

Follow-up regarding discussion on ball field location.

Park Committee Multi-Use Ball Field

Director Kwiatkowski & Edwards

During the discussion regarding the possibility of beginning a new multi-use park [BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER) for the community the Staff reported they had spoken with Mr Sterling regarding the existing ballfield that was closed in the Spring of 2016 because the wet winter had made it necessary to use the area as a spray field for reclaimed water. Mr Sterling had said the field may not be needed as a spray field because we aren't having a wet winter this year and recommended the District use the existing area and rebuild it.

The existing ballfield is in poor condition after being used pretty exclusively by the high school for quite some time with little to no maintenance upkeep. This area is now overcome with 6 ft tall weeds and is located in an area where it is not visible from Ferretti Rd, and is not easily visible to law enforcement or District personnel.

The other option is to look more closely at the available area near the White Church on Ferretti Rd. This area is extremely visible to law enforcement, District personnel, volunteers and participants and would be easier to maintain. It also could not be used for a spray field in future wet winters.

After the meeting I had a chance to speak with Scott Wemmer about this and he also stated that original location could be rebuilt but the new area would also be a great spot.

If the District is going to try and get community involvement, donations, and voluntary maintenance crews the District should use a location we can't shut down and use for anything other than what we will have built together to serve the community.

The District, partnering with the community and other organizations will have to start from scratch, but there are Grants for new Community Parks that we hopefully can secure and use when the time comes to move forward with this joint project.