



## MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 11/4/15

**REGULAR**

ITEM #: 14

**MOTION**

**AGENDA ITEM:** RFP request from Parks Commission for Ballpark Redesign

**SUBMITTED BY:** Clark Schroeder

**THROUGH:** Clark Schroeder

**REVIEWED BY:** Shane Weis

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### SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item.....Staff
- Report/Presentation .....Staff
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion ..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion ..... Mayor Facilitates

### PUBLIC POLICY BEING SET: THE PUBLIC POLICY BEING SET IS MOVE TO EVALUATE POSSIBLE REDESIGN OF BALLFIELDS DOWNTOWN.

**SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:** The Parks Commission is requesting that Parks Funds be utilized to seek out an architect that specializes in redesigning ball fields with a historic theme. The city would issue a RFP requesting proposals to redesign one or both of the ballfields in downtown. This would provide estimations to redo the fields and upgrade them within the next couple years.

Below are some examples of ballfields in Minnesota that have been redesigned with this theme.

### RECOMMENDATION:

*“Move to issue a RFP for architectural work to redesign the ballfields in the historic downtown”*

**ATTACHMENT(S):** <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/top-lists/best-amateur-baseball-parks-in-minnesota/>

## The Mini Met

401 Rice Street South

Jordan, MN 55352

[Website](#)

Just south of the metro lies one of the great amateur baseball parks in Minnesota. The Mini Met in Jordan is the home of the Jordan Brewers of the River Valley League. The Mini Met is also one of the annual sites for the Minnesota State High Scholl Baseball Championships. Take Highway 169 south from the metro and exit on Highway 21. It's off Rice Street near Pekama Park.



## John Burch Park

100 North 7th Street

Cannon Falls, MN 55009

[Website](#)

John Burch Park is home to the Cannon Falls Bears of the Classic Cannon Valley League, and it's located in the heart of downtown Cannon Falls off historic Highway 19. The park features an amateur version of the "green monster" in Boston's Fenway Park. A high fence with overhanging trees makes up for the short distance in left field. The park has great concessions, including fresh popcorn. The Bears also feature one of the most competitive teams in Class B.



## Athletic Park

725 West First Street  
Chaska, MN 55318

[Website](#)


It's the home of the Chaska Cubs of the River Valley League. It's one of the nicest stadiums in the southwest metro. Athletic Park is also a venue for the Minnesota State High School Baseball Championships as well as the Lions All-Star Baseball Tournament. The ball park features great concessions and comfortable seating for the perfect summer night of baseball.



## Johnson Park

5th North Street and North German Street  
New Ulm, MN 56073

[Website](#)

In one of the more entertaining cities of southern Minnesota rests one of the better baseball facilities in southern Minnesota. Johnson Park in New Ulm is home to the New Ulm Brewers of the Tomahawk East League. New Ulm is also known for its quality amateur baseball with the Kaiserhoff, and the  ball park is just blocks away from the historic downtown. Johnson Park is a great place to check out a ball game.





## Barney Tadsen Field

County Highway 25 and 3rd Street South  
Brownton, MN 55312

[Website](#)

It almost has to make the list based on its name alone! Barney Tadsen Field is the home of the Brownton Bruins. Located off Highway 25 in the heart of the city, the Bruins play in Crow River Valley League. The ball park features your classic backdrop behind home plate, complete with old-style bleachers and a fencing to keep fans safe from foul balls. Brownton is the other host city for the 2011 State Amateur Baseball Championships.

