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PARKS & RECREATION COMPLETES SOFTBALL FIELD RENOVATIONS
Work Done at O.K. Ward Park

Pocatello Parks & Recreation has recently completed field renovations at O.K. Ward Park thanks in part to a grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF).

In July, the City of Pocatello received a \$43,623 grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund for the softball complex at the park. The major improvements include relocation of the outfield fence to ASA/High School dimensions, complete renovation of the infields with a better quality material, new batter box and pitching areas, and the addition of warning tracks.

“This was a wonderful opportunity for us to make the much needed improvements to our softball complex. The major beneficiary of the improvements will be high school athletes, as well as the City-sponsored Junior Olympic ASA girls softball participants. In addition, the ‘new’ fields will provide an excellent opportunity for us to host additional girls softball tournaments in Pocatello,” said Jerry Sepich, Parks & Recreation Director.

“The Baseball Tomorrow Fund appreciates the City of Pocatello’s commitment to youth baseball and softball in its community. We are pleased to support the continued growth of this program,” added Kathy Bradley, Executive Director of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund.

In addition to the monetary and in-kind contribution from the City, Pocatello School District #25 also contributed \$15,000 in matching funds to allow the project to be completed. The total cost of the project was \$90,000.

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses. Since its formation by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, the Fund has awarded over 550 grants totaling nearly \$20 million to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, Europe and Asia. Approximately 225,000 youth players have benefited from programs and facilities supported by the fund. For more information, visit www.baseballtomorrowfund.com.

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