

Parks Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2009

Attendees:

Andy Beardsley (W.B. Resident)
Pat Crowley
Pat Inderwish
David Larson (Warner Larson, Inc.)
John Owanisian
Val Pruneau
Chris Rucho

- Meeting opened at 5:45PM, David Larson joined meeting at 5:55.
- Payment of \$11,337.00 to Warner Larson, Inc. for professional services rendered 10/1/2009-11/30/2009 was approved with Pat Crowley abstaining.
- Signed contract for Design Services was presented to David Larson.
- Up to a cost of \$3500 related to change order for additional boring was approved pending receipt of formal proposal.
- Discussed proposed Musco lighting system:
 - 50 foot poles, with four poles lighting Tennis, two poles lighting Basketball
 - Musco provides 25 year manufacturer's warranty
 - 12 foot deep footings proposed
 - Total estimated cost (including 10% contingency) of \$186,118 for lighting
- Consensus indicated it is practical and cost effective to complete underground work associated with lighting during initial stage of project.
- Lighting estimate of \$186,118 could be reduced by approximately \$90K if only prep. work for lights is implemented – this approach would defer installation of light poles to a later date.
- Alternative concept #1 was approved by committee with following stipulation: Shift design one foot to the west to eliminate bottleneck in concession stand area.
- Preliminary Design estimate indicated total Alt. #1 project cost of \$440,838 – this includes 10% contingency, but does NOT include cost associated with lighting.
- Pat Crowley estimated that Alt#1 plus underground lighting work would come in at \$515,245 – this assumed deferring light pole installation and coloring of tennis/basketball surfaces.
- Concern was expressed that the estimated overall project cost considerably exceeded available CPA funds (estimated at \$412K) and what could reasonably be raised in the near term through private fundraising.
- David Larson proposed an alternative approach to further break the project into separate phases in order to reduce cost of the initial phase of Goodale Phase 1A:
 1. Fully complete tennis courts and all drainage/underground work – this would leave basketball courts in current state and still usable.
 2. Complete basketball courts and required landscaping work including retaining walls.
 3. Complete installation of lighting.

- David will provide an estimate detailing costs/activities associated with alternative above during the week of December 7.
- Consensus indicated the West Boylston Municipal Light Department should be contacted to review the lighting proposal in an effort to reduce costs.
- After further review of cost estimate, Pat Inderwish asked David Larson to explore alternatives for reducing project cost – among Pat's suggestions:
 - Focus on reducing lighting costs and examine alternatives to Musco
 - Additional reuse of excavated material
 - Lower cost alternatives for retaining wall materials
 - Reducing cost for surface coloring/stripping