City Council Date: 9/4/07 REGULAR Item: Information /direction

ITEM:	Presentation on and request to consider funding for the Lucy Winton Ball Fields
REQUESTED BY:	Mr. Steve Hobbs, Executive Director, Belwin
SUBMITTED BY:	Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: The city council is being asked to hear a presentation on the status of the Lucy Winton Ball Fields from Colleen Danford and Steve Hobbs of Belwin. The presentation will bring the city council up to date on the status of the fields and the planned capital improvements to the fields. The organization is seeking \$400,000 in capital contributions. \$100,000 in funding has been raised to date including \$25,000 from the Andersen Corporation. Cities, whose citizens use the fields, are being asked to contribute to the capital campaign in the amount of \$8/child or \$12,000 for Lake Elmo this year and every five years toward this facility. In the past, the city has declined to contribute because the city has many park resources that it manages to serve these needs. If the city council desires to contribute, the funds would need to come from the city's capital funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Lucy Winton Ball fields are located on land donated by the Belwin Foundation, a non profit environmental organization. The organization also builds the buildings and provides the staff to maintain and manage this youth athletic facility.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Introduction	None
Presentation	Mr. Steve Hobbs, Executive Director, Belwin Ms. Colleen Danford, Lucy Winton Ball Fields
Questions from the council To the presenter	Mayor and Council members
Questions to the council From the public, if any (3 minutes/person)	Mayor facilitates
Call for a motion, if needed	Mayor facilitates
Discussion	Mayor and Council members
Direction/Action, if desired	City Council