MAGIC TIME TO TEAM UP 4 TURF

This multi-year renovation work on the stadium started back in 2009 to bring the facility up to date. We feel now is the time to complement the updates with a synthetic turf system that all Barberton School sports programs could utilize. Synthetic turf systems are installed at facilities ranging from the professional sports leagues to the municipal pee wee leagues in and around the area and state. Athletic programs that require a field surface to accommodate multiple sports throughout the school year, see the added value in a synthetic turf system. A level and consistent surface provides a safe and resilient playing field which is beneficial to all athletes.

Q: Where’s the money coming from?
A: It’s Magic Time to Team Up 4 Turf is a sub-committee of the Barberton All Sports Boosters. It includes local business leaders, government officials and education professionals. Corporate and personal donations will be solicited by the Team Up 4 Turf Committee for the purpose of installing artificial turf at Sharkey Stadium. All money will be held in a fund at the Barberton Community Foundation. Donations to the fund are tax exempt to the extent allowed by the law. When the funds are raised all money will be turned over to the Board of Education to install the turf.

Q: How long will the turf last?
A: The average life expectancy of the turf is 10-12 years depending on the level of usage. The Team Up 4 Turf committee will continue to raise funds for the installation of the replacement turf.

Q: Who can use the turf?
A: All Barberton High School sports teams, the band, youth sports and groups that rent the stadium from the school board. Ultimately the School facility policy will determine how and who uses the Sharkey Stadium.

Q: Will my taxes go up?
A: No, taxes will not increase because of this project. The Team Up 4 Turf committee will continue to raise money yearly to replace the turf in the future.

Q: How much will the turf cost?
A: Initial installation, $750,000. This includes ground prep, turf, maintenance equipment, training and support. Ongoing maintenance is less than a grass field.

Q: Is the turf safe?
A: Injuries from field issues are reduced because of the consistency of the surface. No muddy field! No bare spots! No ruts to step in! Today’s turf is more forgiving than natural grass.

Q: Who is installing the turf?
A: The Team Up 4 Turf committee has vetted and recommended the Maumee Bay Turf Center to install the turf at Sharkey Stadium. This is under a state term contract.

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- By pledge (not to exceed five years) payable:
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- Please invoice me for these regularly scheduled gifts: ___ Yes ___ No
- This pledge will be paid by: ___ Cash ___ Check ___ Credit Card

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$2,500, $1,000, $500, $250