

Let There Be Light Campaign Q&A

Q: Is \$70,000 a packaged price?

A: Other quotes were for \$190,000, \$93,000, and \$89,000 for the power, lights, poles, and installation. Much of the cost in the other quotes was from contractors managing the entire project like a general contractor would on a build project. For this project, we are our own contractor which helps reduce the cost.

Q: Who would you get to install the poles?

A: At this point we have quotes from Miller located in Fremont, Ohio. Crane rental has been quoted at \$1200/day; \$1000/hole assuming no soil issues.

Q: What happens if we start the project and something goes wrong? I.E. bad soil affecting poles

A: Soil sampling will take place and precautions will be taken after results are in. After talking to many contractors, there is not expected to be any reason this project will not move forward. Lots of schools have lights at their facilities so most contractors have been able to find solutions to issues should any arise.

Q: Is there a Master plan?

A: Lights for the field are an addition to the plan that Botkins Local School already is looking at for the site. Eventually BLS hopes to have a concession stand, restrooms, more parking, and bleachers.

Timeline: This year we will do soil sampling March/April or May/June. We also intend to set poles this year. Likely we will not be able to run electric until next year hopefully for fall season 2019.

Poles: At this point the school board would prefer we look at a different option other than wood poles. One of the main reasons we've looked at wood for the project is cost – they would save \$8,000 over the cost of concrete poles. Options will continue to be explored.

- Steel poles - Vibrate, cost more than concrete at this present time
- Wood poles - 30 year guarantee
- Concrete poles – Lifetime guarantee

Lights: The lights have been purchased. We can build the lights to aim bulbs on the outer edges to face outward toward parking lot. Also, we can add lights on back side to light bleachers and walkway. Foundation is designed to hold speakers on all poles; which would be very beneficial for track meets.

For all work, contractors will have liability clauses in place for insurance purposes.

On behalf of Village Council

Village Council presented good news regarding lighting. The entire park does not need to be lit. Signage can be posted by trails not to use after dark for safety precautions. The Village Council has requested that we light the main parking lot and cover the cost. We will review options on how to facilitate this portion.

On behalf of the School Board

The School hopes to host one evening track meet to try out the lights. The School Board will discuss pole-type, but leaning toward a preference of concrete poles to be used.

In the future, we will conduct quarterly meetings inviting all committees together to keep everyone abreast of any upcoming events/projects. Meetings will involve The Village Council, Athletic Boosters, School Board, and Soccer Club.

