

# Neshaminy To Hike Capacity To 7,000 For Athletic Field

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Neshaminy School District last night approved the borrowing of \$100,000 to add to the facilities at Neshaminy High School's football field.

**Good  
Evening!**

Ash Wednesday opens the Lenten season.

This means 40 days until Easter, April 14, and a period when everybody should do a bit of soul-helpful, spiritual - lifting self denial. Maybe if everybody tried it out for size and then made it a habit the world would be a wee bit easier to live with.

Spring three weeks from tomorrow, March 21. At least that's what the calendar says, even though the weatherman isn't cooperating at all with the proper signs. We hope we make it.

Anyhow, mocking birds beginning to make like warblers and robins and maybe that's something.

We wish the rabbits and squirrels at our place would make like vamoose. You'd think THEY were paying the mortgage.

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The money will be used to build 5,000 more grandstand seats, an electrical panel at the field, ticket booths, and a press box to be ready this fall.

Presently there are 4,000 seats at the field.

Half of these are to be removed to the baseball field. The 2,000 remaining seats will be moved beside the new 3,000 capacity grandstand on the home side.

There will be 2,000 other seats on the visitor's side. The total at the football field will be 7,000 seats.

This will be the largest capacity in Lower Bucks. The next largest is 5,800 seats at Bristol Township Field at Woodrow Wilson High School.

The actual financing and construction will be handled by the Lower Bucks School Authority, which owns the present field facilities and leases them to the school district.

It was stated last night that the Central Penn Bank has approved the \$100,000 loan at 2½ per cent interest.

The board was informed that the intention is to repay the loan at an annual rate of \$15,000.

Although the architect's plans  
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are not complete, it was reported that the seats will be of concrete construction. The architect estimates the seats will cost \$15 each for a total of \$75,000.

The balance of the loan will be used for the other planned facilities.

## To Regulate Lights

The lighting controls to be installed will be used to regulate the lights at the ticket booths and the refreshment stand.

The request for approval of this plan was made by the board's building and maintenance committee and met some opposition.

The vote for approval carried with 20 board members approving and four voting no.

M. L. Madway, a Middletown Township school director, said the board was rationalizing that the project would pay for itself through gate receipts. He said he had seen no figures to bolster this position.

## No Tax Increase

In reply, Chester Williams, chairman of the building and maintenance committee, said that no increase in taxes was proposed to pay for the added facilities.

It was estimated that, at a \$1 per seat charge, the new seating could produce \$30,000 in the six home football games next year.

## Overflow Crowds

Perennial Lower Bucks County champions, Neshaminy High School usually has overflow crowds at its home games.

In the coming season, Neshaminy will participate in the East Penn Football Conference for the first time. The competition is expected to be stiffer and the crowds even larger than usual.