



Little League Baseball

MONTANA DISTRICT #1
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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Tina Volek
City Administrator
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City Administrator

Dear Ms. Volek:

In 2009, Montana District 1 Little League (District) was awarded a \$99,000 grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund for the construction of a new full-sized baseball field at Centennial Park. Centennial Park is located in west Billings, south of Broadwater Ave and west of 32nd St West. Baseball Tomorrow is a subsidiary of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. In addition to this money, our District raised an additional \$87,000 through league donations, private donations and pledges to help complete the initial phase of the development.

Since the field is in a City Park, we have been working with the Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands Department to ensure we are in compliance with city code and regulations. In our discussions concerning the sprinkler system construction, it was determined that to satisfy all the needs of the new field and surrounding area, it would require a new 2 inch meter off of the main. Presently there is only a 1 inch meter that serves the area. This meter would cost \$11,000. This is an expense we have not budgeted for. We have purchased all of the sprinkler systems parts and we will be installing the system this spring as weather permits.

We are requesting the Council use \$11,000 from their discretionary contingency fund to help us pay for this new meter to improve the park. We believe this is a prudent use of City funds and would reinforce the Cities commitment to this project. Our District provides funding and volunteer labor to clean up and maintain the baseball and softball fields at city parks each summer.

Thank you for your consideration on this request.

Rick DeVore
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