



Proposal (July 6, 2015 as revised January 10, 2016)

Submitted by The Clint Seymour "Play Ball" Fund, Donald E. Seymour, President

To: The Town of Mt. Lebanon (the "Town"); the Mt. Lebanon School District (the "School District"; and the Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association ("MLBA") (collectively the "Constituents")

The Clint Seymour Play Ball Fund (the "Fund") proposes (i) to fund by financial grant certain identified substantial improvements to the regulation-sized baseball field at the south end of Wildcat Field (the home field for the Mt. Lebanon High School baseball team among others); and (ii) to accomplish the naming of the renovated field as Clint Seymour Field.

I. Background:

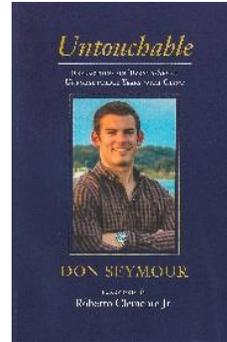
A. The Fund: The Fund is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its mission statement is to

"enable youngsters and adolescents to experience the joy and enthusiasm that can derive from the game of baseball and relationships built among teammates and mentors. In that positive environment, the game presents limitless opportunities for character development that enhances imagination, discovery and performance, all within the Mission of our Fund. We will fulfill our mission through contributing to baseball facilities as well as programs and resources consistent with our Mission."

Further information about the Fund is available at its website, *clintplayball.com*.

B. Clint Seymour and Mt. Lebanon: Clint Seymour's great grandparents (John and Mary Dixon) moved to a home in a rural setting on Rockwood Avenue in Mt. Lebanon in 1919 when Clint's maternal grandmother (Hazel Dixon) was five years old. She was educated in the Mt. Lebanon School District and graduated in one of the earliest classes of its high school in ~ 1932. She and her husband Robert E. Seymour purchased the Rockwood Avenue home from her parents after his return from World War II, and they raised their four sons there, each of whom attended the Mt. Lebanon schools. Their second son, Don, purchased the family home in 1990 and raised their two children (Clint and Carly) there, who also attended the Mt. Lebanon schools (classes of 2004 and 2006 respectively). The Dixon and Seymour families were active in varied civic and recreational organizations and activities in Mt. Lebanon and Greater Pittsburgh for six decades. For example, Robert E. Seymour chaired the Library Commission for a number of years, was instrumental in the construction of the current Library, and (in combination with his son Don – Clint's father) made a financial contribution for which the Reading Room was named in their honor.

Don and Mary Seymour's first child, Clint, was born in 1986. Clint's life from age 6 through college was influenced by his passion for baseball, fueled by his many teammates and coaches from Mt. Lebanon. He was an all-state baseball player for Mt. Lebanon High School 2001 – 2004 and played four years on a baseball scholarship to Division I Eastern Kentucky University 2005-2008. Upon graduation from college, he lived in Mt. Lebanon during his earliest years of employment until he decided to relocate to Charleston South Carolina in the fall of 2013, where his parents had moved two years earlier. In April 2014 he was the victim of a senseless and totally unprovoked homicide in Charleston. The random nature of his homicide has created significant media and public attention in Pittsburgh and in Charleston, where his accused killer awaits trial in early 2016. Shortly after his death on April 28, 2014, his family and friends established the Fund. In its first operational year (2015), the Fund sponsored a number of acclaimed baseball-related youth events and awards in Greater Pittsburgh and in Charleston, consistent with its mission. Each is chronicled on the Fund's website, www.clintplayball.com. A number of those events and awards have involved and will involve Mt. Lebanon residents in various capacities. Further information about Clint and his father Don, including many insights from Clint's contemporaries and coaches, can be found in the book "*Untouchable, Reflections on Twenty-Seven Unforgettable Years With Clint*" by Don Seymour with foreword by Roberto Clemente Jr. It is available at the Mt. Lebanon Library and can be purchased at amazon.com.



C. The Field: Based upon recollections, the origins of what became known as "Wildcat Field" derived from the tract on the eastern side of Cedar Boulevard south of the entrance to Mt. Lebanon Park. Previously a lower elevation, it was used in the 1940's as a deposit area for waste materials generated from various development projects within the Town. Once the area had been "filled," it was topped off with soil and leveled for recreational use. It became the home field of the Mt. Lebanon Wildcats, a semi-pro football team in the late 1940s and into the 1950s in an era when semi-pro football was quite popular in Western Pennsylvania. The team was managed by Mt. Lebanon resident Jim Daniell (now deceased), an Ohio State football alumnus following a pro career with the Chicago Bears and the Cleveland Browns. Accordingly the field became known locally as "Wildcat Field," although there may never have been a formal adoption of the name by the Town. The semi-pro football team of that name has not used the field for more than sixty years.

Eventually the northern end of the playing surface was developed into Dixon Field, used primarily for baseball/softball and named in honor of Martha Dixon. The middle area was later developed into what is now known as Middle Field (used primarily but not exclusively for baseball/softball). The southern portion of Wildcat has included a skinned infield, backstop, and dugouts used for regulation sized (90' foot bases) baseball since about the 1960's. The High School baseball team, the MLBA's "PONY," "Colt", and adult teams have used that field in recent decades. The entirety of Wildcat Field south of the Dixon Field parking lot received a new playing surface in 2015.

This Proposal has been developed with significant input from the principal "baseball community" (the Mt. Lebanon School District - through its Athletic Director John Grogan and baseball Coach Patt McCloskey - and the Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association through president Chip Dalesandro and its Board). It addresses areas of improvement that will result in a renovated baseball field that - in combination with the new playing surface and other prior improvements - will result in a safer and higher quality baseball

experience commensurate with the quality of recreational life within the community and its school system.

II. The Proposal:

A. The Improvements (note that all prices have been obtained from one or more reliable vendors' "list prices" in the summer of 2015).

1. Enduro Temporary outfield fencing. This will be removable after baseball seasons and will feature free-standing posts compatible with placement on the new playing surface. Approximately 450 feet to accommodate MLBA usage.

(a) Vendor: Enduro-Fencing brand, including posts, netting, attaching materials, etc.

(b) Estimated Cost: ~ \$5,000

(c) Installation by MLBA and/or MtL HS Baseball

(d) *Note that the cost of this fencing has been advanced by the MLBA, which would be reimbursed by our Fund as part of this Proposal.*

2. Electronic Scoreboard. New electronic scoreboard per proposal of June 24, 23015 from Daktronics, overall size of 9'6" x 20'. The upper title on the scoreboard would read "Mt. Lebanon Blue Devils." Beneath would be a title bar of slightly smaller font reading "Clint Seymour Field." The Daktronics color depiction of the scoreboard is available from John Grogan.

(a) Vendor: Daktronics.

(b) Estimated Cost: \$28,000, including installation and removal of existing scoreboard by vendor.

(c) It is our understanding that MLBA may attempt to salvage and use the existing scoreboard at another field within the Town.

3. Bullpen Repairs, including two portable pitching mounds, two turf catcher's mats, and two rolls of turf to cover existing surfaces

(a) Estimated Cost: \$7,550

(b) Installation by MLBA and/or MtL HS Baseball

4. Batting Tunnels Repairs, including new netting and three turf mats

(a) Estimated Cost: \$3,675

(b) Installation by MLBA and/or MtL HS Baseball

5. L-Shaped Safety Screen (quantity: four) will all be replaced for safety improvement

(a) Estimated Cost: \$2,200 for the four

6. Dugout improvements: Pre-fabricated bat and helmet storage units (71" x 65" x 24") (one for each dugout).

(a) Estimated Cost: \$2,400 for the two

(b) Installation: (should only involve simple attachment to interior dugout walls) by MtL Public Works or MLBA and/or MtL HS Baseball

7. On Deck Circles: (Quantity two)

(a) Estimated Cost: \$900 for the two

(b) Installation by MtL HS Baseball

8. Pitching Mound Removable Cover (Tarp)

(a) Estimated Cost: \$660

(b) Installation by MtL. HS Baseball

9. Signage will be included within the Fund's grant and will be the financial responsibility of the Fund, in accordance with the Naming Criteria for Municipal Facilities October 28, 2015 (the "Naming Criteria"), with installation by MtL Public Works or MtL School District. The signage will be designed to identify the name of the field and will be incorporated into the Scoreboard (as noted above), together with at least one sign on the outfield fence facing Cedar Boulevard (or otherwise visible from the Cedar Boulevard sidewalk), and at least one sign visible from the third-base spectator seating area (without interfering with sight lines...perhaps on the exterior west wall of the home team dugout). In addition a plaque will be installed at a mutually agreeable location (perhaps the west wall of the home team dugout) inscribed as follows:

"In memory of Clint Seymour 1986 - 2014. Respect and determination created a joy of the game that is his enduring legacy to those who follow him onto this field."

10. Quotations found on Clint's cellphone will be painted on the interior rear wall of each dugout:

"If you do things for the right reasons, you will never be wrong." Clint, February 22, 2013

"You don't need to have the best of everything to make the most of everything." Clint, February 19, 2014

B. The Grant

The Fund will fulfill its Grant by payment of the materials (and installation of the scoreboard) identified in the list of Improvements. The cost identified above (based upon quotes or list prices) totals \$50,385 without the cost of signage and dugout painted quotations (# 10 above), which will also be the responsibility of the Fund. The Fund expects that the total amount of the grant would not exceed \$55,000, but to be conservative, the Fund has established a reserve of \$60,000 for the Grant. The final amount of the Grant will not exceed the actual costs incurred without prior consent of the Fund.

The Fund will cooperate with the Town and/or the School District to develop a simple protocol for the funding and administration of the Grant so that the Fund would make its required payments (by check or electronic transfer) within ten (10) business days after receipt of invoice from each vendor as approved by the Town or the School Board. Alternatively, an escrow account could be established.

Any material deviation of the specific procurements identified herein are subject to the approval of the Fund, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

C. The Naming of "Clint Seymour Field"

This baseball field has never had a specific designated name. It has been colloquially referred to as Wildcat Field, as described above, although the other two baseball fields within the original Wildcat Field space complex have their own names.

The naming of Clint Seymour Field would provide the baseball field at the south end of the Wildcat space an identity (together with the referenced 2015 prior improvements) that would transform the field into a point of pride within the community. It would be named after a member of a family that has been actively involved in the development of the community for four generations spanning nearly a century.

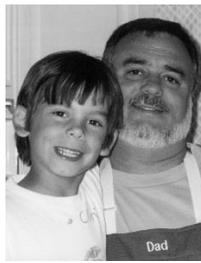
Clint Seymour is regarded within the community as being representative of all the best of growing up in Mt. Lebanon. He is regarded within the baseball community as emblematic of the positive influences that properly directed group activities within our community can have upon our youth as they mature into young adults. This is a theme that has been repeated unanimously by the hundreds of supporters of our Fund within the Mt. Lebanon Community. It is a theme and a legacy that will endure through the activities of the Fund named for him and through the book written about him, which already have touched many member of the community, and now – we respectfully propose – through the naming of this field for him in the context of this Proposal.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Naming Criteria, the proposed duration of the naming rights would be twenty years from April 28, 2016 (the second anniversary of Clint's death), which "may be renewed by mutual agreement between the parties" and would not be changed thereafter without the considerations set forth in the last paragraph of Section 4 of the Naming Guidelines.

This Proposal has the support of The Mt. Lebanon School District's athletic department and baseball coach, as well as the Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association (the primary constituent users of the field), all closely familiar with Clint's involvement as an alumnus of its youth programs and the propriety of commemorating his memory as a role model for Mt. Lebanon youth. The concept has been approved unanimously by the Town's Sports Advisory Board, which will further consider this Proposal and its conformity with the Naming Criteria in order to consider the recommendation to the Town's Commissioners in accordance with the Naming Guidelines procedures.

The Fund believes that this Proposal meets the letter and the spirit of the Naming Guidelines, understanding that the Commission has the discretion to “adjust or disregard one or more of the provisions listed herein, or employ other considerations not listed [in the Naming Guidelines], where the Commission has determined that such action is desirable in its discretion.” With respect to bullet # 4 of Section 1 of the Naming Guidelines, the second anniversary of Clint’s death is April 28, 2016. It is unlikely that the implementation of the Proposal – if accepted by the Commission - would occur prior to the date.

Clint’s high School coach (and Mt. Lebanon High School teacher) Patt McCloskey, who knew Clint both as a student and a player, told the media that "he was the epitome of life and baseball in Mt. Lebanon." *Untouchable*, p. 26.



Each of the Constituents (the Town, the School District and the Baseball Association) will agree to adopt (by ordinance or board approval or whatever internal process shall be necessary) the use of the name of the subject field as "Clint Seymour Field" commencing with the 2016 baseball season. Each of the Constituents will consistently and uniformly use that as the sole and exclusive name of that baseball field for all purposes, including public communications, websites, and electronic media, announcements, schedules, game programs, and the like.

The Constituents agree to have an appropriate "dedication ceremony" at a time to be scheduled after consultation with the Fund, which shall be responsible for any outside expenses associated with the ceremony.

D. Potential use of "Clint Seymour Field" for memorial events.

Natural synergies present themselves for use by the Fund for activities promoting the mission of the Fund, such as camps, clinics, and tournaments, consistent with the missions of each of the Constituents. Some of this has already occurred. It could be

augmented by permitted integration of Clint Seymour Field into selective activities of the Fund.

None of the Improvements would interfere with other uses of the field's space for non-baseball purposes when the seasonal baseball fencing is removed.

