

Athletic Fields Renovation Committee 3/20/2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Victor Karlsson, Andrew Bates, Kenny Winch, Dean Berardo, Robin Greene, Cathy Chiudina

Guests: John Watson (Insite Engineering), Kathleen Snyder (Insite Engineering), Amy Winberg (KG&D Architects)

Absent: Glenn Niles, Denise Harrington-Cohen, Matt Cunningham, Gabriella Anuso, Pete Lamoreaux, Ann Marie Chalmers, Lisa Delzio, Lisa McPartland, Chrissy King, Pete Fragiacom, Adam Beal

Meeting began at 5:00pm.

The group inspected the existing field amenities (ie: scoreboards, fences, bleachers, etc.) at both fields to determine which items could be preserved. Initially, it seems that all existing amenities can be refurbished by the District, if necessary. The most important enhancements identified by the group include:

- 1) Outfield fence at varsity softball field
- 2) Bullpen & batting cage at varsity softball & baseball fields
- 3) Safety netting along basepaths at baseball field
- 4) Basepath fencing, backstop & benches at modified softball field

These items will be included in the base-bid for the field repair. All other enhancements/replacements will be prioritized by the committee at the next meeting. Victor explained that available funding will not be known until after the DEP approves the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and finalizes the list of landscape requirements for field repair. John Watson informed the group that DEP has already provided feedback based on the initial SWPPP submittal, which is a good sign that the approval process is moving along. He added that it is expected that DEP will approve the SWPPP in mid-late May, which will coincide with the competitive bidding schedule for contract award. However, he also cautioned that any delay to the DEP SWPPP approval would of course delay the contract award and the start of work.

Robin inquired about applying for grants to fund the additional amenities enhancements/replacements. Dean replied that the District will be applying for the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. He added that in order to qualify for the grant, the applicant must be able to generate matching funds from another organization. Robin noted that the Brewster Sports Foundation is in a position to match certain grant funds through their previous fundraising efforts and the communities' support for this project.

The next meeting will be scheduled in May to review bid results and prioritize the list of additional amenities enhancements/replacements to be included in the Baseball Tomorrow Fund grant application.

Meeting ended at 5:45pm.