

MINUTES  
FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014  
900 MAIN ST. MILLIS MA 02054 7:30 pm ROOM 229

PRESENT:  
DAVID Baker  
SEAN DOHERTY  
JAMES MCKAY  
ANDREA WAGNER

Charles Aspinwall, ex officio  
Chuck Adelsberger  
Chris Smith

Ms. Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and asked for comments on the plans provided by CDM-Smith.

Mr. Baker noted that the proposed road connecting the high school and the Clyde Brown lot and the added parking could solve the parking problem at the Clyde Brown School and would provide added parking for special functions at all the schools. Mr. Aspinwall pointed out that the road and the added parking were not absolutely necessary for the project and would add cost to it. It could be part of a later Clyde Brown project. Mr. Baker said that if the hill was lowered 4' the road would have a lower slope and that solving the parking problem is a selling feature. Mr. Aspinwall pointed out that the cut is from 178 to 163 which is sever, but Mr. Baker added that if the hill is lowered then the cut was not as severe. Mr. McKay noted there is a water main in the area that has to be located and the depth needs to be determined.

Mr. McKay said that Madeline Yusna of Millis cable wants to do a program on the project. It was suggested that Mr. Baker do the presentation and that Mr. Nichols present the maintenance costs. Ms. Wagner noted that if the committee was pursuing cutting the hill further that the cost of doing so would have to be known by the September 22<sup>nd</sup> presentation to the Selectmen.

Mr. McKay said that the committee would have to decide how to present maintenance costs and scheduling. Mr. Aspinwall reviewed the costs of maintenance and Mr. McKay said that no matter what happens to the vote the issue of field maintenance has to be addressed at the May town Meeting. Mr. Smith said that the timing could work out for discussions between the School Committee and Selectmen for the May Town Meeting.

Ms. Wagner inquired as to how gate receipts are spent. Mr. Baker responded on coach's stipends, referees, busses and other game related costs.

The committee discussed how to show maintenance costs and what the tolerance for added user fees would be. Mr. McKay noted we must save for future replacements of the synthetic turf. Mr. Doherty said that fees should go into an enterprise fund so that in 10-12 years replacement costs are covered. We should also consider adding the cost of a scheduler to the estimates provided. Perhaps central registration software could be purchased. Then added user fees could automatically be directed to the enterprise fund.

Mr. Baker said we must take a position about lights at the Clyde Brown field before the Selectmen presentation. Mr. McKay and Mr. Smith stated their support for the lights.

Mr. Doherty made a motion to recommend lights at the Clyde Brown synthetic field, seconded by Mr. Nichols, vote unanimous in favor.

Mr. McKay made a motion to accept the plans and siting of the fields as drawn by CDM-Smith and to present them to the Selectmen on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, seconded by Mr. Doherty, vote – unanimous in favor.

Mr. Baker made a motion to ask CDM-Smith to design the hill at Town Park and to lower and adjust the grade of the road therefore and show added parking on the new lot 17, seconded by Mr. Doherty, vote – unanimous in favor.

At 9:55 PM Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Doherty, vote unanimous in favor.