

# CAPAHA BALLFIELD

## Capaha Park Ballfield/Stadium Complex Improvements

Capaha Park Baseball Stadium has served as the home of the Capaha Baseball Team since the late 1800's, along with being host to our local American Legion teams and the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks baseball team. The ballfield's natural turf was recently replaced with artificial turf; greatly improving the field playability. The aging scoreboard was also replaced with a new digital display and updated graphics. The remaining improvements needed include replacing the ballfield sports lighting, replacing the old restroom with an updated restroom/concession pavilion, renovating the grandstand seating, and improving accessibility.

### CURRENT ISSUES

- Lighting**  
Aging sports lighting needs to be replaced with more energy efficient LED lighting.
- Restrooms/Concessions**  
Lack of quality and quantity of restroom/concession facilities to manage large events.
- Facility Gating**  
Lack of ability to "gate" and charge entry to facility to offset expenses.
- Accessibility**  
Lack of accessibility and quality spectator seating to manage large events.
- Hillside Seating**  
Improve hillside seating and accessibility.

### PROJECT SCOPE

- Partnership with Southeast Missouri State University.
- Replace sports lighting with energy efficient LED system.
- Replace restroom and construct new concession/storage areas for the ballfield.
- Add perimeter fencing/gating system to control entry and access.
- Renovate spectator seating to provide improved accessibility and fan experience, as funding allows.
- Add homerun deck behind right field to enhance VIP area and fan experience, as funding allows.
- Add locker room and coach's offices as funding allows.

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- ★ Improve safety, playability and energy efficiency with new lighting
- ★ Improve overall fan experience with accessible venue for restrooms, concessions, home run deck and seating
- ★ Improve player experience with enclosed locker room
- ★ Increase revenue opportunities for City and University

### ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL BUDGET IMPACT

- Cost reduction for utilities
- Opportunities to increase revenue for City and University
- Minimal additional manpower expenses based on cost recovery of concession operation

**CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE:**  
**\$1,000,000**



**CITY of CAPE GIRARDEAU**  
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



**AGING GRANDSTAND**



**INADEQUATE HILLSIDE SEATING**



**CURRENT 30+ YEAR OLD LIGHT STRUCTURES**



**NEW LED LIGHT TECHNOLOGY**