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McAllister Foundation gift to fund major field renovations at McCaw Park

LAFAYETTE, IN – June 25, 2020 – Lafayette Parks Foundation announced today that they are the proud recipient of an \$85,000 gift from The McAllister Foundation, which will help fund the baseball field renovations at McCaw Park.

“We are honored to help with this project, which will have long-term benefits for the youth of Tippecanoe County,” said William J McCaw of The McAllister Foundation. “Not only will these renovations help with quality of play, they will incorporate important new safety features too.”

The baseball fields will receive extensive work including a new engineered infield mix and new infield sod. Renovations also include laser grading and the rebuilding of pitching mounds and home plate areas. Additionally, new overhead protective netting will be installed throughout the park.

“The improvements at McCaw Park will be tremendous for our 11-14 year old baseball players in Lafayette,” said Brent Martin, President of Lafayette Youth Baseball. “The improvements being made to the playing surfaces will help ensure our players have a quality place to play the sport they love, even when we have had rain. Lafayette Youth Baseball is very appreciative of the donation by The McAllister Foundation and we look forward to doing our part to maintain these important improvements that are being made to the facilities.”

In total, the renovations will cost just over \$102,000 with a contribution of almost \$17,000 coming from The City of Lafayette. Work has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

“These renovations and improvements to all three baseball fields and the installation of the overhead protective netting will continue to make McCaw Park one of the premier youth baseball facilities in Indiana,” said Lafayette Parks Director of Operations Jon Miner.

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Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, Crosser Sports Complex, and the Columbian Park Carousel.

About Lafayette Parks and Recreation

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city's trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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