

Town of Stonington Athletic Field Improvements Oversight Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Wed July 3, 2013 @ 10 AM @ the softball field at the Spellman complex

1. Discuss the latest plan from the engineer for the lower fields – we are looking to raise up the field approx 2.5 feet by the pitcher’s mound and moving home plate approx 5’ towards the outfield fence to get the minimum clearance distance from the dugout fencing. We talked about where the new backstop and dugout fencing would go and how we would maintain handicap accessibility into the dugout. There will need to be a concrete curb around the dugout to help back the fill.

2. Discuss the timing of the work

We are looking to get pricing from RAd and Fairplay in the next month or so, go to the BOF for a bid waiver in August and start the softball field as soon thereafter as possible. We will work on the softball, men’s soccer and field hockey fields first, then will work on all of the other items after that

3. What is proposed to help the drainage on the lower fields

We are going to cut where we can between the three fields to allow water to go by surface to the wetlands. We are looking to add a 1 foot crown on the men’s soccer field to help with drainage and to get surface water off of the playing surface. We are also looking to install crushed stone in trenches between the three fields to help with water infiltration.

4. Status of the turf field

The base of the field is done and the two remaining items are the structural spray of the track and the southern D-zone and the installation of the turf. The project is still on schedule to be ready for use by mid August.

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5. Discuss a possible location for a new storage shed if funding is available

We talked about looking into pricing for a storage shed in the location of the paved skating area. We will need to wait to see if we have contingency money left over if we are to have any money to build the storage facility.

6. Other issues

None at the present time.

We will schedule another meeting in later August/early September when we know more about what is going on with the grass field renovations.