

Scituate Community Preservation Committee Funding Request Form

DATE and YEAR of Application: June 30, 2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor or Organization: Scituate Little League

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PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA CATEGORY (check all that apply):

OPEN SPACE

RECREATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING

NAME OF PROJECT: 60/90 Baseball Field CONSTRUCTION

This application represents the construction phase, which is a follow-on from an earlier application approved at Special Town Meeting in 2021 for a study/design phase, to develop a second "60/90" baseball field in Scituate. The study, aimed at determining the best field location, producing a detailed design and bidding documents, and conducting the formal bidding process, is currently ongoing. However, a working group comprised of representatives of the Recreation Department, Scituate High School, and many of the other athletic programs potentially impacted by such a development has identified the south (Lawson Tower) end of Central Field as the most appropriate site for this new field. The Central location will continue to be multi-purpose, accommodating soccer, lacrosse, and potentially housing an additional softball diamond for use by Senior Softball as well as Little League Softball when the baseball diamond is not in use. This construction phase application is seeking funds for the actual field construction, as determined from the study phase. The goal is for construction to commence no later than Spring 2023.

Project Location or Address: 28 Central Park Dr, Scituate, MA 02066

Include map, photo and other imagery for ALL category projects.

If Open Space or Community Housing:

Assessor's Map Page, Block & Lot Number: _____

Number of acres in parcel: _____

Current Zoning Classification: _____

Assessed Value: _____

Title in name of: _____ Title Abstract Date: _____

Number of housing units proposed: _____

Summarize how this request benefits the Town of Scituate and meets the goals of the Community Preservation Act.

The first and most obvious benefit is that it addresses an equity issue whereby Girls High School Softball has both a Varsity and a separate Junior Varsity field, whereas SHS Boys Baseball, despite a larger number of participants, currently has only a single 90' field shared by all high school teams and more than 150 total players including Little League, Legions, and several mens teams. Furthermore, the construction of an athletic field is directly aligned with the stated intention of the Community Preservation Act which provides for the "acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use."

PERMITS AND APPROVALS

What permits and approvals are required? Have they been obtained or have you filed for them?

Name of Permit	Filed? (Y/N)	Filed (Date)	Obtained (Date)
TBD			

Have you met with any other Town Boards or committees? If so, what were the outcomes of those meetings? *(Letters of support from other Boards and committees should be included in the application or supplied at a later date.)*

We have been working closely with the Recreation Department during the study phase of this project. The Select Board expressed support for the proposal at their 9/21/2021 meeting and remains advised of the progress of the working group (they have previously indicated they may allocate at least a portion of the Toll Brothers athletic field money for construction). The Advisory Committee voted last August in favor of recommending the project before it was split into separate design and construction phases. In addition, the Recreation Commission has delivered a letter of support.

What non-financial support and services are necessary, and how will these be provided?

It is our opinion that Scituate Little League should not be solely in charge of project-managing the design and construction of this field, relying heavily on the town and/or Scituate High School. We have spoken with both parties. The Recreation Department has indicated and demonstrated its willingness to work with SLL and provide any and all support possible. The high school wishes to be good partners and support the Recreation Department as necessary.

FUNDING

Describe the proposed funding for this project. Identify other sources you are seeking funds from, and whether those funds are secured. Identify any funds you or your organizations are willing to provide.

As the committee may be aware, the town was given \$400k from the Toll Brothers as part of an agreement reached during the negotiation of the Seaside at Scituate housing development. As we understand it, these funds are earmarked for athletic fields. On November 19, 2019, the Select Board and Town Administrator agreed to use a portion of the funds to construct a new 90' baseball field, at the time intended to be located behind the former Gates Middle School at 327 First Parish Rd. This application for CPC funding for the eventual construction of the field will be reduced (or excess funds returned to CPC at the project's conclusion) by the amount the Select Board ultimately chooses to allocate to the field's development, if any.

For its part, Scituate Little League currently spends \$30k-40k or more annually to maintain and enhance other athletic fields in town, so we do not expect to contribute directly to the initial construction of this field. However, we do expect to spend a portion our annual field improvement budget going forward to subsidize future field maintenance, facility improvements, and equipment purchases that will benefit all field users.

Proposed Funding

Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Sources of Funds other than CPA	Amount	Funding Secured? (Y/N)*
\$993,520.19	\$Total less Toll Bros	Toll Bros Athletic Field funding	\$ TBD	N
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	


** If the request is still outstanding, when do you expect to hear a decision?*

OTHER COMMENTS

Provide any other information you think the CPC should be aware of in evaluating your request for funding.

The current construction climate is extremely volatile and subject to cost increases even larger than those anticipated while evaluating the study phase application. There is no sign of this trend reversing, and it would seem prudent to move as quickly as possible to secure the most favorable pricing. In addition, while execution of the construction phase is unlikely to commence during calendar year 2022, securing the funds by Special Town Meeting in the fall is critical to being able to begin construction immediately when the weather breaks in 2023 to avoid any further delays.

By signing below, the Applicant represents he/she is duly authorized, agrees to the terms and conditions and all other requirements of this Application and agrees to be bound thereby if funding is granted for the Project.

Date: Aug 4, 2022 Signature: 

FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE

This request received by Scituate CPC on _____

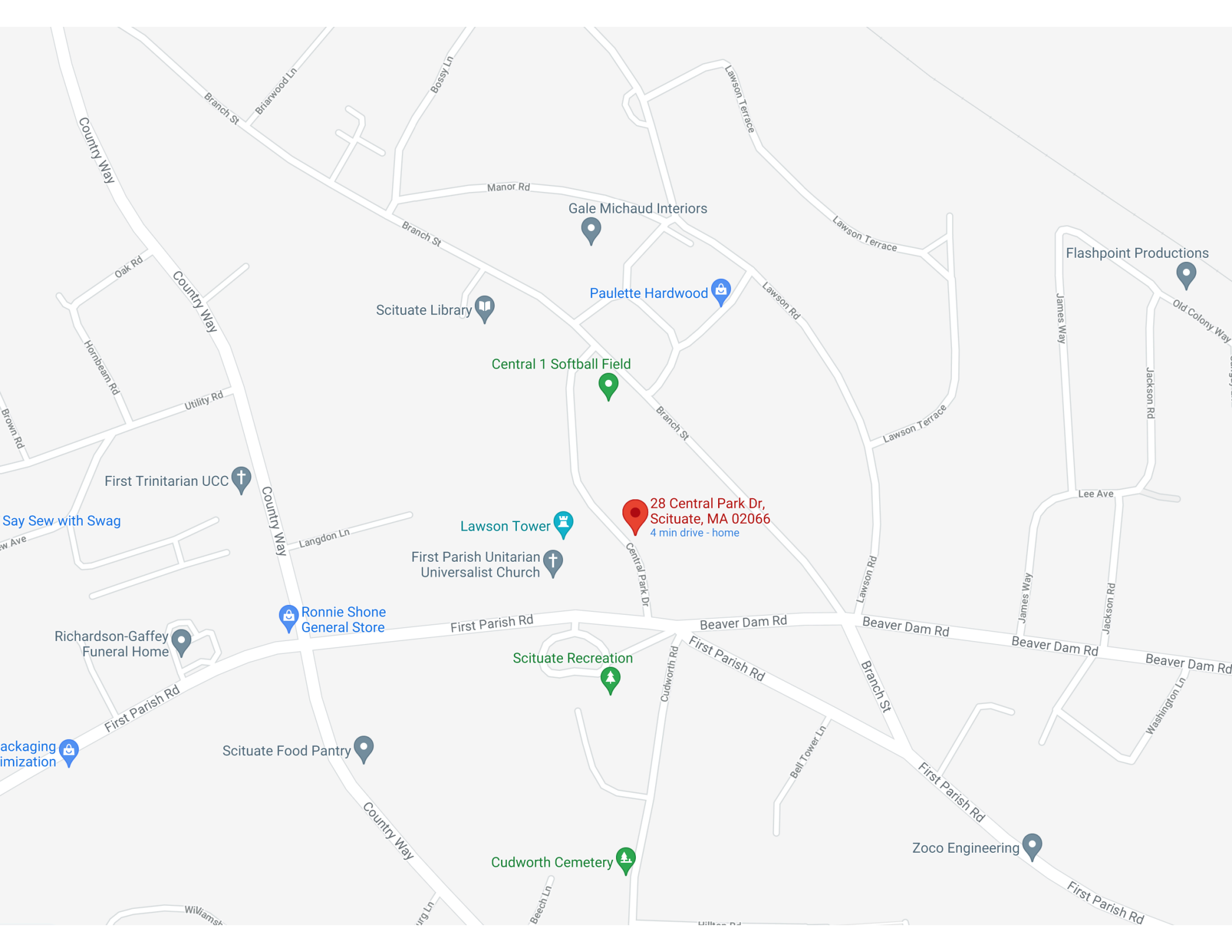
Copies provided to CPC Members on _____

Additional information required: _____

Committee Vote

Votes:	Yes / No	Votes: Y/N/Abstain	Date
Recommend to Town Meeting			

Other: _____



28 Central Park Dr,
Scituate, MA 02066
4 min drive - home

Gale Michaud Interiors



Paulette Hardwood



Scituate Library



Central 1 Softball Field



Lawson Tower



First Parish Unitarian
Universalist Church



Scituate Recreation



Cudworth Cemetery



Zoco Engineering



Ronnie Shone
General Store



First Trinitarian UCC



Flashpoint Productions



Richardson-Gaffey
Funeral Home



Say Sew with Swag

Packaging
Optimization



ATHLETIC FIELD LEGEND

- 1** NEW NATURAL GRASS BASEBALL FIELD
CENTER FIELD = 440'
LEFT FIELD = 325'
RIGHT FIELD = 330'
HOME PLATE TO BACKSTOP = 30'
- 2** NEW TENSION NETTING BACKSTOP
- 3** NEW TEAM AREAS
- 4** NEW STONE DUST BATTING CAGES/BULLPENS
- 5** ALTERNATE NO.1 -
SOFTBALL FIELD AT BASEBALL RIGHT FIELD OUTFIELD
- 6** ALTERNATE NO.2 -
NEW SCOREBOARDS



90' Baseball Diamond - Central Field

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