

TOWN OF MILLIS
FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
7/24/14 ROOM 229 900 MAIN ST. MILLIS MA 02054
7:30 PM

ATTENDING:

Andrea Wagner
James McKay
Sean Doherty
David Baker
Charles Aspinwall, ex officio

Chuck Adelsberger, CDM-Smith

Ms. Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM and asked Mr. Adelsberger to update the committee on CDM-Smith's work on the project.

Mr. Adelsberger advised the committee that wetlands had been delineated at the High School property and the Oak Grove Farm (OGF) property. He discussed the potential of moving the exit road out of the high school closer to abutting properties so that more room could be afforded to the high school field infrastructure. Nothing out of the ordinary has been encountered although he noted that more work needed to be done at the Island Rd. lot of the OGF. Survey will be done at the OGF tomorrow.

Mr. Baker mentioned that there may be infrastructure in the roadway and underground in the southwest portion of the building. Oil tanks may be in the area and the electric service to the building comes in at that location.

Mr. Adelsberger reported that he will be meeting with the Conservation Commission on July 28th to update them on the status of the project and to request that they meet in August after the survey is complete and the wetlands work is finished.

Mr. Baker requested that concepts for the stadium be produced as quickly as possible. Mr. Adelsberger said he would distribute them for comments as soon as possible. More full discussion between members would have to come at a committee meeting .

Mr. Adelsberger reported that the geotechnical results will be critical for building layout and the results should be ready by mid-August. In particular, the data on rock and groundwater elevation is important for foundations for bleachers, lighting etc.

Mr. Adelsberger provided detailed maintenance costs for natural and synthetic turf fields. He just received them and would review them in more detail at a future meeting.

Mr. Baker said that while CDM is working to complete their portion of the study the committee should be working on its goals, especially looking at how maintenance and staffing are addressed at similar facilities.

Mr. Aspinwall suggested that committee members conduct field visits of those locations that already serve joint school and town purposes. The town could visit two types of locations, one where maintenance duties are contracted out and one where maintenance duties are done in house. Mr. Adelsberger said that he could arrange for trips to locations of clients of CDM-Smith. Mr. Aspinwall said he would work to schedule these visits in the next two weeks. Mr. McKay pointed out that the Town of Medway is now undergoing such a reorganization and a visit there might provide current information.

Mr. Baker also mentioned studying the revenue associated with field use and we should inquire on that during our visits. There was general discussion about setting up an enterprise fund for all fields use and the committee noted that Millis' fees were low compared to many other facilities.

Mr. McKay updated the committee on a parcel of land adjacent to the Clyde Brown School (CBS) soccer field. A local developer, Tom Roche, has received approval for a 12 unit apartment complex off Spring St. There was discussion at the Planning Board hearings regarding Mr. Roche donating some of the parcel that abuts the CBS field. Mr. Adelsberger said he would look at the to see if it could help the design of fields at the CBS.

Mr. Baker also mentioned that we have to look at whether any legislative approvals are required based on the plans adopted so far.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12 and June 23, 2014 meetings, seconded by Mr. McKay, vote 4-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Aspinwall