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***Discussion on Proposed Ryder
Park Batting Cage***

Town Hall Meeting – June 3, 2014





Background on JCYS

- Supports Youth Baseball and Softball programs for Ossining boys and girls
 - 450 children participating via 44 recreational teams this spring
 - Six divisions by age for boys and Girls aged 5-16
 - Works with Ossining Travel Baseball for ages 9-18
 - Serves 220 children playing baseball at Ryder Park
- Objectives
 - Participation – Keep Children Active
 - Education – Sportsmanship and Skills
 - Safety
 - Fun



Identified Need

- Ryder Park Finch Field (rear field) and Middle Field – used by Little League, Senior Baseball and Travel Practice and Games: April to October
- Over 100 games played annually on those two fields
- Used by Ossining School District's Modified (7th and 8th Grade) Baseball Team
- Currently, no opportunity to provide repetitive, protected, practice which can be supervised by coaches:
 - For pitching,
 - For hitting during practice and before games as warm-up
 - For pitching warm up during game situations

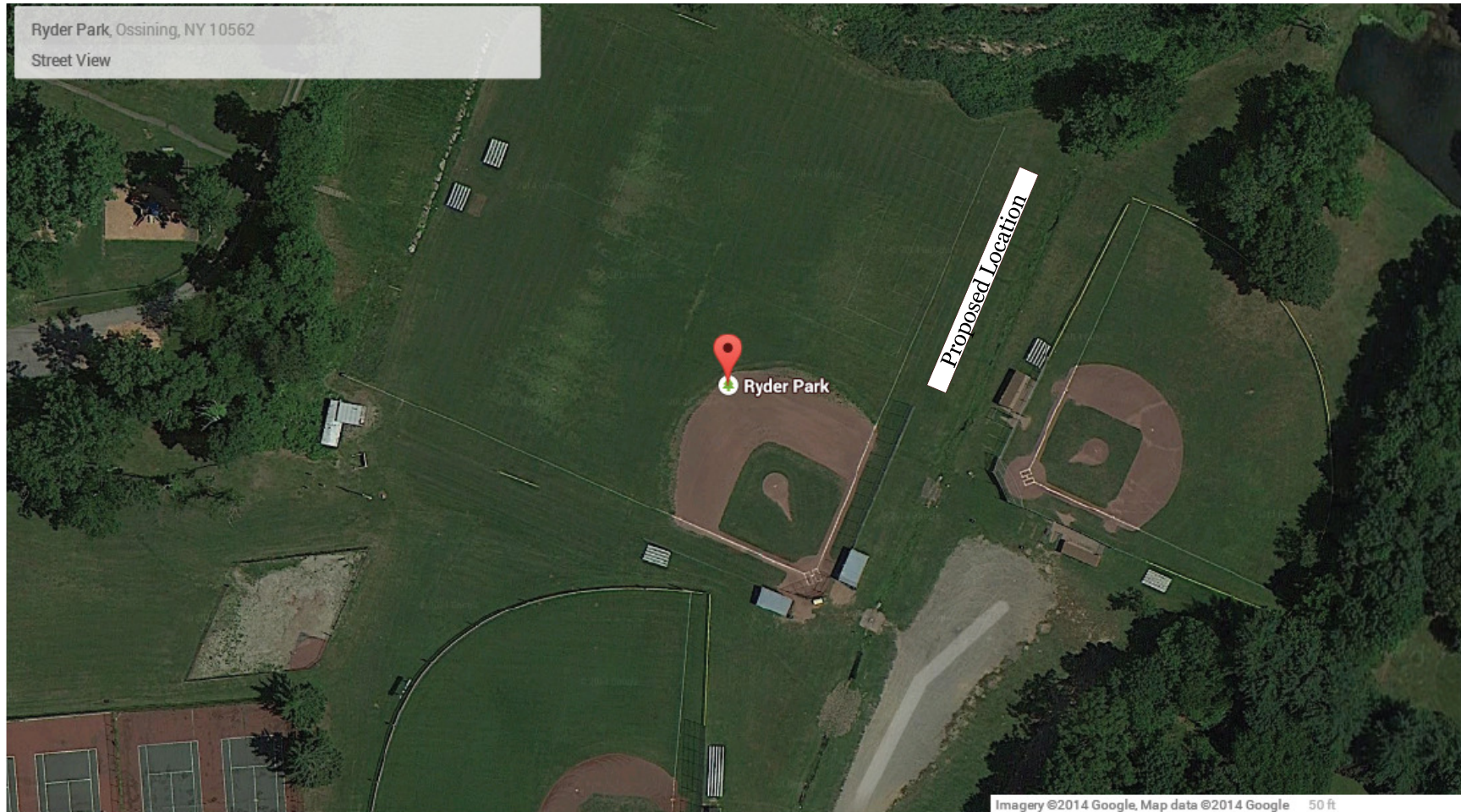


Design Considerations

Consideration	Comments
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Needs to be in vicinity of fields for visibility and travel• Needs to be fully meshed in• Located where not in field of play for a field
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large enough for pitching (longer than 60 feet)• Ability to support two teams pre-game or during practices (two tunnels)
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate is far from park borders and local residences• Does not reduce limited parking space• Little prep needed to support construction
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordable – full cost to be paid by JCYS and Ossining Travel Baseball



Proposed Location – Google Map





Proposed Location – Relative to Park Boundaries





Photo of Current Location



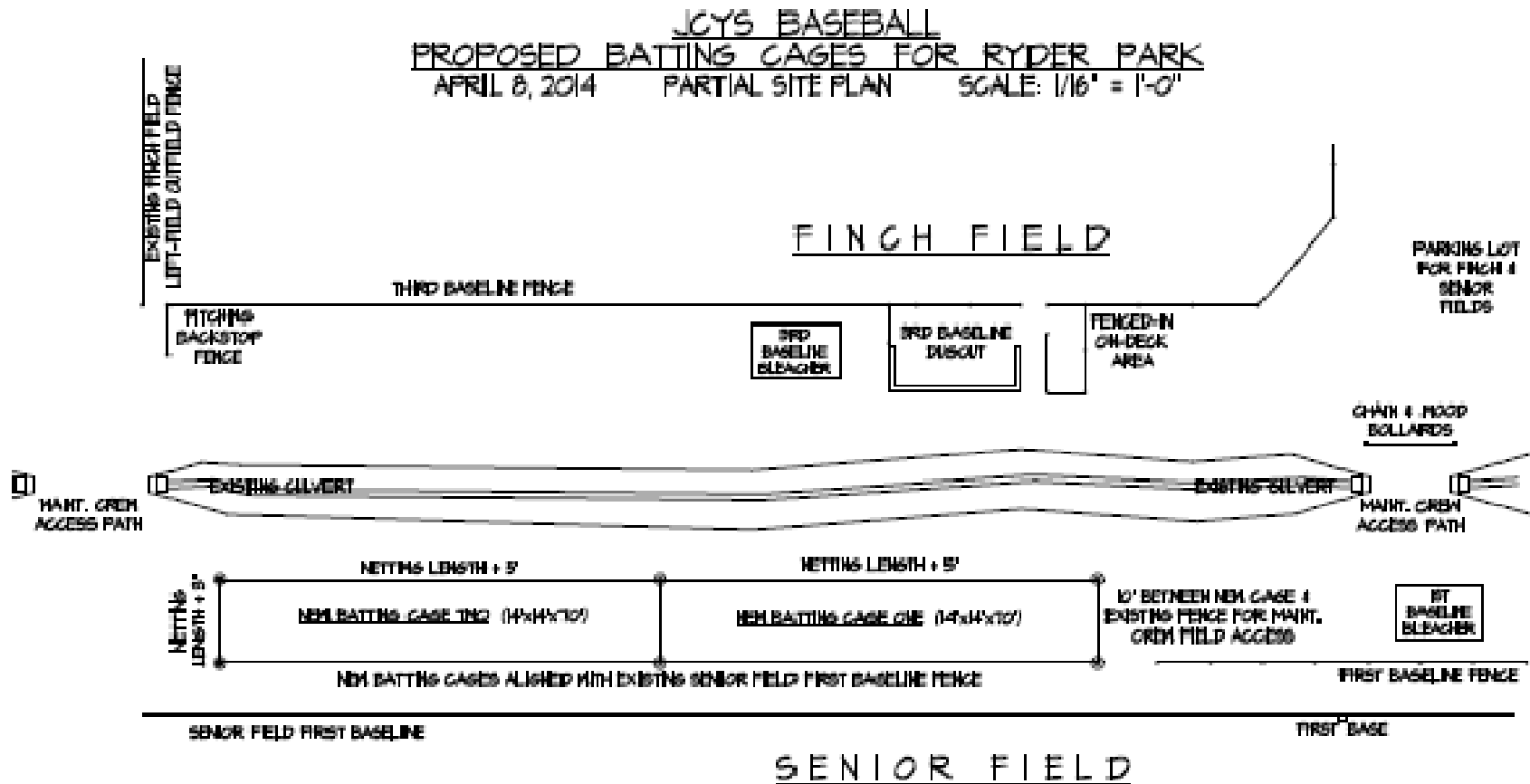


Photo of Current Location – Reverse View





Proposed Layout





Proposed Design

- “Mastodon” Brand Batting Cage
 - Low maintenance, economical, durable, mesh cage suspended from wires
 - Recently chosen by school district for HS team and installed at AMD for use with Varsity, JV programs
 - In use locally at Somers Reis Park and Yorktown Legacy Park
- Two 10x10x70 foot cages in single line
- Location between middle and rear fields at Ryder, to west of the drainage culvert



Mastadon Brand Cage – Yorktown Legacy Field





Other Considerations

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Installation Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JCYS proposes paying for full cost of equipment and materials
Availability/Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used during practice and game times for JCYS teams and visiting teams
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JCYS proposes carrying the cost of maintenanceLow maintenance design – nets will be taken down and stored in JCYS sheds over winter (Veterans Park)



Benefits of Proposal

- Improves Ryder Park which has a long history providing baseball in the Town of Ossining
- Updates Facility in keeping with changes in youth sports and serves a significant portion of youth community in Ossining
- No cost to Town and Village
- Located as far away from park borders as possible while still maintaining site lines to fields and teams leveraging the facility

Thank You for Your Time

Questions?