

Funding concept leads to lighting installation

When someone has a good idea, it is sometimes referred to as a light going on in his or her head. A good idea by one high school parent booster was enough to light up an entire football field.

There are five high schools in Illinois School District 211. Three of the district's schools have lighting systems that were purchased with money raised by parent booster clubs. According to Steven East, director of purchasing and facilities for District 211, when the district looked into the possibility of getting lights for its Hoffman Estates High School, one of the boosters came to East with an idea. The booster does engineering work with Sprint, a global communications provider, and made the recommendation about a possible deal between Sprint and the school district.

East contacted Sprint about the concept and District 211 was able to strike a 10-year agreement with Sprint in which Sprint paid for four light towers as well as any electric bills associated with the use of those towers. The contract also includes two 5-year options. As part of the contract, Sprint also handles all maintenance on the light towers. In exchange, District 211 allowed Sprint to place a cellular antenna at the top of one of the light towers.

According to East, the cellular antenna still had to comply with village zoning laws and construction regulations. In other words, Sprint did not circumvent any state or local rules by getting permission to use



Illinois School District 211 was able to strike a 10-year agreement with Sprint in which Sprint paid for four light towers as well as any electric bills associated with the use of those towers.

the high school's light standards for cell tower placement. However, Sprint did accomplish its goal of placing a cell tower in a needed zone and found a willing participant by striking a deal that benefits both sides. The cost of the system is approximately \$125,000-\$130,000 for materials and installation, according to Musco Sports Lighting.

"I don't know if the local bank or church would have been as willing to let Sprint put its tower on their property," said East.

According to East, an added benefit for Sprint is the positive public relations standing it gained with local residents by doing something good for the community.

The lighting system consists of four 80-ft.-tall Musco sports cluster light standards. Sprint presented District 211 with the site plan and a recommendation for the type of lighting system, but District 211 had final approval.

Although the Sprint cellular antenna tops only one of the four light standards, the other three standards are all rigged to accommodate cellular antennae. District 211 retained the right to form contracts with other cellular companies for the use of those light standards.

East said that he could foresee similar deals being beneficial to schools throughout the county. He added that any school districts entering into similar deals

should look closely at the site plan being proposed by the cellular provider, because the school district should get light standards it likes. -John Kmitta

WHY DO MAJOR UNIVERSITIES, THE MAJOR LEAGUES, AND N.F.L. TEAMS CALL CYGNET WHEN THEY NEED EMERGENCY REPAIRS OR NEW INSTALLATIONS? (not to play ball)



INSTALLED CLEVELAND INDIANS IN 42" AND 48" ROLLS



STRIPPED JACOBS FIELD CLEVELAND INDIANS

FOR fewer, tighter seams
stability and performance
when you are ready to install,
give **CYGNET** a call



INSTALLED OHIO STATE (AND STRIPPED) 2" THICK TURF 48" ROLLS

...BECAUSE CYGNET PERFORMS!!!

NEW from CYGNET: We are able to prescription strip a sportsfield in hours (stripped Ohio States entire football field in six hours) with our new machine.

CYGNET is able to harvest 48" WIDE ROLLS consistently from very thin to over 2" thick. We can install these rolls without pulling or pushing them along the ground (no stretching or tearing). Our patented machines carry the rolls, turn them at ground speed, and install down a comfortable slide for tighter seams.

NO ONE ELSE CAN MAKE THIS CLAIM
U.S. PAT. #5,215,248 & 5,307,880

4711 INSLEY ROAD
NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO 45872



YOU CAN'T INSTALL
TURF BETTER

Phone: (419) 354-1112
Farm: (419) 655-2020
Fax: (419) 352-1244

Circle 114 on Inquiry Card