

Subcommittee of City Parks Commission Proposal: Morton Park

Morton Park, in the Maxwell neighborhood has one major problem: a lack of park users. This lack of activity in the park can leave the park susceptible to crime. The parks commission believes that the best way to dispel a possible criminal element is to entice people to use the park. While the community is eager to bring users into the park, there are also park user groups who are in need of facilities. Many of the young families moving into the community live in rental properties with no play area for children. Our residents and their young children are left to roam around the park with nothing to do. The existing playground equipment is for older children, providing no safe area for preschoolers to play. The Maxwell Community is a transitioning community that needs improved recreational space for families. As new families enter the community, the park is even more essential, but is underutilized due to poor conditions. Poor condition and lack of equipment to accommodate the needs of children results in the park not adequately serving the community.

A dog park would be an ideal addition to Morton Park, because of its perfect location for a dog park. Dog parks/run tend to be very well used, as they attract people into the park from a variety of neighborhoods, allowing people a great spot to visit with each other while their pets play together. One fourth of the park will need to be completely enclosed in a 4' high (minimum) chain link fence. There will be one, double-gated vestibule and a drinking fountain that accommodated both people and dogs. At Morton Park, there will need to be parking area to the right of the entrance of the park. A dog park is desperately needed in this portion of Manistee.

The addition of the dog play area to the park will make the park more inviting to young families of all cultures, and the addition of the "Dog Run" will bring longtime residents back to the park for exercise and fellowship.

The proposed project will add a play area and playground equipment for children of all ages, and a dog park/run. The City's Parks Department does not have funding for these improvements, so, in order to realize this vision; the community must take on the project.

There are currently a few companies throughout the City who have expressed a desire to assist with ongoing rehabilitation of the park with fencing, and new play equipment. Creating such a partnership would increase park usage leading to a safer, more user friendly park for the neighborhood.

Creating these new park elements (Dog Park, new playing equipment) would be a win-win. It would provide much needed amenities to citizens from throughout the surrounding area, while at the same time improving the sustainability of the park and its value to the local residents.

The proposed plan came from the work of the "subcommittee of the parks commission". The group developed a plan to make Morton Park an amenity that all citizens of the community can use.

The revitalized park will help to sustain strong community bonds and bridge the gap between new and existing residents, building community connectivity, tolerance of diversity, and pride.

The subcommittee of the parks commission developed the following plan:

Phase I:

Install fencing along the east end back to edge of Morton Park (parking area) and Dog Park area and 2 dog entries/exits and straight line to back

(Bid from Straight Line Fencing)

Install Underlayment of woodchips with mats at footing/end of each play area/equipment

(Will contact PCA for donation of Virgin Woodchips and manpower)

Paint lines for half of a football field in back half of the park.

Purchase from Miracle – Tots' Choice Model #718-S123J

Purchase from Miracle – Kid's choice Model #714-S442J

Hold a community build day to layout woodchips, install play equipment and benches (Community volunteers, & company volunteers)

Work with the Parks Department to install additional needed park signs advised by the committee

City to install two picnic tables and two grills (agreed by Gary Niesen)

City to provide Port-a-Jon (maintain) and water access.

Purchase equipment by December 2015

***Phase to be completed by end of June 2016*

Phase II:

T-Ball field (and everything associated with its use) for community and MRA.

(50 feet between each base)

Purchase and install fitness Track/Area

Basketball court to be extended in length

Purchase and install mini whirl (Merry-Go-Round)

Purchase and install dog run/park equipment

Purchase equipment by December 2016

***Phase to be completed by end of June 2017*

The community will celebrate the work that has already been accomplished and announce the work that is yet to be completed.

Seek corporate sponsorships, community donations, and additional grant funds.

If all parties are in agreement please sign and date.

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Phase I

714-S442J



Cost: \$9,295 plus free shipping, free 6' Bench (1266-1)
Estimated Install Equipment Cost: \$3,527
Engineered Wood Fiber: 61 Cubic Yards: Cost: \$915 plus shipping approx. \$450
Estimated Install for EWF: \$915
Estimated Geotextile Fabric: \$185
Estimated Install for Geo: \$160
Estimated Site (37'x33') Excavation of 12" deep: \$800
Estimated Community Build Cost: \$2,500



Free Bench (1266-1)

718-S123J



Cost: \$9,890 plus free shipping, free 6' Bench (1266-1)

Estimated Install Equipment Cost: \$3,745

Engineered Wood Fiber: 50 Cubic Yards: Cost: \$750

Plus shipping approx. \$450

Estimated Install for EWF: \$750

Estimated Geotextile Fabric: \$185

Estimated Install for Geo: \$130

Estimated Site (32'x31') Excavation of 12" deep: \$800

Estimated Community Build Cost: \$2,500

Note if both playgrounds are purchased:

Estimated EWF shipping would be \$450

Estimated Geotextile Fabric would be \$185

Estimated Community Build would be \$3,000-\$3,500

Estimated Site Excavation would be \$1,400

Phase II



 Sinclair Recreation
1-800-444-4954 / www.Sinclair-rec.com

CITY OF MANISTEE
Fitness Area

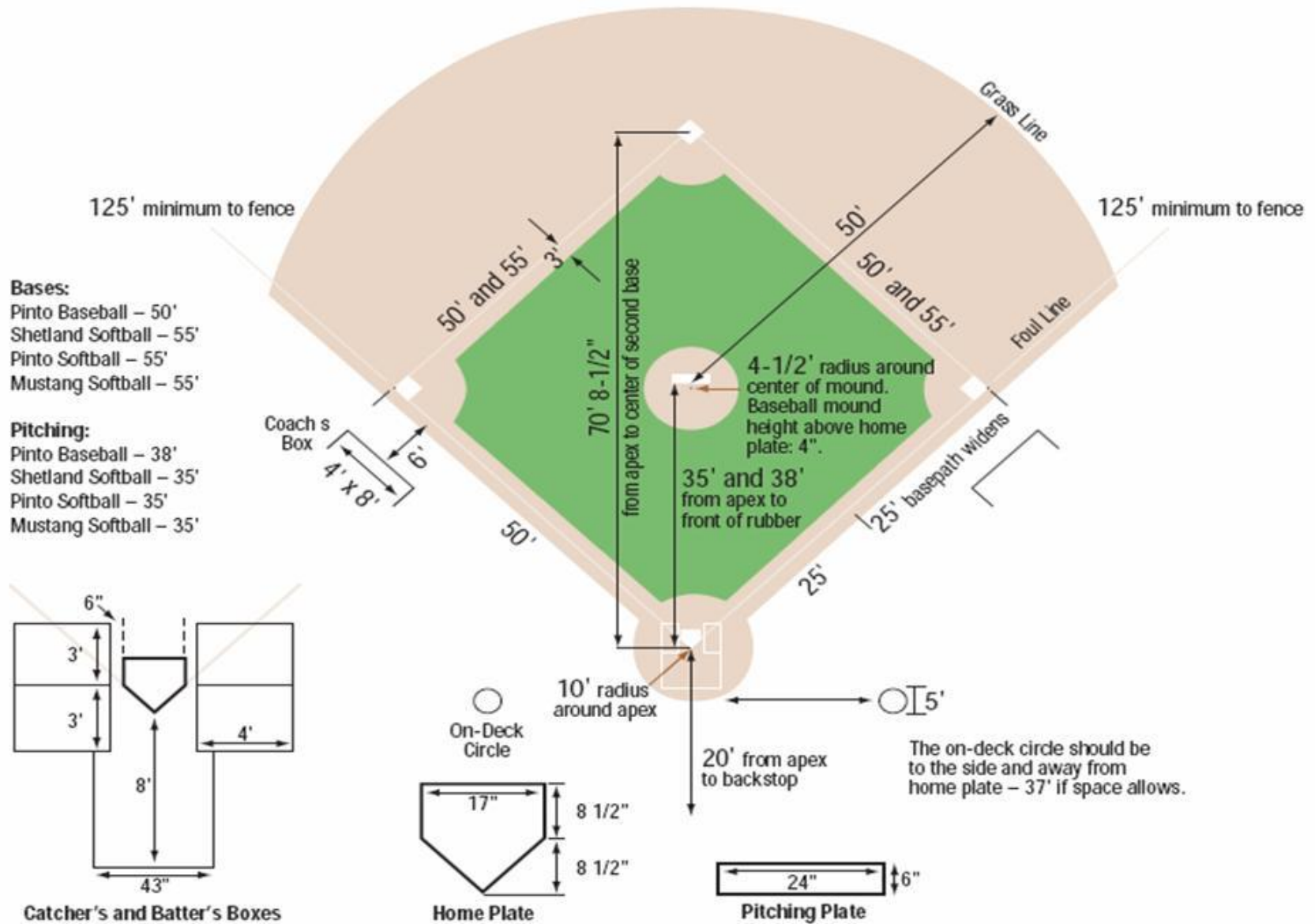
 GameTime
PLAYCORE
800.231.2440 / www.gametime.com



Cost: \$1,900 plus shipping

Protective Area: 20'7" Diameter

50' Shetland and Pinto League Field







Morton Park Improvement Budget: Morton Salt Expenses			
Phase One:			
Woodchips		\$ 1,000.00	*
Fencing		\$ 4,100.00	*
<i>Labor to Install Fence</i>		\$ 2,269.00	*
Tot play equipment		\$ 11,000.00	*
(with required company supervisory)			
Kid play equipment		\$ 11,000.00	
(with required company supervisory)			
2 benches (provided by Miracle)		\$ -	
Total			<u>\$ 29,369.00</u>
<i>without fence install</i>			<u>\$ 27,100.00</u>
Phase Two:			
Fitness Area		\$ 11,000.00	*
Mini Whirl		\$ 1,900.00	*
T-Ball field		\$ 8,000.00	
Extend Basket Ball Court		\$ 1,000.00	
Dog Equipment		\$ 6,000.00	
Total:			<u>\$ 27,900.00</u>

*Morton Salt will fund \$18,369 of phase 1 and \$13,000 of phase 2.

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