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Advanced Ball Diamond Lighting Turns On Township Park

Plymouth Township Park is lit up like never before, thanks to the installation of new, state-of-the-art LED lights at the southeast baseball diamond and the adjacent parking lot. The new additions to the park came online this summer.

The \$179,000 project was paid with Wayne County Parks grants and \$65,000 in equipment and labor donated by Musco Lighting of Oskaloosa, Iowa on behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Little League, which is a primary user of the diamond.

The new lighting system started with a grant from Little League International and Musco in 2013 for the Plymouth-Canton Little League's 'ASAP' (A Safety Awareness Program). The grant recognized and rewarded the Plymouth-Canton Little League's commitment and track record for safety.

"It was an honor for us to partner with Plymouth Township and Musco on this project," said Plymouth-Canton Little League President Jeff Holt. "Township staff were easy to work with and kept us and the neighborhood informed on the project. Most importantly, we're providing a safer playing environment for our kids, and a more enjoyable experience for their families, as we celebrate the great game of baseball right here in Plymouth Township."

The state of the art lighting system from Musco included all new, high-quality metal poles at the southeast diamond with unique, energy-efficient LED lighting systems designed to improve nighttime play, visibility, and safety for players. The system features several trademark enhancements from Musco Lighting including:

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- “Total Light Control” ensuring playing fields are lit with no spillover zones – safely lighting fields without ‘light pollution’ going into the neighborhoods.
- The “Ball Tracker” system, to direct targeted lighting upward to highlight baseballs and softballs against the night sky, improving playability.
- ‘Control-Link,’ a 24-hour remote monitoring system allowing staff to schedule, control, and manage lights with the touch of a smart phone.
- A 25-year parts and labor warranty.

“Thanks to Plymouth Township, Wayne County, and Musco, the community now has a first-class field that is safe for nighttime play. It is truly is one of the best fields of its kind in Southeast Michigan,” said Holt.

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who was a key player in helping secure the County Parks money needed to build the new ball diamond and parking lot lights, praised the project as well. “Wayne County is proud to have been a financial sponsor for this outstanding project. As a father of two girls, I know how important it is for families to get out and have fun – and that’s what the County and our parks system is helping to create.”

In addition to the ball diamond lighting, the project also used grant money from Wayne County Parks to build an LED lighting system for the adjacent parking lot that services all four ball diamonds at the park, as well as the Four-Seasons Pavilion.