

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

Through: Douglas Faseler, City Manager
Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Presentation regarding the Little League Shade Structures Fundraising Project.

Date: February 5, 2019

In September of 2018, the Seguin Little League requested funding for various improvements at the Little League fields. In October, a member of the Seguin Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class 2018-2019 reached out to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding ideas for a class project. City staff recommended that the Leadership Class consider providing shade structures at the Little League fields as their class project since there is no shade available at the ballpark. The Leadership Class has chosen to raise funds to construct shade structures at the Little League fields as their class project. The goal is to provide needed shade for spectators at the Little League fields for Little League games in the spring, summer, and fall, and summer tournaments.

In working with Little League officials and the Leadership Class, City staff is proposing to partner in supporting the fundraising efforts for 13 shade structures that will measure 15 feet wide by 30 feet long. The quote received for the shade structures is \$59,495 (\$4,500 per shade structure), plus a onetime engineering cost (\$995) required to obtain a City permit for the installation. As proposed, the City would pay for the first shade structure (\$4,500) including the onetime engineering cost (\$995) in the amount of \$5,495. The shade structure will be placed near the concession stand in between fields #1 and #4 to provide immediate shade needed near the concession area. This shade structure will be the showpiece for the Leadership's Class fundraising efforts and will be installed by the end of February as their fundraising efforts are scheduled to start on March 2 with events scheduled in Max Starcke Park. The Leadership Class will present their fundraising efforts to City Council.

If the Leadership's Class \$27,000 fundraising goal is met, 12 additional shade structures will be constructed on the six ballfields at Max Starcke Park. Each ballfield would have two shade structures installed on each field with one on the 1st base side covering the stands and one on the 3rd base side covering the stands. As proposed, the City would match the fundraising efforts, per shade structure, up to six additional shade structures

up to \$27,000 for a total project cost to the City of \$32,495. This total project cost includes the initial showpiece shade structure and the onetime engineering cost. If the Leadership Class raises more funds than what is needed to fund six shade structures, the additional funds would go for other ballfield improvements such as enlarging the dugouts on all six ballfields, etc.