



Hermantown Park Board Meeting – February 27, 2024

Hermantown's upcoming Park Board meeting will include both remote access and in-person access to the City's large conference room.

The remote access will be available through the platform, "Zoom," which allows the public to view and participate in the meeting via phone or computer. Interested parties can also choose to attend the Park Board meeting in person at City Hall.

The 4:30 pm Park Board Meeting will be available at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82946427493?pwd=ZlBhTjBaczB2NGdKSzFteXlxMDITQT0>

and/or by calling the number (312) 626-6799 and utilizing the meeting ID number of 829-4642-7493 and the passcode of 520666.

A few important tips regarding the Zoom platform:

- If your computer does not support audio, you can still watch the meeting on your computer and call in on your phone to hear the meeting
- It is a challenging situation for all of us, so grace and understanding are appreciated.

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD

Agenda
February 27, 2024
4:30 PM – City Hall

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 2A. January 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
4. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - 4A. Fichtner Park Update
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 24-17 – Seth Taran regarding non-domed baseball field
7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
 - Michael Miller –
 - Gene Shaw –
 - Jim Sonneson –
 - Kelly Tasky –
 - Dwight Morrison –
 - Jenna Warmuth –
 - Jim Nelson –
 - Ellie Jones –
8. **ADJOURN**

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January 17, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kelly Tasky; Mike Miller; Gene Shaw; Jim Sonneson; and Councilor Ellie Jones

Members Absent: Jenna Warmuth; Dwight Morrison; and James Nelson

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Dan Linde, Hermantown Youth Soccer; and

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the November 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dan Linde, Hermantown Youth Soccer, asked about the skatepark and if baseball is not using the fencing from Fichtner Park, soccer would be interested in having it.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Comprehensive Plan – Park Map

Eric Johnson, Community Development Directed introduced Jeff Miller, from HKGI, to present the Hermantown Comprehensive Plan Update to the board members.

4B. Fichtner Park – Skatepark layout

Eric presented the proposed plans for the skatepark.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Kelly Tasky – None

Mike Miller – None

Gene Shaw – None

Jim Sonneson – Asked if the City has purchased any land or acquired any easements for the trail.

Dwight Morrison – Absent

Jenna Warmuth – Absent

James Nelson – Absent

Ellie Jones – None

8. ADJOURN Motion made by Jim Sonneson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gene Shaw. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

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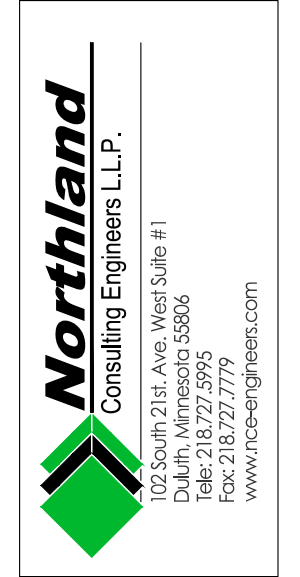
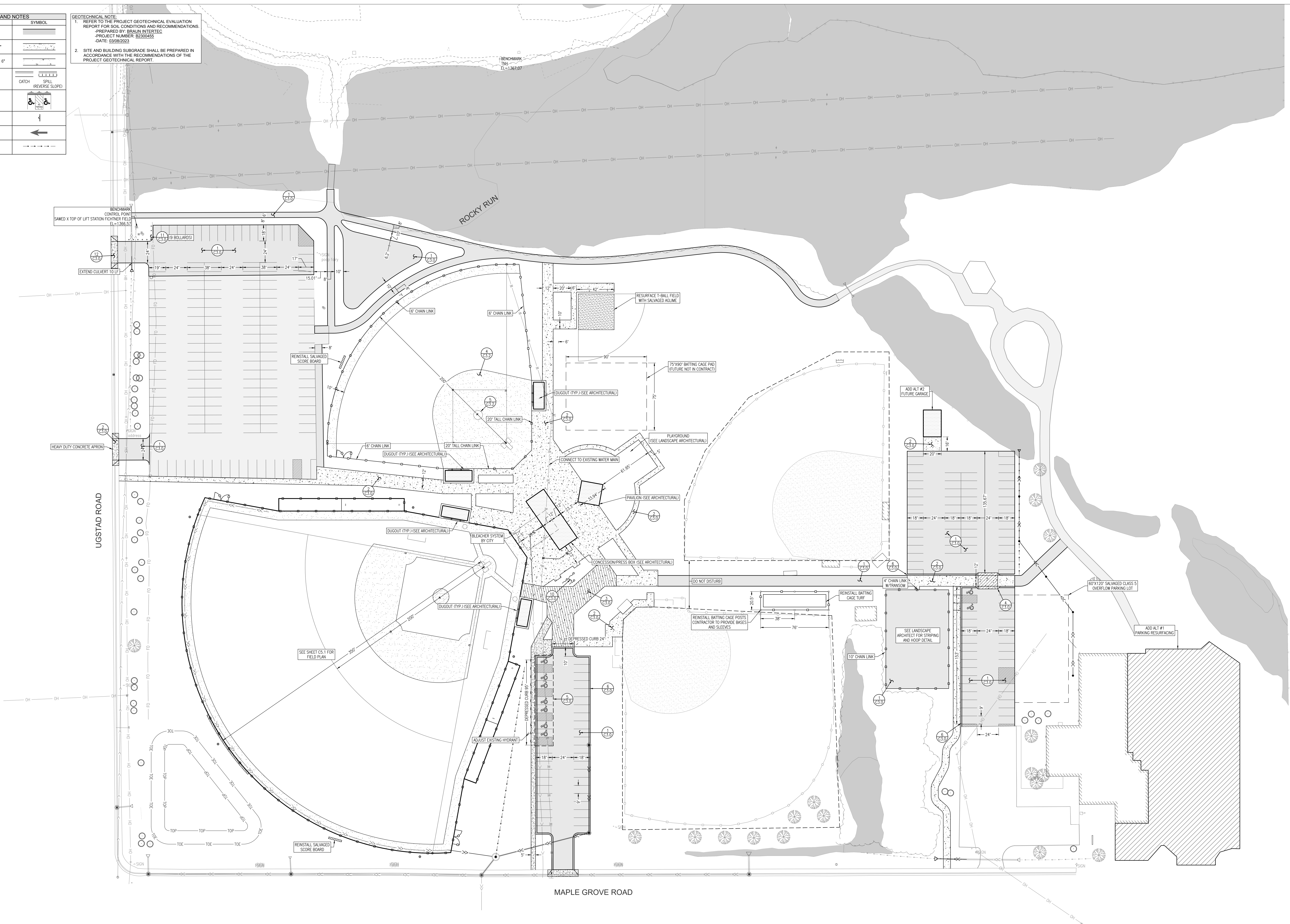
Transcribed by:

Kelly Tasky, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant

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1	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	
2	CONCRETE SIDEWALK - 4"	
3	HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE - 6"	
4	SS12 CURB & GUTTER	
5	ACCESSIBLE PARKING	
	SIGN - SEE PLAN	
	PAVEMENT MESSAGE	
	SMALL FLOW LINE	

GEOTECHNICAL NOTE:
 1. REFER TO THE PROJECT GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION REPORT FOR SOIL CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. PREPARED BY BRAUN INTERTEC. PROJECT NUMBER: B2300455. DATE: 03/08/2023.
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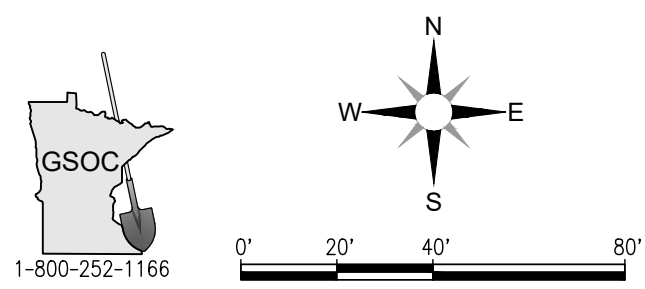
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February 4, 2024

To whom it may concern:

This information is in regard to the proper orientation of a non-domed baseball field.

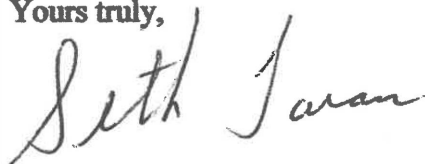
As you will note, the best orientation of a baseball field is for the line running from home plate to second base to be southwest to northeast. Other slight variations are possible, however, the batter should never be looking into the sun regardless of what time of day the game is played.

The issue is safety for the batter who must not be facing into the sun. Careful consideration should be given before redesigning the Fichtner Field.

In addition, the newest Little League field behind the old city hall (current Historical Center) is not properly oriented and should be redesigned as part of the entire Fichtner project.

I hope this information will be carefully reviewed and considered before construction begins.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seth Taran".

**Seth Taran
Former Park Board Member
Former President of Hermantown Little League**

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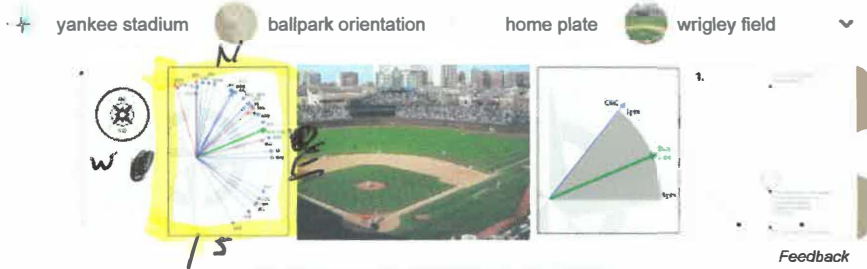
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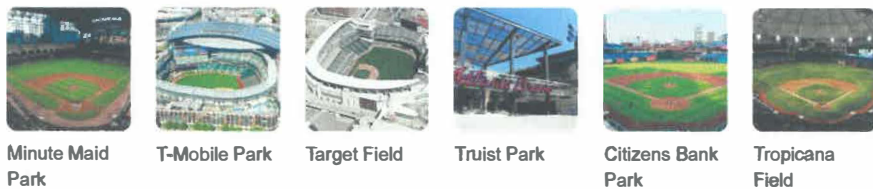
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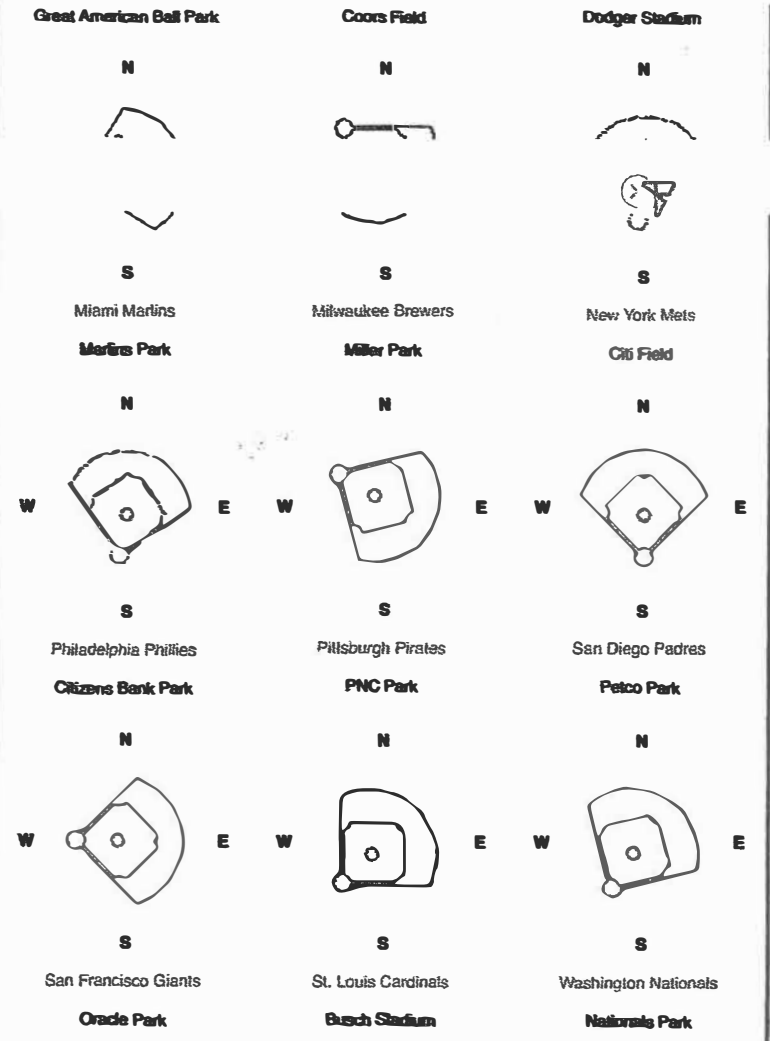
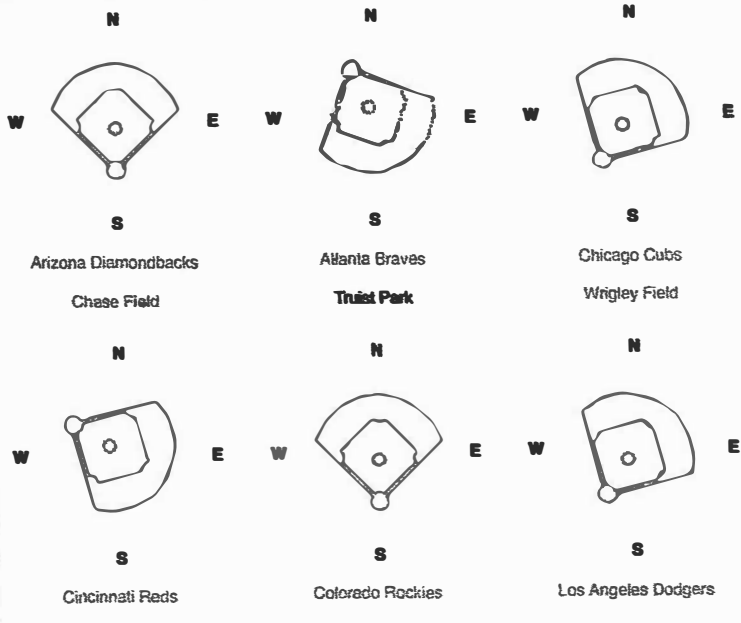
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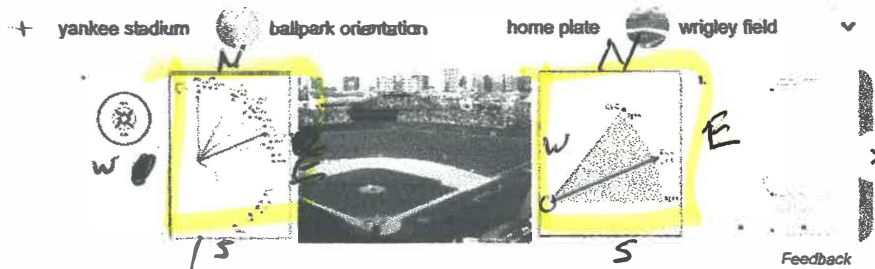
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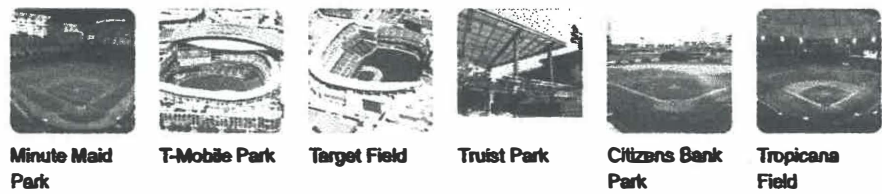
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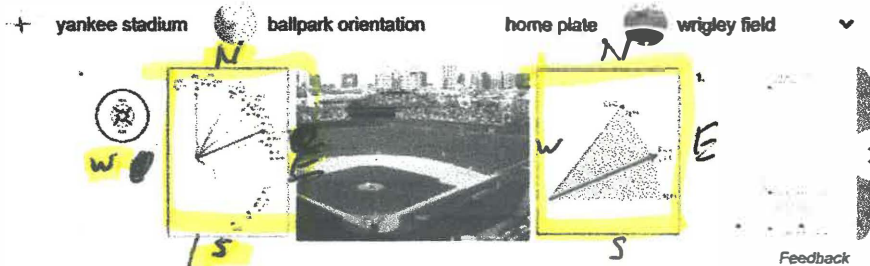
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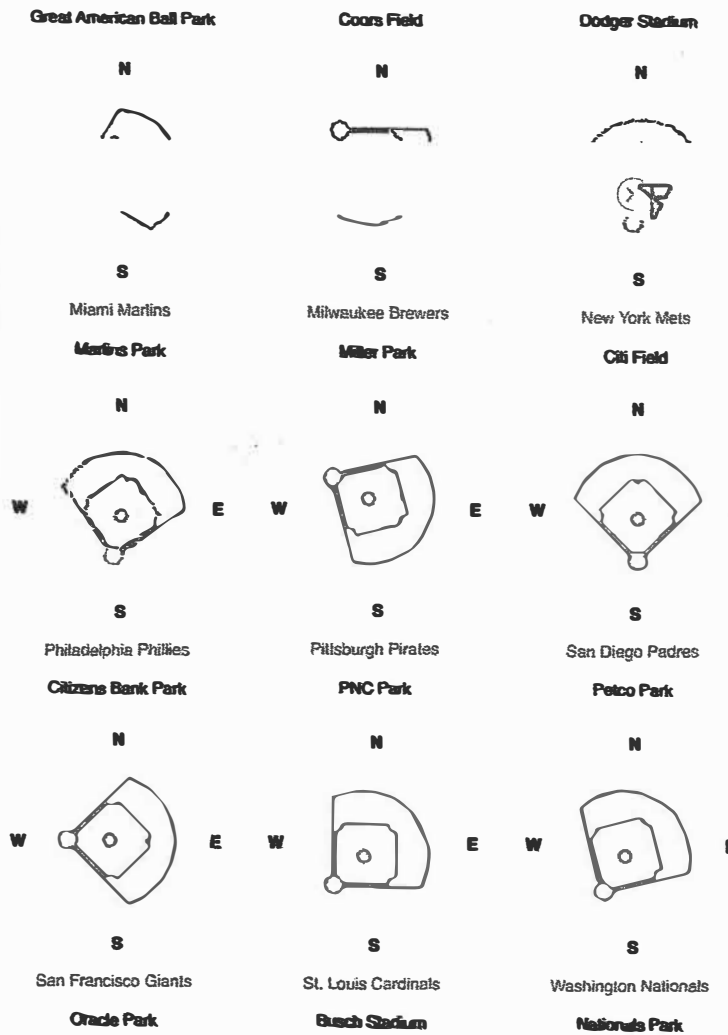
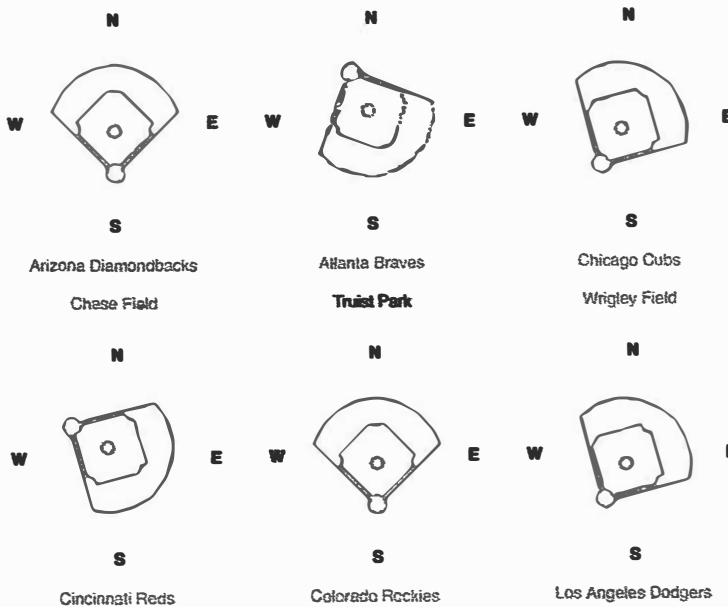


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