



## **STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 1, 2018

**REGULAR**

ITEM #: 11

**MOTION**

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Ben Prchal, City Planner  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Baseball Field Improvements – Demontreville Park  
**REVIEWED BY:** Emily Becker, Planning Director

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2018 – 2022 Capital Improvement Plan for Demontreville Park states that \$75,000 is reserved to add a new field and to regrading/update the current baseball field while also adding fencing/tipped backstop. Being that the Mahtomedi Baseball Association is the most frequent user of the park, staff had reached out to them for recommendations on dimensions for the new field. After a few conversations they indicated that the park size is too restrictive to effectively put two fields in the park. They further elaborated that if two fields were to be used for games or practice the parking lot would quickly fill up. They have provided drawings and dimensions which have been included into this report.

### **ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL:**

Does City Council have any comments relating to the field configuration for the Demontreville Park Baseball Field Improvements?

- Allow staff to seek bids for the proposed project
- Deny staff to seek bids for the proposed project

### **PROPOSAL:**

Only one field will be located in the park, and it will be moved from the northern corner closer to the parking lot (later in the report staff will not recommend the rotation). This provides easier access for parents to view the game as well as keep an eye on the playground.

Dimensions and Items requested are as follows:

- 90' sport lime field
- Base anchors at 60', 65', and 75'
- Backstop 20' high w/6' overhang
- 8' infield fence extending 100' from home plate
- Optional: 6' fence extending 220' from end of 8' fence and continuing through the outfield

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$75,000 has been reserved for the construction of a new field as well as the addition of fencing.

### **RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF AND PARKS COMMISSION:**

Considering that Mahtomedi Baseball uses the field the most, from a staff perspective, it seems to make sense to build off of their recommendations for the field. The design has multiple “anchors” to extend or shorten the baseline so that multiple age groups can use the field. Public Works also had concerns that if the field were to be rotated as it was initially proposed, there could be an issue with drainage. Staff recommends approval of the proposed improvements to the field in its current location.

### **Parks Commission:**

The Parks Commission has recommended approval of the improvements to the park as proposed by Mahtomedi baseball with the exception of the rotated field. The outcome of voting was 7-0.

***“Approve improvements to the Demontreville Park ball field as proposed by Staff and Mahtomedi Baseball Association and allow staff to seek bids for the project.”***

**OPTIONS:**

- 1) Deny approval of the proposed project
- 2) Approve the proposed project and allow staff to seek bids
- 3) Approve the project with amendments

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- New ball field configuration
- Demontreville Park 2018-2022 CIP



# Capital Improvement Plan - 2018 - 2022

2018 *thru* 2022

City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Department Parks and Recreation

Contact City Administrator

Type Improvement

Useful Life 25 years

Category Park Improvements

Priority 2 Very Important

Status Active

Total Project Cost: \$75,000

Project # PR-003

Project Name Demontreville Park Improvements

## Description

Addition of a field at Demontreville Park

Cost estimates:

2018:

\$75,000 for new field and regrading/updating current babseball field and fencing/tipped backstop

## Justification

Feedback from residents during 2013 Park Survey, park commission site visits and Mahtomedi Baseball Association

Expenditures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Construction/Maintenance	75,000					75,000
Total	75,000					75,000

Funding Sources	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Park Dedication Fund	75,000					75,000
Total	75,000					75,000

## Budget Impact/Other

Mahtomedi Baseball Association has been helping with some maintenance and indicated they would be willing to help with maintainng the additonal field