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Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee
Special Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Flaherty Room

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Bill Paecht, Paul Roy, Jack Liedke, Ed Strumello

Members Not Present: Jay Hatfield, Tim Sadick, Theresa Conroy, Jamie Yakushewich

Others Present: Jim Galligan, Nafis & Young

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

A Call was made for public comment.

Public comment was then closed

ITEM #4: Chairperson's comments

There were not comments

Chairperson's comments were then closed.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from July 22, 2015 special meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from July 22, 2015 special meeting.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6 – Yes 0 – No

Item number five is closed.

ITEM#6: Review and approve invoices from project engineer

There were no invoices.

Item #6 was closed.

ITEM#7 Update from Project Engineer Jim Galligan

Mr. Galligan brought samples of the turf and colors for the committee to review.

Sean Walsh asked why the material backing was different from one sample to the next. Mr. Galligan stated that they use a different weave backing for the logo sections.

Mr. Galligan has indicated that they sent a drawing with Wildcats on both sides and he has made the correction that there will only be one.

The committee discussed using gold yellow versus canary yellow. Mr. Galligan said the yellow doesn't have to be chosen that night and could wait for the August 6 meeting.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked Mr. Galligan for an update on the remaining balance for the account. Mr. Galligan stated that currently there is an apparent balance of \$206,000.00. The proposal from the track company is in the amount of \$168,00.00, which leaves a remaining balance of \$38,000.00. If the black track is selected the balance would be \$66,000.00.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria confirmed the paving by the concessions stand went all the way to the fence. She also confirmed the driveway stays the way it is and the handicap ramp is on the left, on the tennis side. She asked about the grass to the right to the bleachers, on the hill. She was wondering if something could be done with that because it gets overgrown.

Mr. Galligan recommended cutting it all back and plant with crown vetch which requires no maintenance. He did that for Oxford.

Ed Strumello asked if there was a plan for the mud path by the second entrance. He feels that next to the beautiful track a mud path would not look good. He also feels like it is a liability because it's slippery and muddy and people could fall. He also thinks something should be done with the visitor bleachers with any extra money.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria said she'd prefer to put the money toward the hillside and the walkway up. She asked Mr. Galligan for a quote on the hillside and mud path. He said he would guess its about \$20,000.00.

The area with the junipers is being paved with asphalt.

Item #7 was then closed.

ITEM#8 Discussion and take possible action on track.

The committee discussed the pros and cons with black track versus blue track.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria commented that the black track fades slower. She also mentioned that the complex could potentially have one color blue for the track, a different color blue for the bleachers, and a third color blue for the press box, even though Dalton could take a swatch. She also reminded the committee that if blue is selected there will only be a \$38,000.00 cushion.

She asked the committee which they preferred. Overwhelming support went for the blue track.

Sean Walsh asked if the track was put out to bid again would there a chance it would come in significantly less and Mr. Galligan said no.

A motion was made to accept bid by Dalton Track and Tennis for \$168,000.00.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6- Yes 0- No

ITEM#9 Discussion and possible action on bleacher kickback color.

Everyone seemed to be in agreement that royal blue was the best color for the bleacher kickbacks.

Mr. Galligan stated he would find out if they could match the color with a swatch.

A Motion was made to pick the bleacher kickback color Royal Blue Standard DCC 100.

Motion: Sean Walsh Second: Ed Strumello

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

ITEM#10 Discussion and take possible action on goal posts.

The committee has to decide between a rotating goal post and a standard goal post. The rotating posts are \$14,000.00 each. The standard posts are \$9,000.00 each.

Both are all aluminum construction. Mr. Galligan really doesn't see the advantage to a rotating goal post.

Mr. Strumello asked how the soccer goals are secured on the artificial turf. Mr. Galligan stated it was a simple clamp and no damage would be done to the turf. He said he would check how they are secured.

The committee prefers the standard goal posts.

A motion was made to use the stationary goal post at \$9,000.00 each, \$18,000.00 total.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6- Yes 0- No

ITEM#11 Discussion and take possible action on aluminum handrail piping.

When the project was bid they had aluminum handrails instead of galvanized steel for the handicap access. His bid at the time was \$42,000.00 additional cost to go with aluminum in lieu of galvanized steel. Since then the bidder notified him that he can now use aluminum on the project for less than \$10,000.00. Mr. Galligan said it is a no brainer for the value you get for the aluminum railing. Mr. Walsh confirmed that the rails would be concrete based to avoid larceny of the aluminum.

A Motion was made to use the aluminum handrail piping, not to exceed \$10,000.00.
Motion: Paul Roy Second: Bill Paecht.
Vote: Yes-6 No-0

ITEM#12 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Public Comment was then closed.

ITEM#13 Committee member comments

Paul Roy: In favor of a site walk. Reiterated that the kids will really love the blue track.

Bill Paecht: He thinks the committee should go up to the site and see what is going on. He suggested having a meeting up there next time.

Sean Walsh: Also agreed for a site walk because then the committee would be able to see some of the wish-list projects and see which would be more important than other. Also suggested finding new avenues for funding.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Suggested holding the August 6 meeting at the site.

Jack Liedke: Feels it would be beneficial to see the site. Clarified that the \$38,000.00 would be reduced by \$10,000.00 with the handrails, bringing the total down to \$28,000.00.

Ed Strumello: Was amazed the last time he was at the site how many people are still walking on the track, despite the signs and fencing. Suggested having a police officer drive by at approximate times.

ITEM #14: Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion: Sean Walsh
Second: Ed Strumello Vote: 68–Yes 0 No 0–Abstain

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky