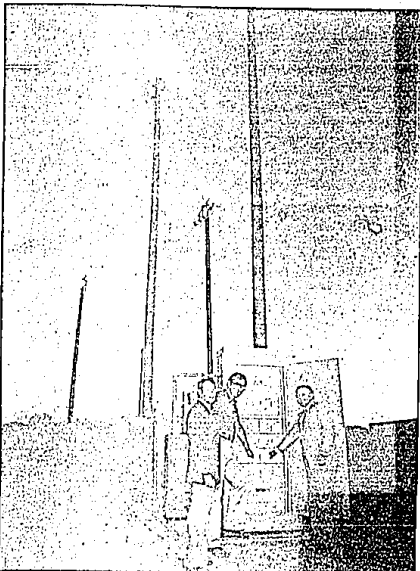


Restroom renovation to be joint effort



Farmington Hills and Farmington Public Schools have agreed to share the cost of renovating outdoor restrooms near Harrison High School's newly lighted baseball fields.

The city and school district will split the estimated \$1,500 expense of improving restrooms, which will be used by students and members of the city's adult softball teams.

"This is part of our combined effort," Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Graham Lewis said. "If we are both going to use them, we should share the cost."

Farmington Hills teams began using the Farmington Public Schools-owned fields following completion of a new lighting system for night use. The use of the fields has enabled the

city's softball program to expand from 88 adult teams to 146, city officials reported.

The new lighting at the fields is the result of an agreement between the city and school district 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 field when necessary, such as repairing or replacing fencing, improving the composition of infields and installing permanent restrooms.

Farmington Hills City Council last week authorized the purchase of protective and safety fencing and plumbing fixtures for the restrooms. But talk of improving restrooms touched off a round of debate among council members, resulting in a request to the school district to share the cost of restroom facilities.

Some council members felt that if the city was totally financially responsible for renovating the restrooms, then only the city's adult teams should use the facilities.

2 ball fields, lighting dedicated

Farmington Hills dedicated two baseball fields at the former Bond School and a lighting system for two baseball/softball fields at Harrison High School Saturday.

Ceremonies at the former Bond School were held in the morning, preceding two North Farmington/West Bloomfield Baseball Association Little League games.

Speakers included Douglas Gaynor, Farmington Hills Department of Special Services director, and Ron Hughes, president of Hughes Development Corp., which donated the land for the ball fields to the city.

Others speakers included Susan Rencels, Farmington Board of Education president, and Dorothy Cox, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission secretary.

A flag ceremony was conducted by Kevin Polsludik, a Boy Scout

whose Eagle Scout qualifying project included maintenance work on the two ball fields. The four catchers from the four teams represented each caught a ceremonial first pitch.

IN THE evening at Harrison High School, speakers included Dennis Fitzgerald, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission chairman, Graham Lewis, Farmington Public Schools superintendent, and Gaynor.

City adult softball league managers were introduced before Fitzgald and Lewis conducted the ceremonial turning on of the lights.

The dedication of these two fields gave Farmington Hills and the school district their first such lighting. Previously, recreation division softball games were played on

Farmington or privately owned facilities.

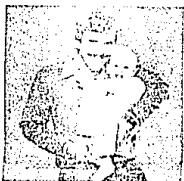
Both dedication ceremonies represent a cooperative venture between Farmington Hills and Farmington Public Schools.

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Department of Special Services Director Douglas Gaynor (left), Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Dennis Fitzgerald and Farmington School Superintendent Graham Lewis flick the switch to activate the new lighting at Harrison.

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