

Town of Stonington Athletic Field Oversight Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held June 14, 2013 @ 2:30 pm at Stonington HS. In attendance were: J. Bragaw, M. Crowley, L. DiCesare, K. Donovan, E. Haberek, B. King, J. Mendonca, B. Morrone, B. Sternberg, L. Sullivan, and Dan Kroeber. Absent: S. Grimes, A. Morrison, V. Riley, and P. Sartor.

The items discussed were as follows:

1. Status Update on Athletic Field Project

J. Bragaw reported that work is on schedule even with the loss of work due to weather. The South D-Zone will be paved next week and dynamic stone will begin to be brought in. Turf will start to come in approximately July 1. The storage shed was determined to be in very poor condition and was demolished and removed. Joe asked the school to look at what is needed for storage and to get this information to him. He will try to do something if money is available.

K. Donovan stated that the current paint machine may not be adequate to be used with the new synthetic turf. Bill King will check with other communities to see what they are doing.

2. Discussion on Grass Fields Project Progress

It was reported that 5 test pits were dug on Monday, June 10th. They revealed 18" to 30" of cover and then filled material of poor quality. It was suggested to keep the same fence in place and replace the fabric to avoid any digging as best as possible. The planned drainage will not be able to be installed but the design engineer is looking for other methods to redirect and divert the field run off.

We will concentrate on improving the drainage on the softball and soccer fields. The crown will be raised on the soccer field and both the soccer and field hockey fields will be re-sodded. It was agreed that we will do the best we can without disturbing the fill material and will deal with settlement issues if and when they occur in the future.

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As far as the softball fields goes, we will look to get a 1 ½% grade on the softball field and raise the infield by up to 18" at the pitcher's mound area. With a better pitch the field should drain better. We are looking at installing curbs in front of the dugout, with steps leading down on one end and a ramp on the other end for handicap access. J Bragaw suggested getting pricing from RAD Sports and Fairplay Turf Services on redoing the grass fields and trying to get a bid waiver at a future Board of Finance meeting. B. Morrone was asked to determine if there are any issues with raising the center of the softball infield by approximately 18".

3. Mystic Middle School Irrigation

Joe Bragaw stated he is going forward having a sprinkler company, Maxum, install a sprinkler system on that field after school ends around the end of June. A booster pump needs to be installed inside the school and some minor plumbing and electrical work will be needed to incorporate the new sprinkler system. Ken Donovan was working with Bob Mitchell on getting this done.

4. Fencing at All-Purpose, Practice and Mystic Middle School Fields

For the field at Mystic Middle School, Joe Bragaw requested J. Mendonca work with S. Steadman to provide information of where the fence and/or netting is needed and the required height.

Fencing for the all-purpose field and the practice field would be installed next year.

5. Status of MOU Maintenance Responsibilities

The MOU becomes effective on July 1st. Two new summer hires will begin work on Monday, June 17th and will start on the maintenance. It was reported there are new cracks in the tennis court and a crack in the wall of the Men's Room in the new rest room facility. Joe Mendonca was following up with Dalton on the tennis court cracks and L. DiCesare and L. Sullivan will investigate the crack in the precast concrete bathroom.

6. Identify Action Items as Necessary

J. Mendonca raised a concern that summer camp was starting next week and that we needed a plan for working around camp. L. DiCesare and J. Bragaw will meet J.

Mendonca at the site on Monday to look over the area and determine how to best avoid any problems.

7. Set upcoming Oversight Committee meeting dates

The next meeting will be scheduled for sometime in early August. J. Bragaw will reach out to everyone prior to that time if the need arises.

The meeting concluded at 3:40pm