



Verona Recreation Advisory Committee Field Subcommittee

Recommendations for Everett Proposal

Overview

Our group, the Verona Rec Committee has formed a small committee to bring back some recommendations around the proposed Everett field design. The committee is made up of three members whose children have participated in sports at Everett and some of the committee members have coached games at that field.

Our goal in the meeting was to answer questions that we felt were aligned with the goals of promoting recreation in our town and the creation of facilities (in this case) that aligned with those goals. As the new rec committee mandates are being worked on it - it is unclear the true role of the committee and we await the recommendations from the town council regarding those goals.

Field space in Verona is at a premium, and we do believe that Everett field, when in great condition has brought years of joy and memories to the families of Verona. A new field, even if scaled back, will continue to add to the legacy of Everett field - bringing great value to the town and its residents.

The field has had little to no investment (visually) in years and is in need of work. We also understand the economics of building a new field and we recommend it is done with the core goal of getting children outside and playing sports in a safe/modern facility.

General Alignment with Recreation

Given that we are a recreation committee. As such:

1. We believe the Town Council should consider this project with the core and sole purpose being putting Verona children on a safe field.
2. We believe the Town Council will work with the environmental commission on the proper steps to align this project from an environmental perspective.
3. We rely on planning boards, traffic studies, and the town to align on how to best create a facility that is safe and lasts the children of Verona for many years to come.

Recreation Recommendations:

1. Field Use / Age - We believe this field should serve 40/60 and 50/70 baseball and softball. This traditionally serves up to 6th graders.
2. Fence - We believe the fence should be 8 feet. This would create a more challenging and deeper field (fewer HRs) while allowing more room for sponsorships as well.
3. Use- The field should be utilized for softball and baseball:



- a. As a result of the mixed-use, we recommend portable mounds that are aligned with the various ages. For the 1/2nd graders, there should be a smaller mound. For the 5/6th graders, there should be a larger mound.
- b. These mounds should have a place to be properly stored and should be on wheels to easily move

Field - We believe that the field should be grass. This will reduce costs and perhaps reduce injuries as well.

a. The field should be utilized for other practices when baseball is not in use

Playground - We do believe the playground concept is great and the town should seek grants to build a playground to ensure the children watching the game are safe and have a central activity (like a playground) available to them.

Press Box - We do not believe there needs to be a meeting space, but a simple & covered press box will do.