KFL Officials Look Forward to New Field

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With the Super Bowl behind us, the football season at all levels is finally over, which can only mean it's time to start thinking about next season. Here in Kodiak, practice for high school players begins in August.

The first phase of work updating the Joe Floyd Track and Field at Baranof Park will be going out to bid soon, with work expected to at least begin this summer. Two folks from the Kodiak Football League, a separate non-profit that runs Kodiak youth and high school football, were on KMXT's Jock of the Rock Saturday. KFL President Karen Winkler pointed out that the work at the field will benefit more than just the football teams.

-- (KFL 1 17 sec "It's not just a football field ... not just the football team.")

New high school football coach Jim Schnek said the team is prepared to play elsewhere incase the new artificial turf field is not ready when the season starts in late August:

-- (KFL 2 23 sec "We've had some discussion ... can

be playing on it.")

Schnek said he thinks the Kodiak Football League programs will grow immensely once the new field is installed:

-- (KFL 3 29 sec "I think the community will ... are happy, everybody's happy.")

Schnek played Division 3 college football at Olivet College in Michigan. He said the difference between grass and turf was like night and day:

-- (KFL 4 23 sec "We started out on a grass field ... It's going to be great.")

Improvements at Baranof Park will initially focus on improving the drainage on the football field and then installing artificial "field turf," as well as a new running track around it.

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