

Honors Field Questions and Responses

1. Will there be a permanently affixed pitchers mound or a portable pitchers mound? A permanently installed mound would have 1 or 2 pitching rubbers which would dictate the age level usages (ie 46 and 50 feet rubber provides usages up through 12u baseball). It would also mean softball could not play on the field as softball does not use a pitchers mound, They use flat ground with a chalk circle. A portable mound allows for baseball to be played and the mound to be removed by several people when softball games are scheduled. This allows for more options for your field rentals.

The field will have a removable softball rubber and a removable baseball mound making an easy transition from one sport to the other, as well as different age groups.

2. What are the lengths of the baselines being pegged. For a 46' pitchers mound, that is usually a 60' base installation. 50' mound is 70' base. As before, this would allow for travel baseball through 12u. The next step up is 60' mound and 90 foot baseline for upper levels of baseball (13u+) but based on the outfield dimensions you mentioned, I don't see that being a viable age group to accommodate for baseball.

The baselines will be pegged at the 60 foot and 70 foot marks to allow for dual usage. When bases are moved, safety caps will be added to the holes.

3. What are your outfield dimensions? I believe you said 200' down the line and 210 in center? If so and you want to consider a few extra feet to be an eligible field for the Williamsport tournament, you need to be 205' down the line and 215' in center. I can double check that those numbers have not changed but it would open up a possible annual revenue stream for the field (whether Brewster L L participate in the Williamsport tourney or not).

The field dimensions will be 200 feet in the corners, rounding out to 200 in center field. A 10 foot high by 30 foot wide fence with a black wind screen will be added to center field to extend the dimensions and also serve as "batters eye." This will satisfy the size requirements for Little League and Cal Ripkin 12u play. The infield skin will be extended to accommodate 50/70 usage. A 10 foot wide warning track of soft graded material will be installed at the interior of the fence line for safety. (Softball Game operations can run through all age levels, Boys Baseball Game operations will cease after 12u.)

4. I asked about the number of parking spots required for this project. Ashley will certainly have a say in this, but I note that any game scheduled would have a minimum presumed car total of 19 (ie 18 players and one umpire). There will almost certainly be spectators' multiple cars per family, more than 9 players per team, etc., so reasonable to expect 30 cars per game. Add in cars for any employees working the concession stand and the remaining spots would be for the mini golf and or batting cages, assuming all are running

simultaneously. So, Ashley may require more spots than you currently have contemplated. There is no street parking on Main Street and we should not assume the Kobacker's lot is an option. You may need to add spots if everything will be open simultaneously 6 months a year.

Putnam County is reviewing a sketch plan that we provided that would add 13 +/- spaces along North Main Street. It can be reasoned that if installed some spaces may be used by families using the bike trail.

5. We should get more info about that concession stand. Will it be single story or multiple story with office space? Will food be stored on premises with a freezer/fridge? Will gas or electric be there to cook? I assume it will be plumbed as bathrooms are contemplated in that space as well. Who will operate it (not the individual, but will it be subbed out to a third party?) You mentioned it would be open year round. We should have hours of operation presented for approval.

The concession stand hours of operation will be 5:30 AM to 10:00 PM and open year round. The entire facility will be year round and will operate on Sundays. The concession stand is two stories high, with the food operations at the ground level and the 2nd floor will be for administration, employee bathrooms and security offices outfitted with an extensive surveillance system designed to cover all access areas ensuring the safety of customers and staff. The basement will serve as a utility area, additional storage and additional refrigeration for the café. The cleaning crew will come in after closing and work for a few hours on food preparation for the next business day. There will not be any customer seating inside, there will be a cluster of picnic tables outside.

6. The batting cages. You mentioned space for six 60 foot tunnels. Is that accurate? And in the winter how many will stay baseball and how many convert to golf? What will the hours be for that space?

Baseball and golf will not compete against each other. Two bays would easily convert to golf by adding a portable floor mat and pulling a mesh screen across to separate the bays, Golf would be by appointment only and would be available during regular business hours. Hours are projected to be from 8AM to 10PM daily. All appointments will be handled by our staff after we have satisfied the needs of our local baseball program. Lanes 1 and 6 will have additional nets that pull across to allow a coach to work one on one with additional players in a protected area The flat ground will be extended 15 feet from the batter boxes.

The building has solid front and rear walls along with the corners. There will be netted openings in the side walls which will have a heavy tarp installed for winter. Infrared heating will be over every batting cage.

7. I had asked about lights, scoreboards and PA systems for the field. All should be disclosed. Lights are expensive for the baseball field but they also increase your ability to rent in Spring and Fall when weekday games usually require lights until early May and from mid to late September on (and nighttime weekend games). Lighting plan needs to be really flushed out if intending to light the fields as will hours of operation. Other fields in town have light shut off requirements by 10 PM.

Light poles will be erected, a plan will be furnished at the time of need showing all areas affected and the angles of light intended to only emit on the property limits or according to code standards.

8. I had also suggested you look into security for the field. How will access by the public (after hours and off season) be limited? At Markel we often have individuals get onto the fields at night and on weekends and we arrive for morning games to find lots of garbage, graffiti and sometimes individuals in the dugouts. It would be helpful to see how you want to combat that.

A protected driveway chain equipped with a lighted stop sign will be affixed to the front gate at the time of closing to keep vehicles from entering the parking area and deter pedestrians from travel.

9. Are the dugouts enclosed and covered?

The dugouts are full wood construction, enclosed, protected by chain link fence and asphalt roofing.

10. Where is spectator seating and is it covered at all?

Spectator seating will be on the baselines alongside each dugout, seating will consist of 3 levels of steel bleacher seating with a mesh shade covering.

11. Is there a spot or area designated for emergency treatment in the event of injury, such as a first aid station? AEDs?

First aid station will be located in the admin office, which will be equipped with an AED.

12. Will there be any sort of playground on site for the younger siblings of players to play during games (not mandating this, just asking. Many other fields have such things).

A playground for siblings would be added if the plans permit it.

13. Who is charged with maintaining the field? Since it is a grass and dirt field, it will need regular maintenance. Who will be doing that to ensure the field remains playable and maintained? The school recently upgraded its baseball facilities and did not do anything other than cut grass and the field immediately went to crap. You should have a maintenance plan.

The field will be maintained by the staff on premises. Small machinery including a tractor will be used as well as a watering system.

14. There is a shed marked out next to the cages. What are we contemplating putting in there? Will there be tools, a quad, etc. in there for field maintenance? Where is extra dirt/clay being stored for field maintenance? You are going to need a designated spot for that which is accessible for the truck coming in to dump it.

There will be a tractor (mowing), small tools and the pitching mound shed inside. There is now a dedicated spot shown on the Landscape Plan for where 2c.y. of clay soil will be kept with small tarp covering it.

15. Will you have any sort of dumpster or garbage areas on the premises? Trash cans should also probably be contemplated given the food sales and number of places people will take the food.

There will be a dumpster which will be surrounded by a privacy fence or any other concealment required by the Board.

16. Will a home run track be installed in front of the outfield fence?

Yes. Four (4) feet wide.

17. What is the backstop and baseline screening to keep foul balls contained to the field for the safety of spectators?

There will be netting added to the baseline (at chain link fence) to protect spectators and vehicles from injury or damage. The nets will be erected on poles and span most of the outfield line. The line of netting will be 20' tall. The netting will have 1.25 inch by 1.25 inch spacing.

18. I see you have a couple of signs delineated on the Map. We don't yet have a sign application and you can certainly bring that later, but if you wanted the Board to get some semblance of what your intentions are with the signage, we would welcome that.

We will file the proper applications for signage.