



PERKINS FIELD
committee

Perkins Field Committee Newsletter

Artist conception of the new Perkins Field Bleachers & Press Box



Perkins Field Committee

Co-Chairs, Class of 1997

Michael Picetti and Chad Roskovich

Committee members

Bob Weaver, 1962

Kathy Marty 1969

Rick Goodrich 1980

Paula Cash Scherich 1985

Pat McConaughy 1987

Karrie Mellott Puskas 1994

Ryan Kreiter 2008



Dear Alumni,

Perkins Field. Home of the Bridgeport Bulldogs! The most important words here are not "Bridgeport Bulldogs" but to everyone receiving this, the word is "**HOME**"!

For over 100 years, Perkins Field has been the Bulldogs' home. The beloved Grandstand, constructed in 1919, was made of wooden timber, trusses, and beams which had been removed from an industrial building that was being torn down, was reconstructed with the help of the community contributing their time and labor to provide a stadium to call home. The Perkins family sold the property to the Bridgeport Board of Education in 1938, for the price of \$1.00, with the condition of it to be utilized by the youth of the community of the Bridgeport School District.

The Stadium was last used October of 2017, and was deemed unsalvageable in the Spring of 2018 by an engineering firm, citing it to be beyond repair from decades of flooding. After the district received no financial support from FEMA, it was demolished in July of 2019.

After 3 seasons of utilizing both St. Clairsville's (in 2018) and Martins Ferry's fields, for "home" games, the time has come for **ALL** of us to return our kids to their own field and give back to all the sense of Bulldog pride!

We are pleased to formally communicate with all of you, our dedicated Alumni members, that we have formed this fundraising group, aptly named the **Perkins Field Committee**, which is made up entirely of Alumni whose efforts are simple and genuine; to return Perkins Field to once again become usable for the students and community of the Bridgeport School District.

We both were fortunate to have been athletes who grew up playing football on the field and practicing wrestling in the fieldhouse, with the pinnacle of our high school careers as members of the 1996 Football team, under the Coaching of Rick Goodrich.

We have since taken those values, life lessons, and the winning culture we learned growing up in our hometown, now passing along those same core values and knowledge to our players, where we both serve as coaches in the Columbus area. Chad is Coaching Varsity Wrestling at Olentangy Liberty High, and Mike is Head Football Coach at Thomas Worthington High.

Our personal goal, along with everyone on our committee, is to give the youth a home field back so they can make their own memories, as all of us who were fortunate to have experienced in our years at Bridgeport.

We have been working with the Board and Superintendant, as well as a previously formed stadium committee, to return to the field. This has required a lot of engineering and architectural studies and processes, including a thorough and detailed flood plain study. In doing so, we are working to scale back costs to what is realistic and financially prudent for the district, with the end goal of no tax levies necessary to complete this project. Until all these steps were completed, the ability to begin any fundraising efforts would be in haste, not knowing the total financial need for this project. The ask of our group has been for transparency on the financial costs and needs to meet all state and federal requirements in order to utilize the field once again.

In trying to plan where to begin our fundraising efforts, we kept coming back to the realization that we have our dedicated alumni, both near and far, who have overwhelmingly expressed their desire to help get back to Perkins Field. We have seen the passion of all the alumni who consistently and constantly post on the Bridgeport High School Alumni Facebook page, asking for updates and expressing their willingness to help with returning to Perkins Field.

We met with the Alumni Association Board of Trustees and presented our need for help in raising funds to complete all these required repairs and upgrades, outside of what the School Board is fiscally able to spend. We asked for the opportunity to utilize their database, realizing that this fundraising undertaking should first be communicated directly to all alumni, as it is going to require all of us helping give the students their field back, returning Perkins Field as **"Home of the Bridgeport Bulldogs"**

In doing so, we are sending this mailing hoping we can secure YOUR help, by asking you for a donation. We ask that any donations be made out to CFOV (Community Foundation Ohio Valley) with Perkins Field in the memo line.

Perkins Field Committee:

Michael Picetti and Chad Roskovich, Co-Chairs, Class of 1997

Perkins Field Committee

Name _____

Class Year _____

Row Sponsorship

Middle \$1500 _____

Left / Right \$1000 _____

Please indicate how you want nameplate to read

Is this donation being made in memory of an Alumni?

If so, Please list. _____

Total Donation \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to:

CFOV with Perkins Field

in the memo line.

Mail this form to:

CFOV “

1226 Chapline Street

Wheeling, WV 26003”

Estimated Costs for repairs at Perkins Field

Here is the list of the needed repairs that the Bridgeport Exempted School District will be covering the cost of:

New stadium and Press box - **\$510,096.00**

Sound System - **\$20,000**

Field House Renovations (includes installation of ADA required restrooms) - **\$279,000**

Field House roof repairs - **\$15,000**

Paving & Fencing - **\$213,045**

Press Box Technology & Site Lighting - **\$40,000**

The Perkins Field Committee fundraising group's projects are to help cover the following needs outside what the District has covered. We are going to purchase 1 new portable or mobile concession trailer, as permanent concessions are not permitted. There are also some needed cosmetic updates, including a new sign for the main gate, welcoming everyone back to Perkins Field.

Donation Levels \$100-\$249 Bronze \$250-\$499 Silver \$500-\$999 Gold \$1000+ Platinum.

Donations made, including Bronze and Silver, will be listed in a commemorative program at the inaugural celebration / re-dedication of Perkins Field. Gold and Platinum will be added to a donor wall that will be permanently erected at the field.

In addition to any donations made, we are excited to offer the ability to sponsor rows of seating in the new stadium. There are 14 available rows in the center of the stadium, with the opportunity to sponsor one, for a donation of \$1500.00 each. The 15 left and 15 right side rows are slightly shorter in length and these are available for the donation of \$1,000.00 each.

All are available on a first come, first spoken for basis. The goal is for individual classes or families to sponsor a row in honor of their class, as a group, or in honor or memory of a family. These seats will be affixed with a permanent nameplate, recognizing the sponsorship of each row.

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The Perkins Field Committee wishes to acknowledge the following:

Mr. John Cramer, Class of 1974, who provided the initial donation of \$5,000 to kick start this project!

Mayor Roy Terek and Brookside Village Council for their enthusiasm and support.

Roger W. Stewart, as the appointed Representative from Brookside Council to our Fundraising group.

SHP and Kleingers for their help in coming in to complete the flood study which verified that rebuilding and revitalizing Perkins Field was an option.

Allan Ketzell Sr., Village Flood Plain Coordinator, for his due diligence on the flood studies.

Allan Ketzell Jr., Fire Chief of Brookside, for his knowledge and support on the required permits.

The Bridgeport School Board and Superintendent Mr. Brent Ripley, for open lines of communication and support, allowing our committee to operate and manage these fundraising efforts.

The Stadium committee members who worked with the Administration towards planning and prioritizing the needs in revitalizing the field.

The Bridgeport High Alumni Committee, for their enthusiasm and full support, in allowing us to utilize their database to send this flyer out to our dedicated Alumni. Special Thanks to Alumni Trustee Sean Caruth, who worked with us on the layout and design of this flyer.



**Tentative Date for first game back at
Perkins Field is Saturday August 28th,
2021 against Monroe Central.**

*** Note date is subject to change.**