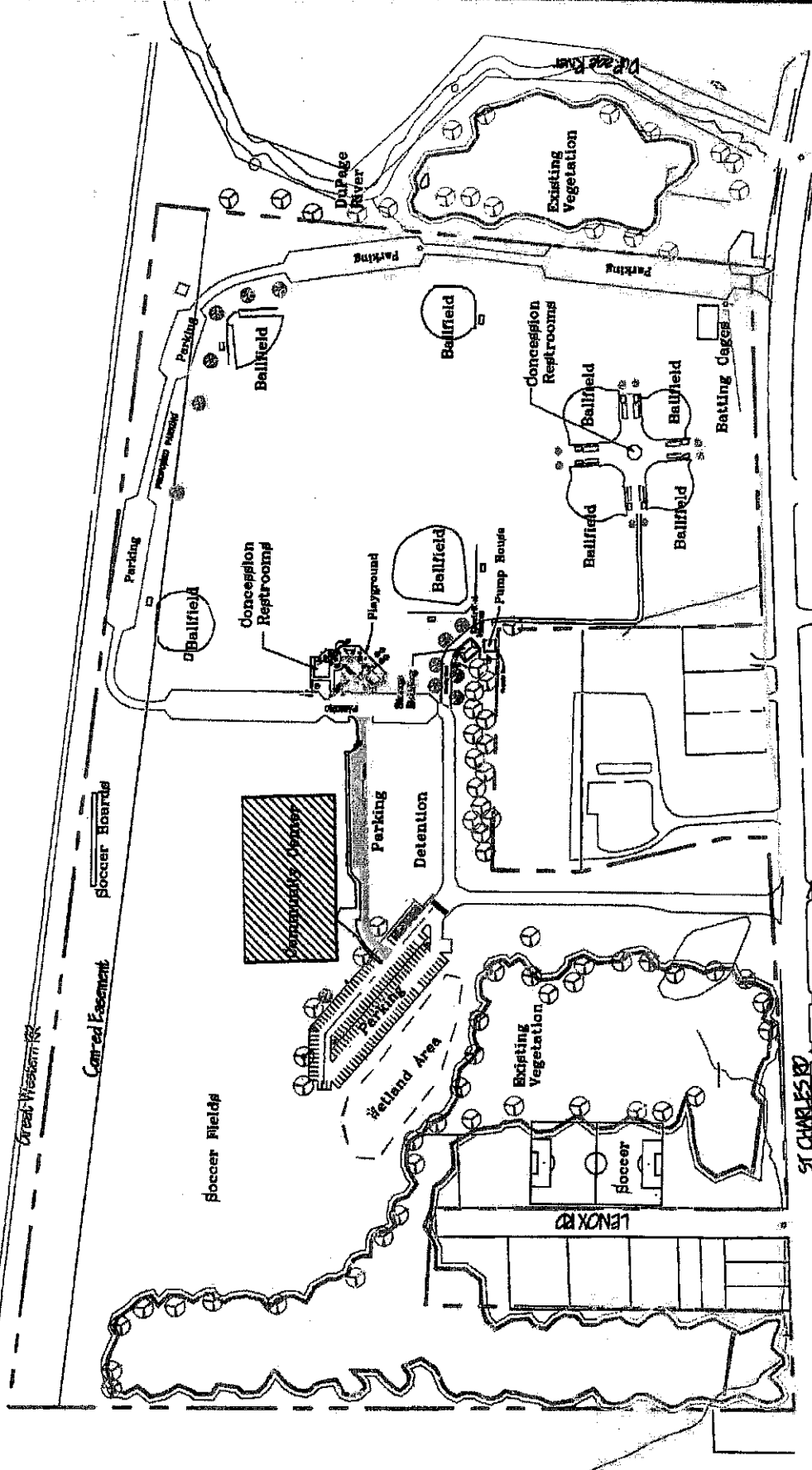
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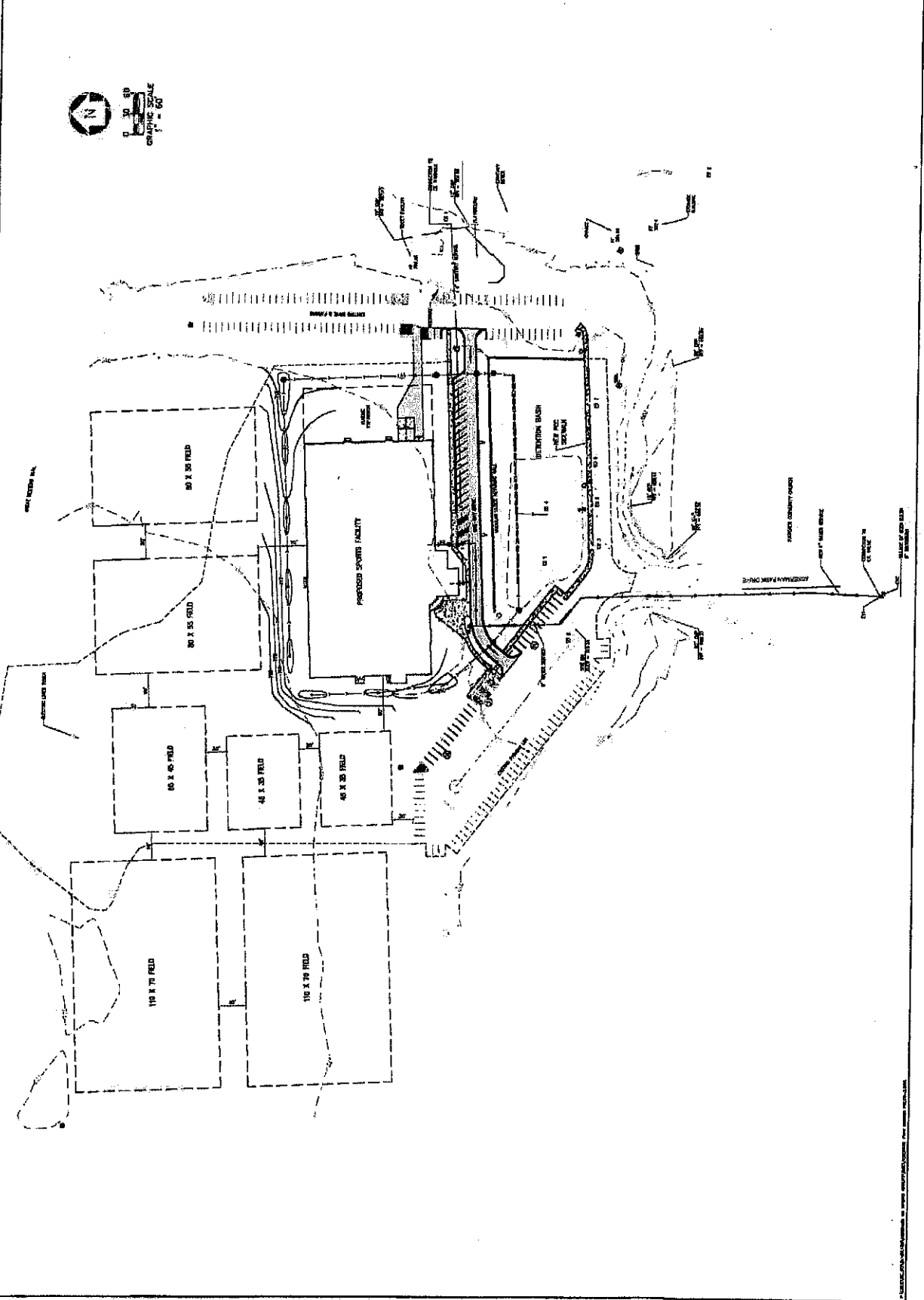
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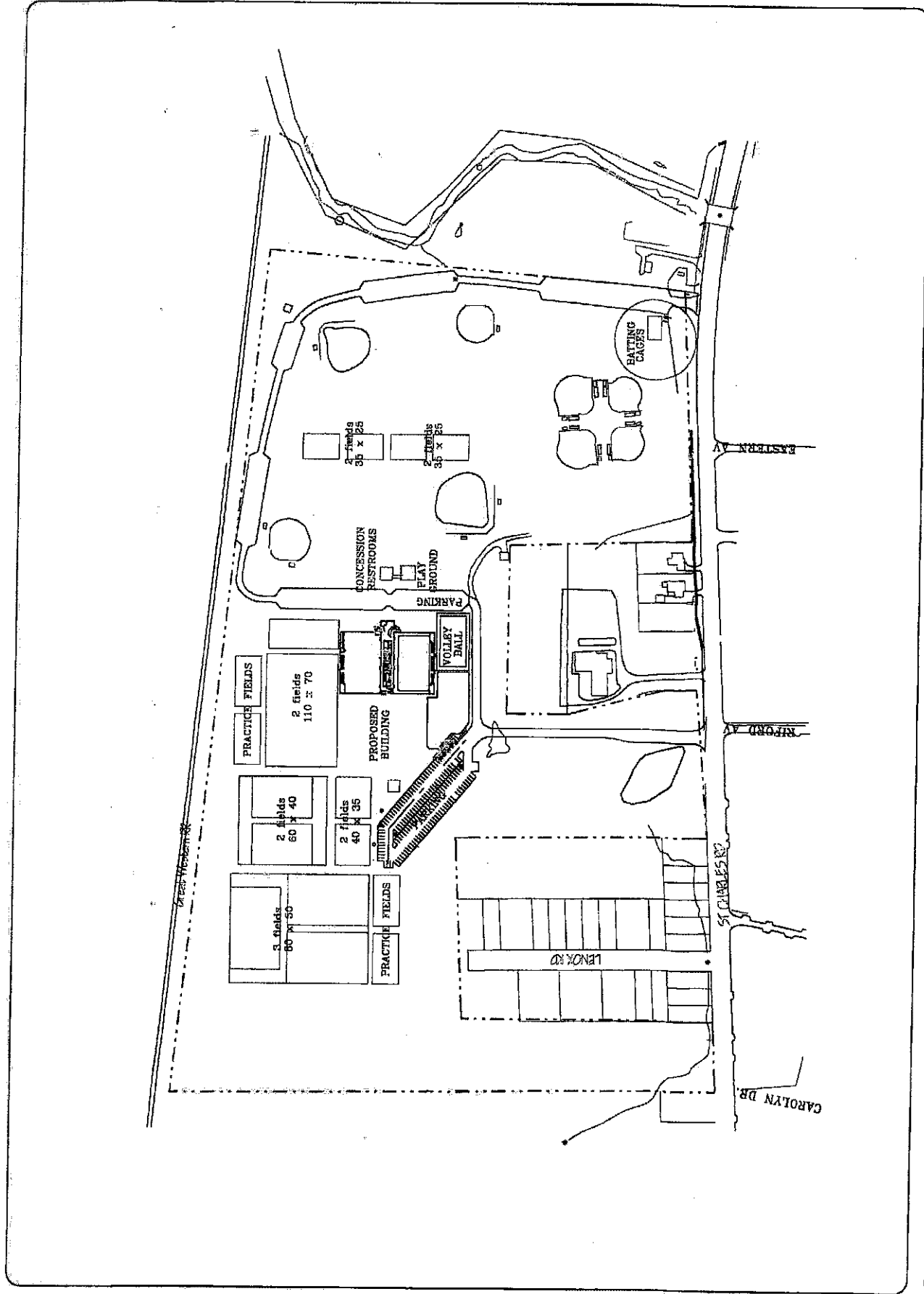
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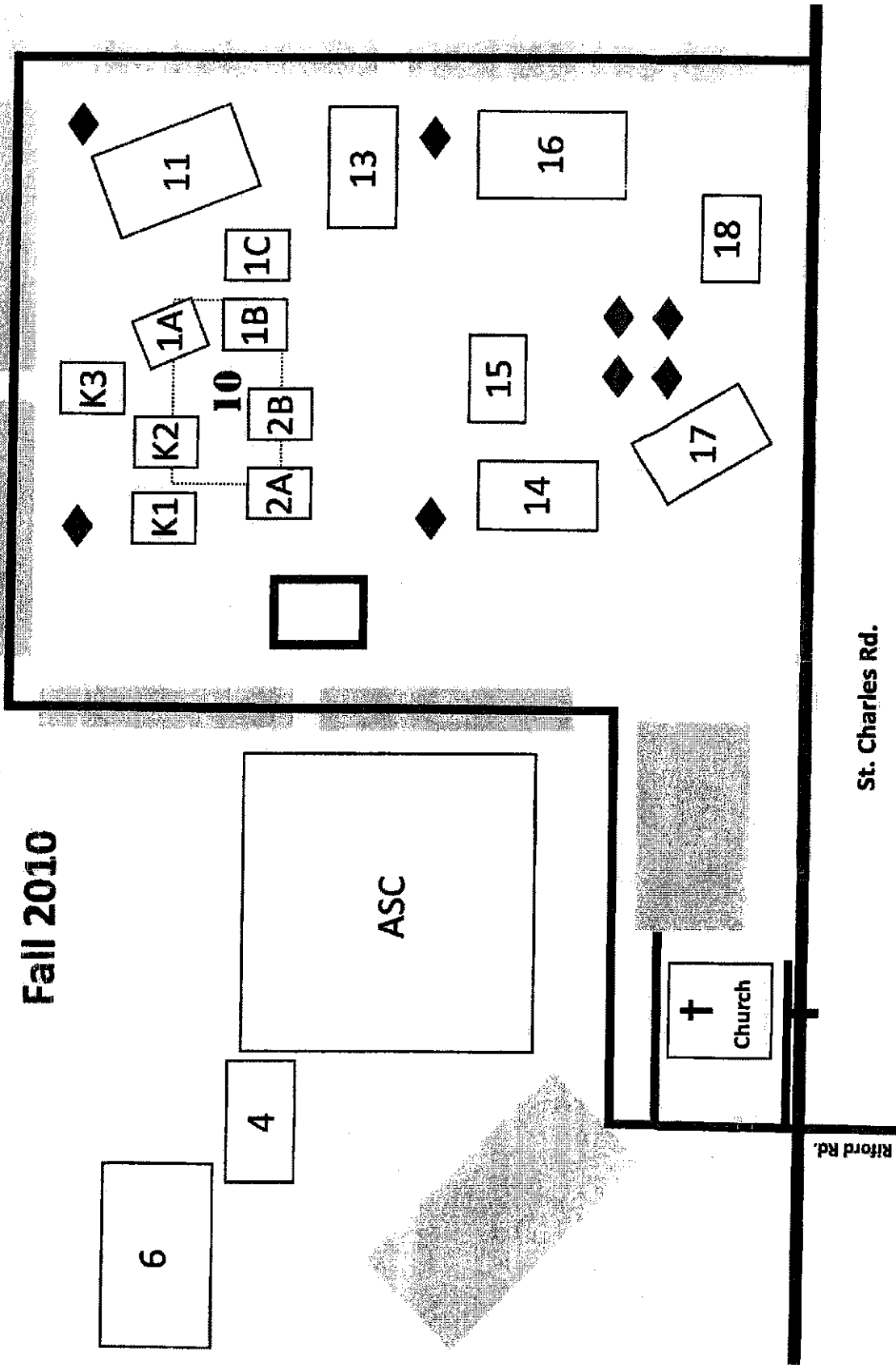
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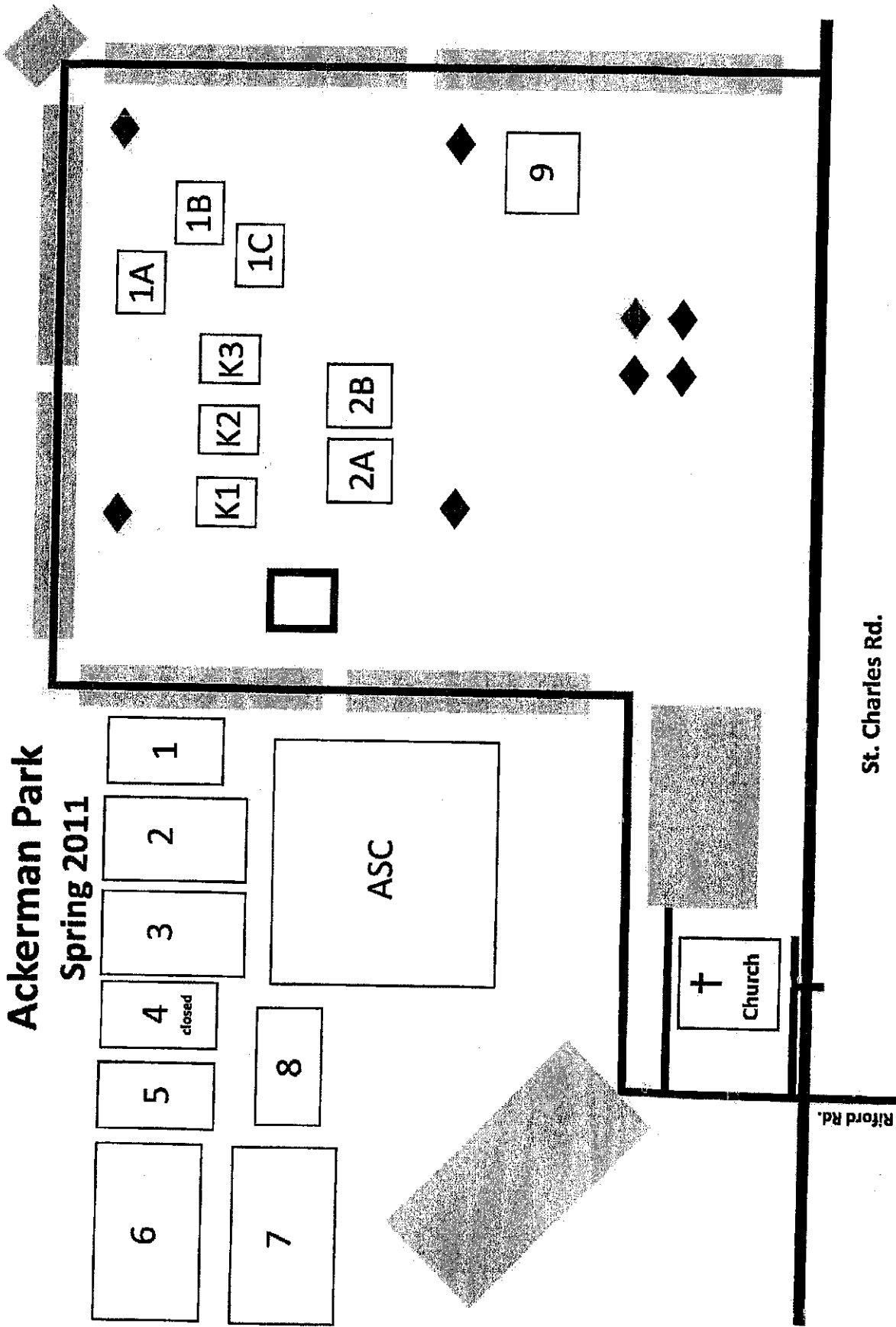
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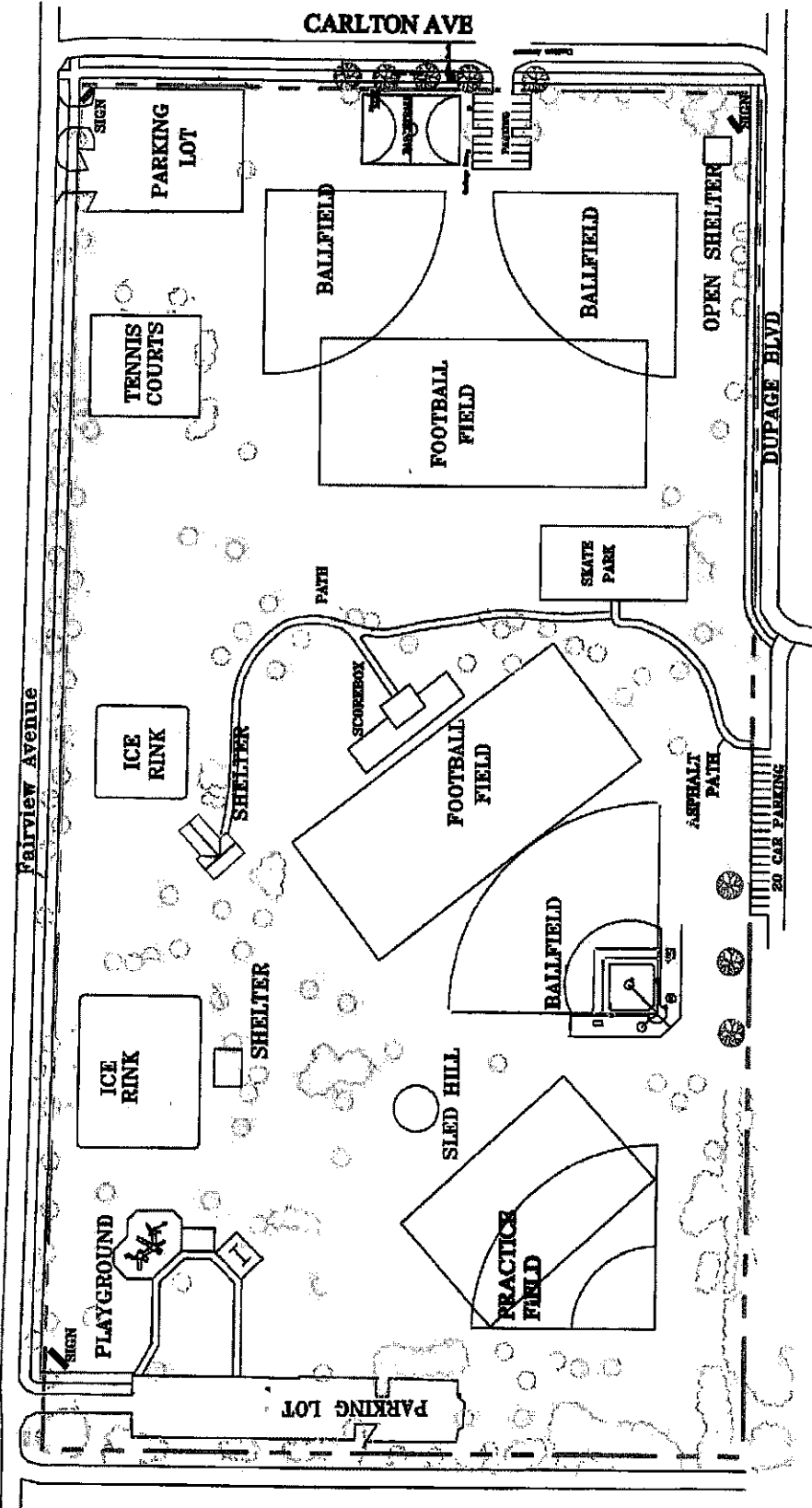
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Glen Ellyn Park District

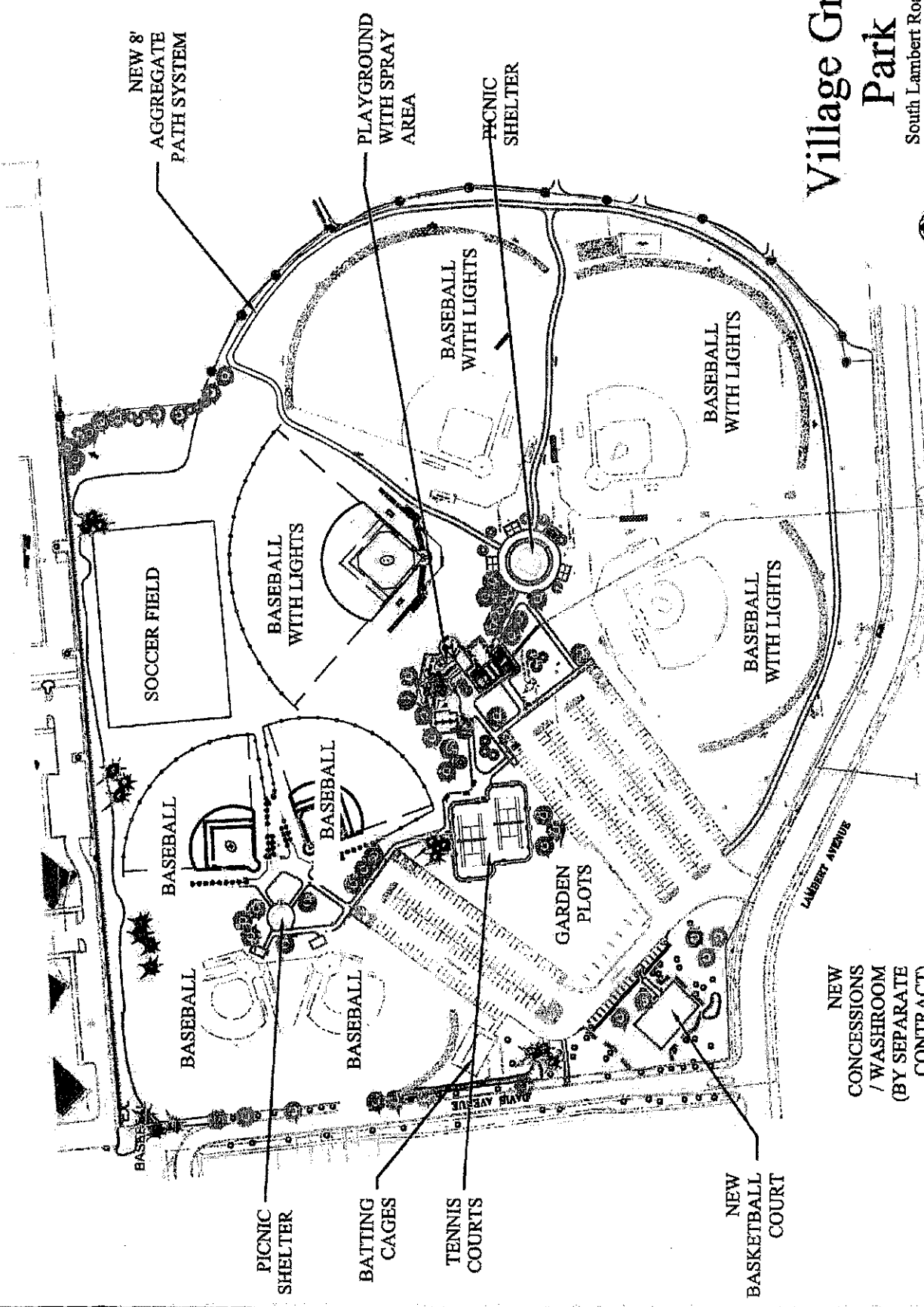


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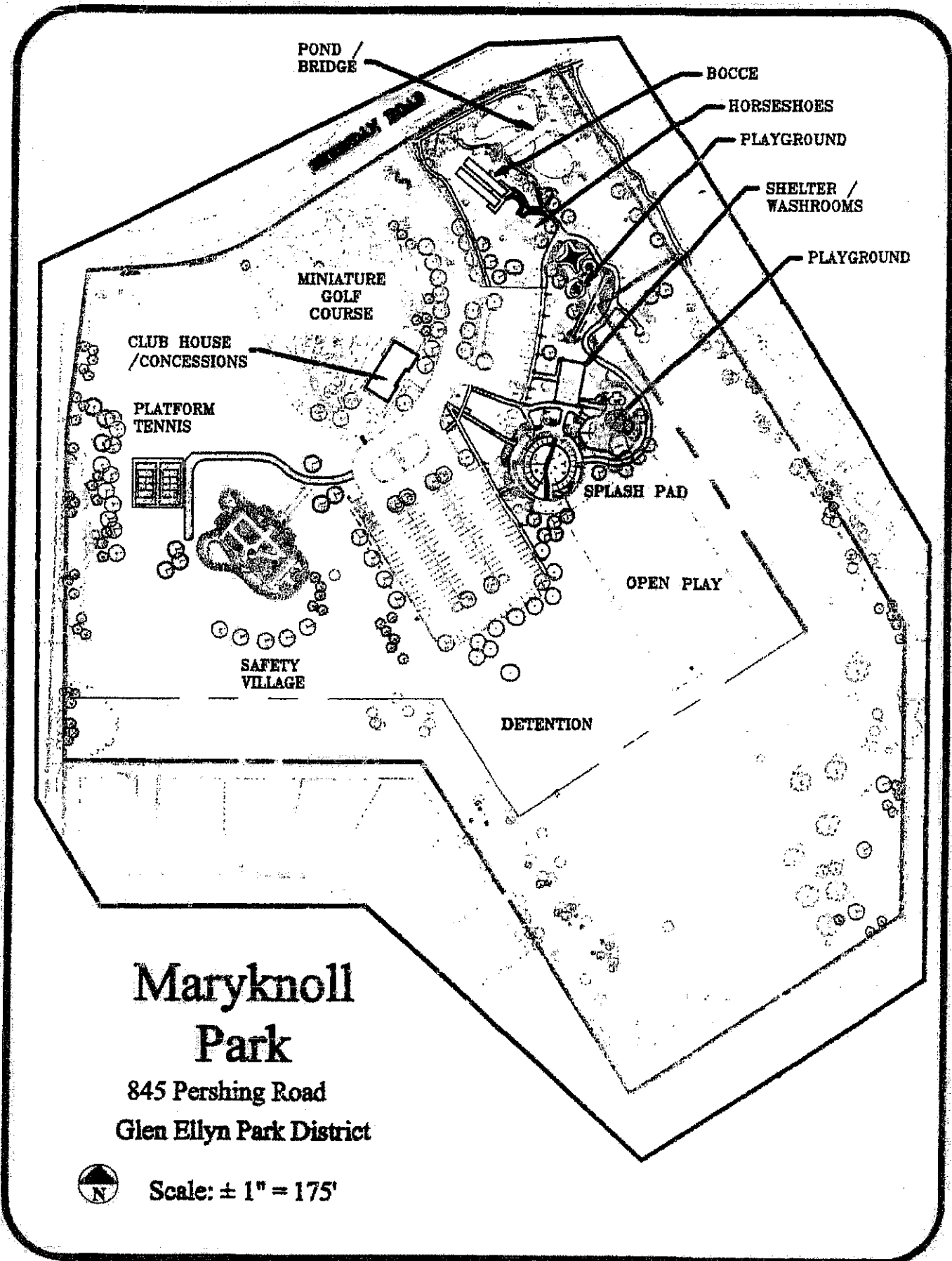
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South Lambert Road
Glen Ellyn Park District

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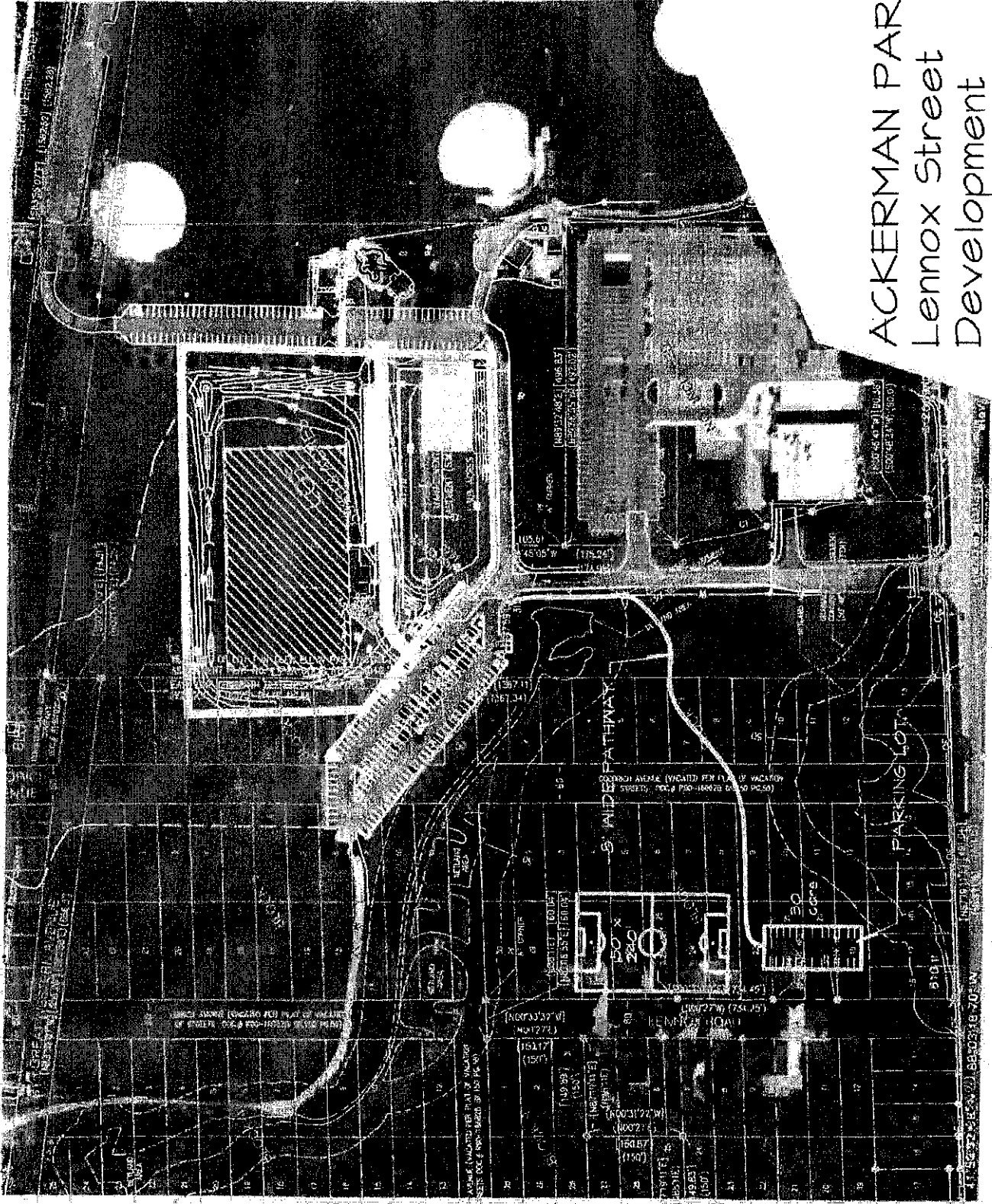
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Glen Ellyn Park District

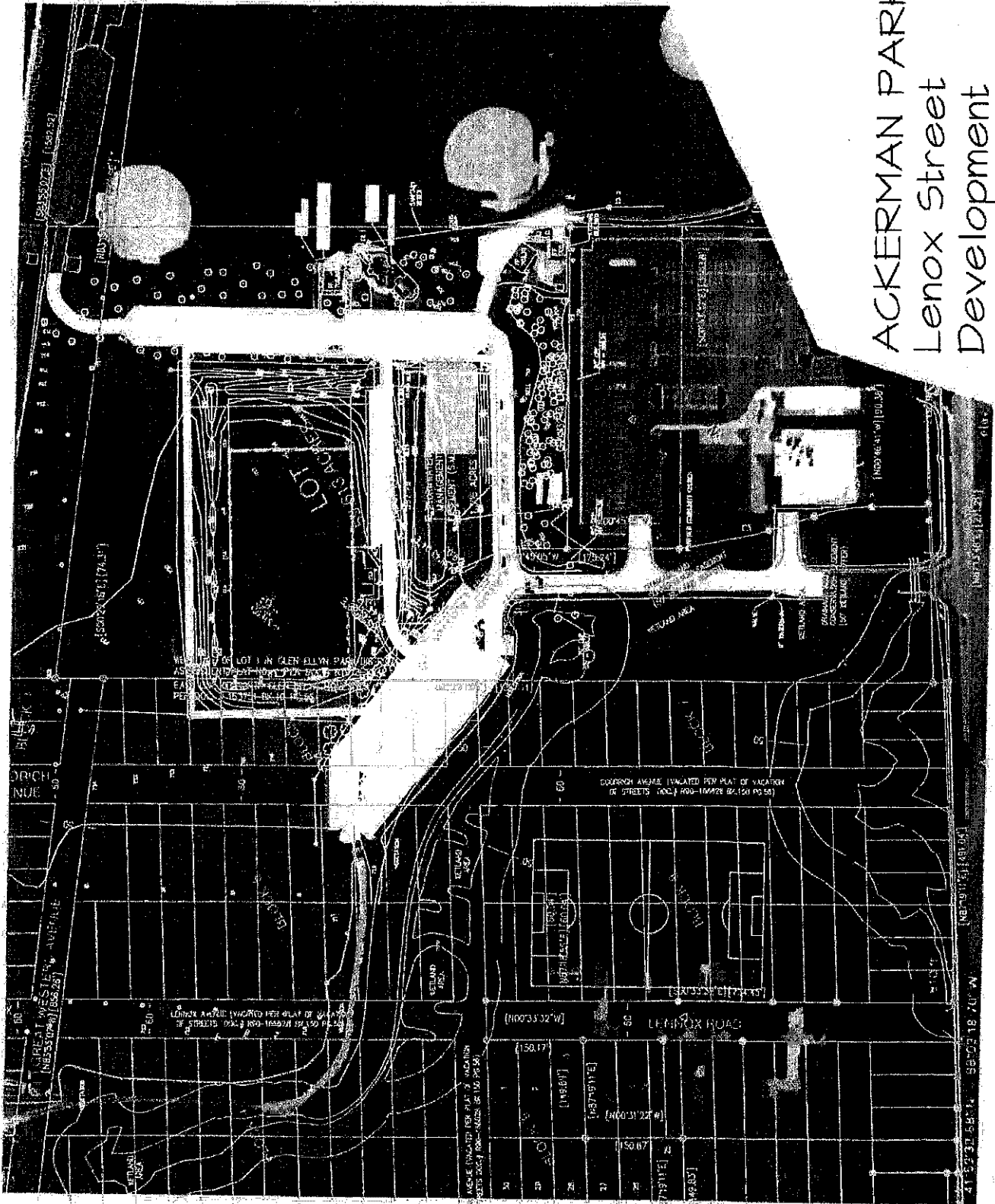


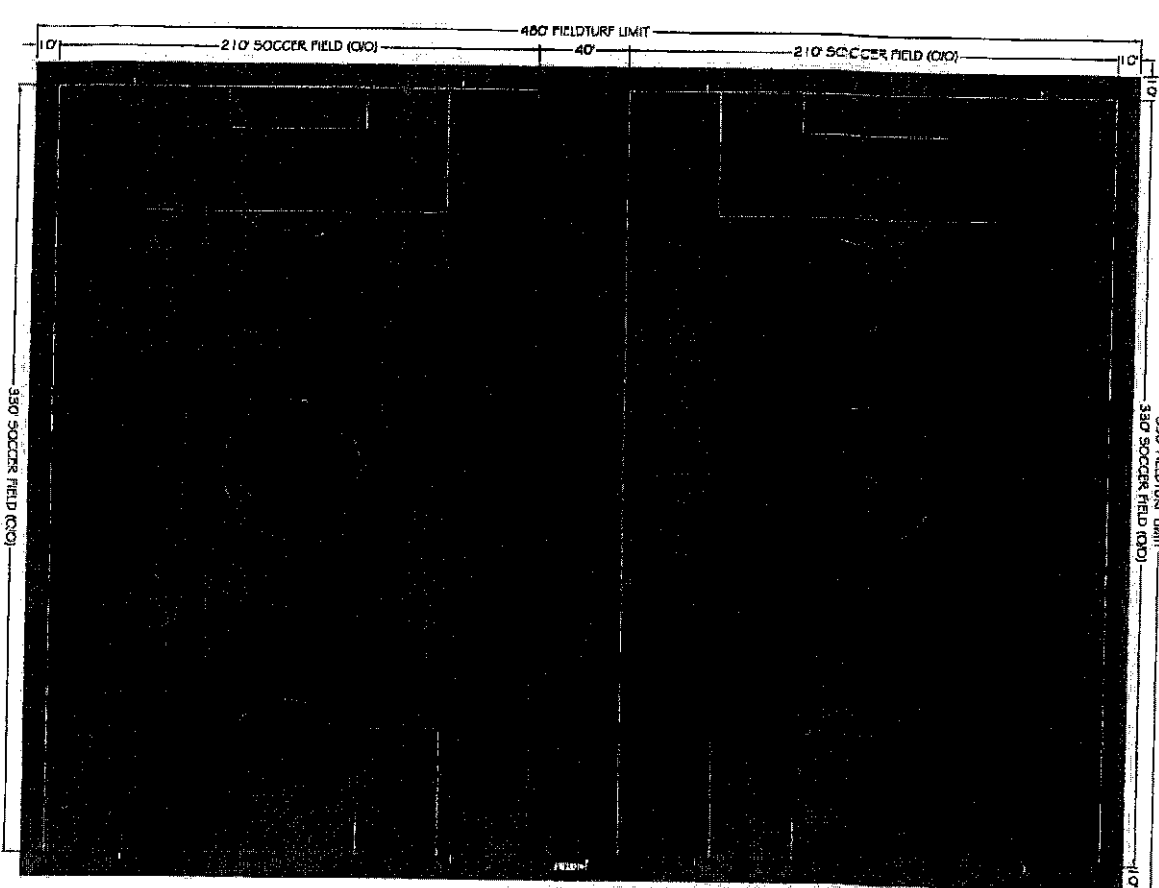
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ACKERMAN PARK Lennox Street Development



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FIELD LAYOUT NOTES: Services are in order of descending:
 1. SOCCER MARKINGS ARE 4" WHITE.
 ALL DIMENSIONS TO BE VERIFIED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS.

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**ACKERMAN PARK
 SOCCER FIELDS
 ACKERMAN, IL**



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| DRAWN BY: | D.H. |
| CHECKED BY: | G.B. |
| SCALE: | 1"=50' |
| FIELD AREA: | 188,000 sq.ft. |
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DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2011 ISSUE/PRESENTATION SHEET: 2/2 FIELD LAYOUT

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**GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT
POLICY MANUAL
CHAPTER IV. RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

6.00 Athletic Field Reservation Policy

6.01 Purpose

The Athletic Field Reservation policy of the Glen Ellyn Park District has been established to provide a systematic method by which athletic fields may be reserved by the residents of the community. A reservation is not required for athletic field use, however, it will guarantee use for the dates and times specified on the permit.

6.02 Objectives

- A. To provide maximum utilization of athletic fields through centralized scheduling.
- B. To provide an impartial distribution of athletic fields to the various community groups who wish to reserve fields.
- C. To plan cooperatively with other community agencies to enhance individual and group recreational needs.
- D. To provide recreational activities which take into consideration the needs of the community.
- E. To provide the best possible maintenance of athletic fields using available manpower and monetary resources.

6.03 Athletic Field Use Priorities

The Park District maintains softball, soccer and football fields which are made available for a variety of community uses. When scheduling reserved use of athletic fields, the following priorities shall be established:

- A. Glen Ellyn Park District sponsored programs shall have first priority use.
- B. Area school programs shall have second priority use.
- C. Privately sponsored athletic programs within the community requesting to reserve an athletic field(s) on a seasonal basis shall have fourth priority use.
- D. Remaining dates shall be available to private groups and individuals requesting to reserve an athletic field(s) on single or multiple dates, but not for an entire season, on a first come first serve basis.
- E. Resident groups (groups with 60% or more Glen Ellyn Park District residents) shall be given priority over non-resident groups. The 60% residency requirement shall be calculated based on the total number of people using the field, not just on the group requesting use of the field.
- F. These athletic fields may not be reserved for team practices.
- G. Athletic fields may be used on a drop-in basis by any group or individual without a reservation on a first come, first serve basis. Drop-in use is limited to 2 hrs. and does not include any organized league games. Park District programs and groups or individuals with an approved reservation and permit will

have priority use.

- H. In case of inclement weather, the Park District shall make the final decision regarding playability of all fields.

6.04 Request For Athletic Field Reservation

- A. Organizations, groups, and individuals shall complete the standard application for athletic field reservation. Applications are available at Main Street Recreation Center and Spring Avenue Recreation Center. In addition, organizations, groups, and individuals shall be required to submit the following items with the application form:

- A. Certificate of insurance naming the Glen Ellyn Park District as an additional insured.
- B. Team roster(s).
- C. Signed waiver forms from each player participant.

Athletic field reservation requests shall be approved by the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department may waive the requirement to submit any or all of these extra items if it is considered to be in the best interests of the District. A permit shall be issued upon payment of the established fee.

6.05 Tournament Athletic Field Reservations

Any groups wishing to host a tournament shall have an approved athletic field reservation prior to submitting a bid to host a tournament.

- A. Major Tournaments

Athletic field reservation requests for major tournaments shall be submitted in writing at least one year prior to the tournament date. Major tournaments shall include, but are not limited to, national, regional, and state tournaments.

- B. Small Tournaments

Athletic field reservation requests for small tournaments shall be submitted in writing at least sixty days prior to the tournament date. Small tournaments shall include, but are not limited to, metropolitan or county tournaments.

- C. Special Requests

Any special tournament requests for any variances shall be submitted in writing along with the athletic field reservation request. Special tournament requests shall include, but are not limited to, selling concessions (including items to be sold and their price), extended curfew hours, use of a public address system, admission charge, additional bleachers, additional field maintenance, use of a snow fence, and water or electrical access.

- D. Procedure

Written requests for tournament athletic field reservations and special requests shall be submitted to the Recreation Department according to the deadlines listed above. In addition, a certificate of

insurance, team rosters, and signed waiver forms for each player participant shall be submitted to the Recreation Department at least one week prior to the tournament date. Athletic field reservation requests shall be approved by the Recreation Department. Special tournament requests shall be approved by the Board.

6.06 Fee Category/Structure

The following categories have been established for the purpose of a fee structure.

- A. Unscheduled Park District programs and activities.
- B. Not for profit resident groups, Village and School District activities.
- C. Park District Residents and for profit organizations.
- D. Non-resident individuals and organizations.

6.07 Athletic Field Reservation Fees

A. Establishment

The Board shall annually establish fees for the reserved use of athletic fields based on the premise that fees charged shall be used to partially offset the cost of maintaining and upgrading the District's athletic fields. Fees shall be established in the following categories:

- 1. Softball, soccer, and football fields, sand volleyball court and cross country track.
- 2. Daytime use
- 3. Night use with lights
- 4. Resident, non-resident, and commercial use fees
- 5. Single or multiple and seasonal use fees

B. Resident/Non-Resident Users

To qualify for resident fees a group shall consist of 60% or more Glen Ellyn Park District residents. The 60% residency requirement shall be calculated based on the total number of players using the field, not just on the group requesting use of the field. Residency shall be determined based on the home address of the individual as opposed to the business address or the address of other family members. The Recreation Department may waive the residency requirement if it is considered to be in the best interests of the District.

C. Commercial Users

Any group reserving an athletic field for profit making purposes shall be charged the commercial fee.

D. Payment of Fees

- 1. Groups reserving an athletic field on a seasonal basis shall be billed monthly by the District, however, a 10% deposit shall be required to guarantee the reservation.
- 2. Groups or individuals reserving athletic fields on a single or multiple use basis shall be required to pay the established fee at least one week prior to the date reserved. A permit shall be issued upon payment of the fee.

3. Payment of fees shall be made at Main Street Recreation Center.

E. Refund of Fees

A refund of athletic field reservation fees may be granted for the following reasons:

1. If the District feels that the athletic field is in unplayable condition and, therefore, the game is cancelled.
2. If the group or individual provides written notification of cancellation to the District at least one week prior to the date reserved.

6.08 Maintenance of Athletic Fields

The District shall maintain its athletic fields in the best possible condition while keeping within budgeted manpower, supply, and equipment limitations.

A. Pre-Season Maintenance

The District shall perform all pre-season athletic field maintenance including, but not limited to, roto-vating, cutting crowns out, top-dressing, adding fill, and fertilizing.

B. Athletic Field Maintenance

The District shall perform all maintenance on athletic fields including but not limited to mowing, dragging, lining and filling holes.

1. Resident groups granted an approved reservation for an athletic field on a seasonal basis shall have the option of paying the established reservation fee or providing their own athletic field maintenance. Groups opting to provide their own athletic field maintenance shall be limited to performing hand maintenance only; these groups shall not be allowed to use motorized maintenance equipment on District athletic fields.

C. Athletic Field Damage

If an athletic field is damaged due to improper maintenance performed by a group or individual and requires more than normal maintenance and/or repair to be restored to its original condition, the group or individual shall be charged the amount necessary to cover the cost of the required maintenance and/or repair.

D. Field Set Up

Game day field set up and preparation may be negotiated with the Park District at established rates.

6.09 General Regulations For Reserved Athletic Field Use

- A. The Permittee, his organization, and members are bound by all District rules, regulations and Ordinances, as fully as though they were inserted in this policy and including but not limited to those regulations set forth here.
- B. Any group or individual, whether holding a permit for reserved use of an athletic field or not, may be denied use if, in the opinion of the District, the condition of the field is unplayable

- or if the group or individual is in violation of any District ordinances, rules, or regulations.
- C. No group or individual will be allowed to use an athletic field during a heavy rainstorm or an electrical storm.
 - D. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parks at any time.
 - E. No betting or gambling is allowed in the parks at any time.
 - F. The charging of admission fees is not permitted without the express written consent of the Executive Director.
 - G. Groups or individuals found to be unduly littering or damaging District property may have their permit revoked and may be refused further permits for reserved use of athletic fields.
 - H. No activities may extend past the designated park closing time without the express written consent of the Executive Director.
 - I. Groups or individuals may not perform any maintenance of athletic fields without the express written consent of the District.
 - J. The Park District reserves the right to restrict play on certain fields. These field locations may change from season to season based on scheduled usage. These restrictions apply to both permit and drop-in users.
 - K. The Park District reserves the right to request a Certificate of Insurance, if needed, naming the Park District as an "additional insured".

Approved by Board of Commissioners: January 17, 1995

Revised by Board of Commissioners: September 17, 2002, February 19, 2008

CATEGORIES

- A. **Unscheduled Park District program/activities**
- B. **In-District Not for Profit Organizations, Village, School Districts**
- C. **Park District Residents and For Profit Organizations**
- D. **Non-Resident Individuals and Organizations**

FEE STRUCTURE

Softball - Baseball - Soccer - Football - Sand Volleyball - Cross Country
 (See additional charges for lights and field preparation)

| CATEGORY | HOURLY FEE |
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| A. Glen Ellyn Park District Residents | \$10 |
| B. Glen Ellyn Park District Resident Organizations and Groups | \$25 |
| C. Non-Resident Individuals, Organizations and Groups | \$40 |

LIGHTS AND FIELD PREPARATION FEES

| | WEEKDAY | WEEKEND |
|---|--|--|
| Lights at Ackerman Park & Village Green Park | \$30 per hour (includes operator) | \$30 per hour (includes operator) |
| Baseball/Softball Field Prep | \$15 per field (includes bases, lining, dragging) | \$25 per field (includes bases, lining, dragging) |
| Soccer Field Prep | \$30 per use (includes nets, lining) | \$45 per use (includes nets, lining) |
| Football Field Prep | \$60 per use (includes lining) | \$90 per use (includes lining) |

Summary

As in most park district settings, the current inventory of fields were built to satisfy community based recreational activities. With the advent of travel programs, increased expectations for playing standards, condensed schedules, elevated awareness of safety practices, reducing rainouts/makeup games, lighted fields, and synthetic turf fields now provide a new dimension to open turf areas with painted lines and simple baseball fields with sand/clay infields. Simply stated, whether we agree or disagree, the demands to increase the standards of existing field conditions are unilateral throughout all of our user groups. Sophisticated users now have the luxury of comparing facilities within communities that have significantly higher levy rates than Glen Ellyn.

Initially, the general opinion (particularly from soccer) was that there was a need for more field locations to satisfy the increased demands on play. While this may be partially true with only two full-sized fields, it appears that the majority of those smaller fields could be better and more frequently scheduled to meet that demand.

As far as the large soccer fields, the impacts of High School use as well as the fact that travel soccer teams have doubled since 2008. It is suggested that a new field be located off Lenox Road thereby eventually allowing for a three field rotation. In this case, two of the three fields can be scheduled each year while the third field is rested or scheduled for routine aeration, topdressing, over seeding, and irrigation to establish a healthy and more sustainable turf environment. This remedy may preempt the need to install synthetic turf fields at Ackerman.

Cost estimates relating to short term and long term solutions by location should be implemented within future budget cycles to enhance existing standards and resolve obvious problem areas. Our current annual budget of \$21,000 fails to address even routine field maintenance practices. Based on the current budget, Minimum Short-Term Solutions (\$139,345) would take nearly seven years to complete.

As the various IGA's expire, the District needs to take a stewardship role to alleviate the near total destruction of playing areas. While SD #87 is investing annually in field improvements at three of its campuses, it must do likewise within the framework of the IGA's with the GEPD. In our own program areas, we need to consider eliminating the overlap uses of baseball fields for late season football practice. Ultimately, it would be advantageous to preclude organized soccer practices on game fields.

Staff suggests we move forward with using the \$50,000 budgeted funds for improvement to the Ackerman Park soccer fields as agreed to with the soccer committee. These improvements include: purchasing a water cannon, fencing for ball control, and portable goals. Field condition improvements were already completed in the wear areas of the fields that are currently resting. Additional top dressing and fertilization will be completed at the appropriate time of the year when the soccer season is ended (weather permitting).

While providing a volume of information relating to field use and high impact areas, it is hoped that this report can be a springboard for future budget considerations. The District, along with the user groups should begin to address user concerns and the desire for enhanced standards of play.

Likewise, staff recommendations for the "top ten" should be incorporated into the master plan. Keep in mind that these are only a starting point generated from this study and does not include infrastructure replacements into the future.

While the problems and issues noted within the report are not unusual, the solutions are indeed a team effort on the part of user groups, participants, staff, and elected officials.