

Field Turf Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from 8-22-16

Attendees:

Gino Cresta, (GC), Chair

Matt Leahy, (ML), Vice

Chris Huntress (CH), Huntress Associates

Scott Faulkner (SF), Secretary

Thomas Younger (TY), Town Administrator

John Tripp, (JT), Member

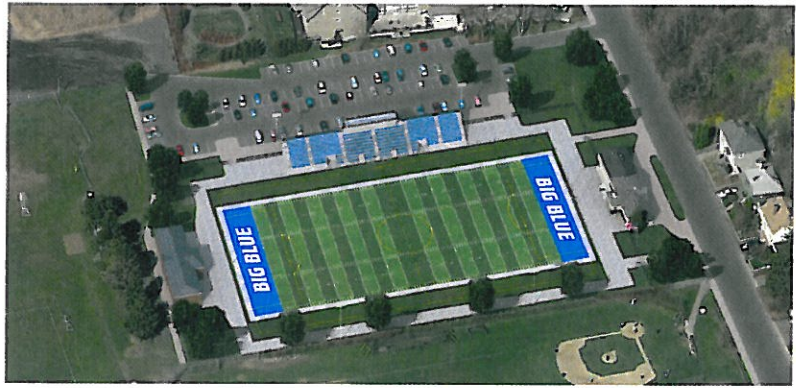
Danielle Strauss (DS) Recreation Director

Robert Pasersky (RP), Member

Peter Spellios (PS), Selectman

Mark Routzohn (MR), Member

Reporter (R), Reporter



7 PM meeting called to order by Chairman Gino Cresta

Motion taken to approve meeting minutes from 6-8-16 meeting. Unanimous approval.

Chris Huntress (CH) of Huntress Associates presented his findings with regards to the wetlands, drainage and the 100' buffer. An initial field design was presented which included improvements to the surrounding area.

The following items were presented by CH:

1. The proposed parking area is the only element of the design which falls within the 100' buffer.
2. The existing home stands seat approx. 1000 people.
3. The existing guest stands seat approx. 500 people.
4. It was confirmed that the field and the proposed parking lot could be drained by gravity to Humphrey St. CH also confirmed that the invert in Humphrey St. was low enough to allow gravity drainage from the rear of the field if bathrooms were to be installed at that location.
5. The proposed size of the field is 230' wide X 420' long, overall. This yields a playing area for soccer (the largest field requirements) to be 210' X 360'
6. The proposed home stands seat approx. 1000 people with a press box and HP lift. The current plan shows home stands hard up against the limit of the field. This allows for better viewing and helps keep the footprint of the complex farther away from the 100' buffer.
7. A proposed building is shown at the rear of the field that could serve as a concession stand. There was much discussion about this building. The group asked that CH consider increasing it's size to possibly include bathrooms and athletic storage in addition to the concession stand. The group felt strongly that the bathrooms should be placed so that they could be used by those in the complex or those using the other fields.
8. A maintenance building is shown on the home stands side toward the back of the field. There was a short discussion on how to access these building and what would actually be stored in it. More to follow.
9. The front right corner of the complex is currently ear marked as the main, grand entrance to the facility. A spirited discussion ensued with regards to the playground that is currently in that area. Should the playground be replaced? If so, where should it go? CH was asked to try and work a space into the design that could possibly be used as a playground. In addition the group felt that this should be the only entrance

location , thus justifying the use of the open space.

10. A bus drop off area is shown at the front of the field house. A very spirited discussion ensued. The question is whether that drop off area should be used for parents dropping off kids and have the busses drop off at the parking lot. The thought is that parents really have no better option for drop off as Humphrey St. is not a viable drop off area.
11. The existing main entrance area to the field (to the left of the field house) has not yet been included in the new design but the consensus of the group and one member in particular, felt that this area should be a smaller version of the main entrance but actually be the entrance to the other fields. This would help tie all the fields together.

GC and CH will create a schedule which will include milestones as well as a future meeting schedule.

PS suggested a sub-committee be formed to brainstorm ways to improve the existing field house.
All agreed it was a good idea.

All agreed that the plan should be more advanced before any meetings with the youth groups should be planned

Next meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM