

## Lanesville baseball diamond nearing completion of renovations

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The Lanesville High School baseball diamond is nearing the end of a series of renovations and improvements, and should be able to host home games soon, the Lanesville Board of School Trustees learned recently.

The most noticeable improvement to the facility is the addition of lights. The Indiana high School Athletic Association (IHSAA) has recently passed a regulation requiring any school hosting a baseball sectional in any of the four classes to have lights for night games.

In addition to the new lights, better drainage, new sodding, and new foul poles have been added to the facility.

Lanesville interim Supt. Sam Gardner said last week that “we hope to play on (the field) in the next week or two.”

The project has obviously extended well into the month of May, while the high school baseball season starts roughly at the beginning of April.

“It was a major ‘to do’”. said Supt. Gardner.

In another matter also related to the facilities of the school, Darrin Duncan represented the Harrison County Storm Water and Sewer District and requested the board approve a demonstration project regarding runoff rain water from the parking lot in front of the high school.

Gardner said that Lanesville Schools are in the Indian Creek Watershed Area, and in fact the creek runs next to the south side of the school property.

The project will be to try to prevent erosion, and to test runoff water for pollutants.

The board didn't formally sign a contract, but did approve a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to the project.

In other business, the board:

Revised the 2009-10 school calendar, because the Indiana General Assembly decided to disallow half days for either professional development or parent-teacher conferences.

Adopted textbooks for social studies (both elementary and junior-senior high).

Read an initial draft on a revision to the corporation's Transportation Policy.

Accepted a \$60.00 donation from the Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation board to the FFA for a scholarship to pay Envirothon entry fees

Accepted a donation of \$8,000.00 for a boot camp, from the Harrison County Community Foundation.

Approved a facility use request for use of the parking lot and high school entry way for a Harrison County Health Department Rabies Clinic on May 7, 2009.

Hired Rebecca Klusmeier as a math instructor at the junior-senior high school. She grew up in the general area, and is currently living in Georgia with her husband, who is in the military. She was one of 13 applications, all “top quality”, according to Gardner.

Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!