

Safety fence eyed at fields

By Joanna Mollazowski
staff writer

Installation of protective fencing and restrooms is the next step in improving Harrison High School's baseball fields for use by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation teams.

City teams began using the Farmington Public Schools-owned fields following completion of a new lighting system for night use. The use of the additional fields has enabled the city's softball program to expand from 88 adult teams to 146, City Manager William Costick said.

The expansion of the softball program has increased registration fees in the current fiscal year, increasing program revenues from \$41,300 to \$60,000.

Farmington Hills City Council last week \$7,645 in expenses for purchase of protective and purchase and installation of plumbing fixtures to complete restrooms. Improvements will be paid with the increased revenue in the program's expanded budget.

Talk of completing restrooms near the ballfields touched off a round of debate among council members last week.

Councilwoman Joan Dudley asked Director of Special Services Douglas Gaynor to discuss with school district officials the possibility of sharing the cost of protective fencing and restroom completion. A report on restroom completion will be presented at tonight's 7:30 council meeting.

IF SCHOOL officials do not wish to participate in the cost of additional improvements, the restrooms should be used only by city teams members, Dudley said.

"Frankly, my attitude is we unlock them when we use them. We lock them when we are not using them," Dudley said.

The new lighting at the Harrison fields is the result of an agreement between the city and the Farmington Public Schools to provide more playing time and space for community teams. Under the agreement, the city agreed to provide and pay for a lighting system for the two fields.

The agreement also holds the city responsible for improving the fields when necessary, such as repairing or replacing fencing, improving the composition of infields and installing permanent restrooms. The city also is responsible for maintenance of the field and parking area.

Gaynor told the council the school district has never had fencing around the ballfield and did not express an interest in sharing the cost of any now. But city officials prefer the fencing especially because of possible liability, Gaynor added.

ALTHOUGH THE restrooms are in a storage building next to the ballfields, school officials discontinued their use because of vandalism, Gaynor said.

Councilman Ben Marks told the council he felt that the school district should pay a proportionate share of the additional improvements based on the district's amount of use of the fields. "There should be moral participation as well as a fiduciary (participation)," Marks said.

Gaynor reminded the council that the school district is providing the ballfields. When the school year ends in June, the school district won't be using the fields until school starts again in the fall.

But the adult teams, which began using the fields recently, will continue use through October, Gaynor said. In the past year, the school district also completed drainage and grading improvements in and around the ballfields.



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Running for Lady Liberty

East Middle School students in Farmington Hills spent the greater part of Thursday running laps to raise money for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. From left, sixth-graders Sara Spannos and Jenni Bares complete one of the 85-yard laps. The restoration project includes an

overhaul of the 27-acre Ellis Island where turn-of-the-century immigrants were processed. The two-year-long restoration will culminate with rededication of the symbol of freedom on the Fourth of July.

Elementary science program in focus

The ideal for Farmington schools science program would be to have "some type of program for all grades," according to one district science consultant.

The three full-time consultants, with district science coordinator Doug Cooper, gave a presentation Tuesday, May 5, updating the elementary science program, which involves weekly team teaching in the fourth and fifth grades.

They spoke to the school board which actively supported the elementary science concept by voting the program into existence a year ago.

"Colleagues from other districts have been quick to mention the importance of administrative support," Cooper told the board. "We have had that."

The program was awarded for excellence in elementary science this year by the Michigan Department of

Education, and organizers said the program is progressing well. Five other districts in the area — Birmingham, Clarkston, Taylor, Farmington Hills and Warren — share ideas and information with the Farmington district.

The students get more "activity-type" science, because of the team teaching, according to a written evaluation of the program. In addition, many teachers interject or reinforce the science teaching with examples from other classroom work.

Suggestions given to better the program included additional teacher evaluation of student work, follow-up activities throughout the week, and a better inventory tracking of items borrowed throughout the district.

This year third graders will enjoy a newly-enhanced Outdoor Education Center at Fairview, and a work

booklet prepared by the staff to use on each visit.

Many elementary schools in the district are choosing to host science fairs or one-day match/science challenges for their students, the consultants said.

The elementary science program

progresses to Earth Science studies in the seventh grade and Natural Science studies in grade eight, Cooper added.

Science consultants include Lois Klauer, Kathy McAdaragh and Gloria Tweedy.

She recounts career

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freshened and ready to face the challenges in the Farmington area library system, she said.

OVER THE years, memberships in library groups and various government activities kept her busy as well. Papal is an active member of the Michigan Library Association, the American Library Association and a representative to the Library of Michigan Advisory Board.

She was one of five national consultants in 1978 for the U.S. Office of Education-sponsored study for "Public Library Services to the Handicapped." In 1979, Papal was an alternate delegate for the Michigan White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services and, in 1980, she served as a consultant on a Library of Congress study for circulation systems

for handicapped libraries. Her work in the library science area was, at first, a secondary choice. Foreign service work was the primary dream.

"The diplomatic corps — I thought it would be terribly exciting," she said. "But as the only girl in her family, and the youngest, that wasn't acceptable."

Her yen for diplomatic work was satisfied today, as she and her husband — who works for American Motors Corp. — entertain businesspeople from China and France at their home, leading an "international flair" to their lifestyles.

Both also enjoy traveling, especially to Washington, D.C., where "you get this tremendous feeling of patriotism," Papal said.

As another highlight of their sometimes hectic lives, the Papals visit local jazz clubs to enjoy an evening out. Both are musically inclined, she said.

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