

Town of Stonington Athletic Field Oversight Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held January 25, 2013 @ 2:30 pm at Stonington HS. In attendance were: J. Bragaw, B. King, S. Grimes, M. Crowley, L. DiCesare, V. Riley, P. Sartor, B. Morrone, A. Morrison, E. Haberek, and B. Sternberg. Guests: D. Kroeber and V. McDermott from Milone & MacBroom. Absent: K. Donovan, L. Sullivan, and J. Mendonca

The items discussed were as follows:

1. An update of the status on the Athletic Field Project was provided by J. Bragaw. He handed out a packet containing a map of the area depicting the drainage, a summary of costs, a memorandum from V. McDermott in response to questions regarding the alternative infill products for synthetic turf, and copies of several photos taken of the fields that were visited on field trips by the committee.
 - a. Lay Down Area – obtaining estimates from contractors to clear behind the rim road.
 - b. Camera Inspection of the drain line revealed a blockage. This can be rectified in the construction project.
 - c. Costs to Date were provided. J. Bragaw anticipated costs to ramp up in May.
2. Discussion of the Preliminary Design Submittal was led by M&M.
 - a. We talked about possibly putting turf in the north end zone. If we do this, we will have to find another location for the jumping events. We are looking into putting these events in the southwest corner of the palmer field complex; however, we need to get more survey in this area to see if it will fit. If we need more space for spectators in this area, we could relocate the shed in that corner.
 - b. We are considering putting the logo in the north D-zone if that area is turf. This would prevent any issues with the center of the main field. If we put turf in that D-Zone, sleeves for safety netting would have to be installed in the turf area
 - c. The consultant went over how the field would drain.
 - d. We talked about the field goal foundations and it was determined that the field goal posts should be permanently mounted on the foundation.

- e. The final plans & corresponding construction documents need to be ready by the beginning of March.
3. Discussion of the Alternative Analysis Review was conducted by consultants V. McDermott and Daniel Kroeber from Milone & MacBroom. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that the analysis answered the questions that the committee had regarding alternative turf systems.
4. Discussion of the field trips took place.
 - a. Cheshire/Cheshire Academy/East Lyme. Photos provided were discussed with committee members.
 - b. NY Limonta field – Paul Sartor, Vince McDermott and Bill Sternberg provided their general thoughts on their visit to the committee.
5. Discussion of Turf & Infill selection took place. Samples of turf were available and a sample of the infill used with the Limonta product was passed around. We talked about putting a few different turf types on the bid to get better pricing.
6. Resulting Action Items:
 - a. Bryan will check with other schools in the league to see if there are common colors used for LaCrosse, Field Hockey, and the tic marks for Women's LaCrosse. M&M will do the same. We need to finalize the colors at our next meeting.
 - b. The committee should decide on the turf systems to bid at our next meeting.
 - c. M&M will look into a detail for using sleeves for a netting system along the sides of the field and in the north D-zone if it is turf. We should determine if we are going to put sleeves along the sides of the field at the next meeting.
 - d. M&M will be doing more survey to pick up information for the drainage system leaving the field and for trying to put the jumping track events in the southwest corner of the palmer field complex. Once they get the survey information, they will try to draw out a plan to put these events in that area to see if there is enough room. They will provide the committee with this information prior to our next meeting
 - e. Bryan Morrone will provide M&M the design for the "S" that the varsity athletes get for participating. We are interested in using this S for the logo. The logo configuration and color scheme needs to be decided upon at the next meeting.
7. The meeting closed at 4:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the media center conference room at SHS.