

PCRA

North Park - Upgrade

North Park fields of play are in good shape, but PCRA sees the community value in investing in several areas for improvements. The proposed upgrades will provide a safer and more enjoyable experience for all PCRA members, Priceville citizens, and residents of Morgan County District 1. These upgrades are a significant opportunity to provide local economic benefit by attracting numerous sporting events encompassing baseball, softball, soccer, and football. The building of basketball facilities by the Town of Priceville and the North Park upgrades proposed, would put Priceville in position to attract tournaments and camps of various levels of play. These events would provide exciting additional opportunities for both our boys and girls programs.

The current limitations driving the upgrade request are as follows:

1. Baseball and Softball

We only have 2 designated fields for each program plus a t-ball field for smallest age group. Each season PCRA spends \$1,000+ in expenses for field conditioner to help with drainage and improve playing surfaces. The fields of play are not optimally leveled for water drainage and affect quality of play. The limited number of available fields of play restricts tournament options (i.e. Dixie Youth State) and number of team participants..

2. Soccer

The U12 soccer field is not level and affects quality of play.

3. Football

The current football programs' practices are located in available grass areas and are undesignated fields of play. The slopes and drainage of the grass areas has a negative impact on practice options and quality of play.

The following areas are proposed:

1. Baseball and Softball Fields

- a. Remove and re-skin the infields of all 5 fields: turf plane, laser grade, add clay, and 1-0.75" layer of topsoil.

2. Soccer field located adjacent to baseball field 5 and field 4

- a. Laser grade and sod field of play
- b. Mark and Line field for soccer and football

3. Utilize additional North Park property to create fields of play for soccer and football activities.

- a. Fill-in and level drainage ditch
- b. Level and seed
- c. Mark and line fields of play for football and soccer
- d. Laser grade and sod

How?

The scope and cost of this project is not feasible for PCRA or Morgan County Parks and Rec to handle independently. The total estimated cost is \$55,000 (reference cost estimate table). The proposed approach is to collaborate with Parks and Rec and other communities in the county. By working together we can lower upgrade service costs and maintenance costs to the benefit of each community and Morgan County.

For example, the laser grade service for the proposed NP upgrades will cost ~\$20,000 and approximately another \$20,000 for 17 additional baseball fields in the communities (note additional fields of play not included) for a total of \$40,000. Typically this fee is for a one time services and additional maintenance require additional recurring costs.

The proposed solution is to purchase the equipment needed for turf management for each field of play for all communities. Morgan County Park and Recreation will own and maintain the equipment assets, and they have the expertise to operate and perform the services. The investment substantially lowers the total cost of field upgrades and maintenance. We plan to create an Equipment Fund as a separate PCRA account specifically for receiving restricted contributions toward the fund goals. Each community, corporations, and individuals may contribute to raise the required funds. The desired equipment list for turf management totals approximately \$38,500. The initial goal of the Equipment Fund is to raise \$20,000 to purchase a Laser Grade System.

Equipment List	
Item Description	Total
Laser Grade System	\$ 20,000.00
Box Blade	
Laser	
Tripod	
Grade Pole	
Hydraulic Controls	
Aerator	\$ 12,000.00
Turf Roller 72" rounded edges	\$ 5,000.00
Float	\$ 1,500.00
Total Cost	\$ 38,500.00

For the proposed North Park Upgrades to begin, the equipment fund of \$20,000 must be fully funded and the cost of safcoat topper of \$5,750 purchased by PCRA to save an additional \$1,500. \$25,750 is the total amount needed to start the North Park Upgrade projects. Morgan County Parks and Rec. has committed to prioritize North Park upgrades and to use its resources labor and budgetary funds to complete the proposed projects (please reference commitment letter). In addition, PCRA will be allowed to host events (i.e. tournaments soccer, softball, baseball, football) at the park to raise funds for project improvements as specified in the commitment letter. Currently, the Equipment Fund has received strong interest from the other league presidents who will be meeting with their communities to determine their level of contribution.

The proposed decision for PCRA is to determine how much money in addition to the safcoat topper (\$5,750) to contribute toward the equipment fund so that the North Park Upgrades can be started and completed? To lower PCRA's total cash outlay in addition to other communities contributing we can fundraise and obtain help from corporate sponsors, county, and individuals. Morgan County Parks and Rec. estimates 2-3 weeks to obtain the equipment and materials from date of purchase with goal to be completed by 2018 seasons. The first project will be the baseball and softball fields.

PCRA is in a great financial position to make investments into North Park upgrades that would benefit all sport programs and all of our boys and girls at each age group. In addition the upgrades will allow us to generate additional revenue by hosting tournaments and events. PCRA's cash balance is approximate \$55,000+, and the required minimum cash on hand is approximately \$15,000 to manage cash flow for current programs (referee expenses, coach reimbursements, equipment, etc). I will post an updated balance to reference.

All feedback and suggestions are welcomed.

**North Park Upgrade Proposal
Cost Estimate**

Project 1 - baseball/Softball Infields						
Quantity	Units	Description	Responsible Group	Completion Time Estimate	Cost	
13689	SF	TURFPLANE BALL FIELDS (5 fields)	County Parks and Rec	Done - Aug 11	\$2,053.35	
37420	SF	LASER GRADE INFIELDS (5 fields - estimate pro rain quote)	County Parks and Rec		\$5,613.00	
		4" infield dirt removal and replace with clay (5 fields)	County Parks and Rec			
125	ton	1"-3/4" Infield Fines 1/8" down safcoat topper @ \$46/ton (5 fields)	PCRA		<u>\$5,750.00</u>	
				Complete by 2018 Season	<u>\$13,416.35</u>	

Project 2 - Soccer Field Upgrade						
Quantity	Units	Description	Responsible Group	Time Estimate	Cost	
		Removal of current sod and additional dirt	County Parks and Rec Est Cost		\$7,000.00	
39,000	SF	Laser Grade Fields	County Parks and Rec Est Cost		\$5,850.00	
87	Pallets	Sod Field at \$80/pallet	County Parks and Rec Est Cost		<u>\$6,960.00</u>	
				Complete by 2018 Season	<u>\$12,810.00</u>	

Project 3 - New Playing Surface Football/Soccer						
Quantity	Units	Description	Responsible Group	Time Estimate	Cost	
225	ft	Drainage piping - estimating budget cost expectation pending actual	Morgan County - Jeff Clark		\$10,000.00	
		Fill and pack dirt	County Parks and Rec			
57600	ft	Laser Grade approx (160ft wide X 360ft long)	County Parks and Rec		\$8,640.00	
		Seed area	County Parks and Rec			
				Complete By 2018 Season	<u>\$18,640.00</u>	
129	Pallets	Sod Fields \$80/pallet			<u>\$10,320.00</u>	
				Complete by TBD	<u>\$10,320.00</u>	

Total Projects Cost \$55,186.35