**Illinois State**

**University**

**Board of**

**Trustees**

 **Resolution No. 2016.07/18**

 **Marian Kneer Softball Stadium**

 **Team Dugout Replacement**

**Resolution**

Whereas, Marian Kneer Stadium is a facility used for NCAA softball competitions and is owned and operated by Illinois State University, and

Whereas, when the stadium was moved to its current location in 1998, basic at-grade level team dugouts were provided as part of the relocated facility, and

Whereas, the University engaged the architecture firm DLR Group to prepare conceptual designs for an improved softball stadium experience including improvements to the dugouts, and

Whereas, with a change in NCAA regulations requiring certain improvements to the stadium facility prior to fall 2017, it has been determined that the University should proceed with the dugout segment of the conceptual design plan.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes a $650,000 capital project for installing team dugouts at Marian Kneer Stadium, establish budgets, develop required designs and construction documents, advertise, receive and
then award public bids and undertake construction.

Board Action on: Postpone:

 Motion by: Amend:

 Second by: Disapprove:

 Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

 ATTEST: Board Action, July 22, 2016

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 Secretary/Chairperson

**Board of Trustees**

**Illinois State University**

**Supplemental Information for the Marian Kneer Softball Stadium Team Dugout Replacement**

This item requests Board of Trustees approval for a $650,000 project involving replacing the team dugouts at the Marian Kneer Softball Stadium.

**Background** – The Redbird softball field was moved from its previous location south of McCormick Hall in 1998 to make way for the South University Parking Garage. Currently located on the east side of Adelaide Street between Eastview Drive and Gregory Street, the complex features a natural grass playing surface, lights, media facilities, parking and seating for fans. When the complex was constructed, emphasis was placed on the playability of the field and team dugouts were placed at-grade level. Originally known as the Redbird Softball Complex, the facility was renamed the Marian Kneer Softball Stadium in July 2008.

The scope of work in this project advances recommendation #38 in *Master Plan 2010-2030: Looking to Future,* endorsed by the Board of Trustees in February 2011, that calls for an enhanced softball stadium. NCCA regulations have changed requiring protective fencing of dugouts by the 2018 softball season, making it necessary to proceed with this portion of the planned improvements.

**Softball Stadium Team Dugout Replacement Project Scope** – This project involves the replacement of the team dugouts at the softball stadium. The current dugouts are covered, at-grade structures with a bench and bat rack. The new dugouts planned will be recessed approximately two feet below grade, with necessary floor drains, a custom bench with internal storage, bat rack, coaches’ platform, a protective fence across the face of the dugout, an accessible ramp, and a single occupant rest room. The dugout will be large enough to comfortably hold the entire team and staff. The work proposed in this project also will enhance the sightlines for spectators.

**Resource Requirements:**

Source of Funding: $650,000 – Private Donations