

**Dugout / Community Build Project  
With  
Home Depot**

Present: Dennis Bauer, Mike Curle, Jim Karker, John Keenan, Jim Milican, and Bill Sullivan

Mike Mockeridge and Bruce Corner were invited but were unable to attend due to other commitments.

This meeting was called to execute a plan to provide dugouts to as many diamonds in town as possible. Simultaneously, it was to approve the dugout design with the attendant materials, appoint people to handle certain tasks, and to prioritize which diamonds will be done with the available funds on hand.

Jim Karker and Jim Milican were able to secure a grant from Home Depot in the amount of \$10,000.00 to build these dugouts. This will go towards the cost of materials. The labor for the project will be completed by Home Depot employees. Other volunteers will be available, hopefully, to assist the Home Depot employees. This is a project by Home Depot for the community of Redford Township.

Discussion was started with respect to the design or materials to be used for the dugout. All agreed that the Jim Karker design (attached hereto) would be used with the addition of metal roofing which Bill Sullivan called "B-Decking". Jim Milican and Jim Karker believe they could obtain the "B-Decking" from a Home Depot supplier in Wayne Michigan. A shingle roof was deemed to be not acceptable based on past history of deterioration and vandalism in the town. All agreed that "metal" roofing was absolutely necessary.

The dugouts themselves, will be 20' long x 8' wide, except in the case of Capital Park Diamond #1, where it will be 30' long x 8' wide to accommodate the older players. The front portion of the dugout would stand 8" high and slope 8' side to accommodate the older players. The front portion of the dugout would stand 8' high and slope 6' in the back. The roof will be held by 6 4"x4" posts. The design also includes a 20' x 6' cement slab; the posts will then be secured to the cement slab with approved anchors and the benches will also be secured to the slab with anchors. The plan also includes the attachment of fence to cover the back, sides and front of the dugout. Tarps will be purchased in the future to provide additional privacy for the ball players. See the attached photo from Emerson Middle School: the slope of the metal roofing and the general look of the dugout.

Jim Karker and Jim Milican, to protect themselves legally, shall set up an account with the Redford Township Community Credit Union entitled "Project to Build Dugouts in Redford" or some similar name. Checks shall be deposited into the accounts and checks disbursed with two signatures of both Jim Karker and Jim Milican alone. Invoices shall be presented for payment as well. If necessary, Jim Karker and Jim Milican shall have a sufficient paper trail to prepare an accounting as well. Further, it is anticipated other organizations may make contributions to this project and these organizations may want a verification of how the monies were spent. John Keenan will assist Jim Karker and Jim Milican, if necessary, to set up this account.

Jim Karker and Jim Milican will inventory the fields to determine what materials need to be purchased, estimate the total cost of each dugout per field, purchase the materials as needed, schedule both the delivery and the Home Depot employees and plan the overall construction work on the dugouts.

Jim Karker will obtain the necessary permits from the Redford Township Building Dept. as soon as practicable, but no later than February 1, 2008.

Mike Curle will obtain the necessary permits for the cement work from the Redford Township Building Dept. as soon as practicable, but no later than February 1, 2008.

Dennis Bauer will contact Sinelli Cement to determine how much cement that company is willing to contribute to the project, as soon as practicable, but no later than February 1, 2008.

John Keenan will meet with and apprise the Township Park Commissioners with regard to the project, schedule a date to approve the project, and act as a liaison between the participants and the Park Commission.

John Keenan and Bill Sullivan will solicit other organizations in town to obtain additional funding for the project as necessary.

The cement work needs to be completed by the end of March and must be completed before the Build Day.

The Build Day will be Saturday, April 5, 2008. The April 5, 2008 date is the drop dead build day. All work will be done on that day. Sunday, April 6, 2008 will be the back-up date.

The last portion of the meeting centered on which diamonds we wanted to build the dugouts at; this would be based on the available funds we have at the time. The list of prioritized diamonds is as follows:

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| 1. Jaycee/Beech Field        | 2. Claude #4 (tear down/rebuild) |
| 3. Capitol #1                | 4. Western/Graham (2 diamonds)   |
| 5. Manning                   | 6. Kraft/Volney (roof only)      |
| 7. Phoenix                   | 8. Claude #3                     |
| 9. Korvette                  | 10. Pearson #1 (hardball)        |
| 11. Pearson #2 (LL/softball) | 12. Mann                         |

There is a total of 13 diamonds; these diamonds will be viewed on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> by the group to verify the actual preparation work that needs to be done.

A meeting will be scheduled for the first week of February for the parties to consider what needs to be done to each diamond.

Group telephone numbers and emails are as follows:

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