

Lower Ohio Recreation Center Lower Ohio Ball Field

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At recent community meeting a plan to upgrade the Lower Ohio Ball Field was discussed. This Ball field has been in operation and has served the community of Shelburne Municipality for 100 years. The land was donated by Robert A. Bower Sr. for the community to have recreation opportunities. The field is still being used by the community and now other generations of ball players and residents see the need to have safe recreational opportunities.

It has been identified that the field layout that is currently in place now has a safety issue due to the sun positioning. The back stop presently faces south which puts the pitcher and outfield facing more nor-west right in the suns setting position causing blind spots for catching. Because of this, the field can only be used certain times which limits its use. It also limits teams being able to form in the Shelburne area so people have to go to Barrington, Liverpool and Yarmouth to be on a team. This is not right!!!!

Another challenge our community faces is safe place to walk. The 203 highway is a death trap and an accident waiting to happen. Anyone wanting to enjoy the outdoors with a nice leisurely walk would need to find a side road somewhere if they felt comfortable. So in upgrading the ballfield we decided to add a 20ft walking lane around the field. This allows the community to use the field for outdoor recreation and ball games.

This project will be in the price range of 165,000.00. We have applied for a grant through the NS Recreational Facility Development program which if approved would provide us with a 1/3 of the funding, we are asking The MOS for 1/3 (55,000.00) and the community would need to raise the other third. Which will be through fund raising, donations and in-kind services.

The need for this ball field is a necessary asset to not only our community but to all of Shelburne County.

Costs for field work – 87,650.00

Bush Cutting – 13000.00

Surveying/design/layout/topographic Site Survey- 17,859.50

Fencing – 41,658.00

Migration/ deed tax – 4200.00

Total \$165,000

Proposed Outline

