



## Optimist Park News

DGSA is pleased to announce that it has received approval from the DePere Park and Recreation board to proceed with several improvements to Optimist Park. These improvements include the following;

- 1.) Construction of a third softball diamond at Optimist Park.
- 2.) Addition of a double batting cage.
- 3.) Surfacing of the areas under the bleachers.

These improvements would be great additions to our program. As many of you know, field space is very hard to find in De Pere and, as our program grows, we are finding it harder and harder to accommodate all our needs with the current facilities. These improvements will help to provide future growth for our program as well as provide improved facilities for our exciting players.

With all the positives from the above improvements, the financial burden of these improvements falls on DGSA. The City of DePere has not budgeted funds for this project. The cost of these improvements will be approximately \$100,000.

Currently; with pledges from the Optimist Club of De Pere, and private donors we already have \$65,000. We would like to start and complete these improvements in 2008 and have them ready for play starting in 2009. Therefore, we need to raise the remaining \$35,000.

DGSA needs your help in raising the dollars needed for these improvements. We are looking for help from private donors, companies and charitable foundations. Donations can be in the form of labor, supplies or can be cash donations. All donors will receive a brick that will be permanently displayed on the concession stand at Optimist Park. We urge all DGSA members to help with this fund raising project. If you are willing or know of someone who would be willing to be a contributor to this project, please contact us. All donations will be tax deductible.

We need your help to make this possible. Please contact us if you can help or need more information.

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