

New scoreboard coming to Teener League Field in Union



Deputy Mayor and Commissioner of Recreation Suzette Cavadas, and Committeeman Clifton People, Jr. at the Union VFW Teener League Field where, among other improvements, a new scoreboard will be installed before the 2017 Season. (Photo courtesy of the Township of Union)



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Continuing with the renovations to the Union VFW Teener League Field, it was recently announced that a new scoreboard will be coming to the field before the start of next season. The scoreboard is being funded through donations from community partners that were raised by Township of Union Mayor, Committee and Administration.

"Organized sports and recreation opportunities for our residents and families are a top priority for us as we recognize their place in positive youth development," said Deputy Mayor Suzette Cavadas who is also the Commissioner of Recreation. "We hope that these continued improvements will help keep our youth involved for many years to come."

Last year, the Township of Union received a grant from The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between the Major League Baseball Players Association and Major League Baseball, in the amount of \$35,500 to support and fund the renovation of the Field, located on Tucker Avenue. The Township matched those funds for a comprehensive renovation that included re-grading of the playing surface to address drainage issues and to better accommodate the extensive use of the field.

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"It was most certainly exciting news when we found out about the grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund," said Carmen Marano, President of the Union VFW Teener League. "But what's even more exciting is seeing the community come together to keep these improvements going."

The major renovations took place in the Spring of 2016 and the field reopened in July. It is currently utilized by 400 players and expected to continue to grow.

"It's essential for the Township to support these efforts," said long-time committeeman and former Mayor Clifton People, "It is a fact that sports play a huge role in fostering growth and developing a greater sense of community."

The new scoreboard will enhance the quality of play and add to the level of comfort for players and spectators alike.

The board being considered measures 8' H X 24' W X 5" D, and features large, 15" digits, ball/strike/out count, hit and error display, border trim striping, and an MSX control console with LCD display.

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