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Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, Flaherty Room

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Jay Hatfield, Theresa Conroy, Nicole Klarides-Ditria,
Bill Paecht, Tim Sadick, Paul Roy, Jamie Yakushewich

Members Not Present: Jack Liedke, Ed Strumello

Others Present: Rick Belden, Jim Galligan, Nafis & Young, Bill Aniskovich, WBA Group,
John Johnson

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to seat Jamie Yakushewich as an alternate
Motion: Jay Hatfield Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0- No

ITEM #3: Public Comment

A Call was made for public comment.

Paul Roy received an email from Paul Sponheimer and was asked to read under public comment:

"Paul, Planned on attending meeting tonight but need to be else where. Wanted to comment during public time, feel you as a committee have done 1st class job selecting field, bleachers & ADA site work. It is my thoughts that you are going with a 2nd. class track that will detract from your great looking complex. If there is not proper monies to do it right do now do now. Use money for Press box, toilets & the visiting bleachers. Remember this is HOME OF THE WILDCATS. Spoony."

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 2, 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from July 2, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Theresa Second: Bill Paecht

Sean Walsh commented that his committee member comments were omitted. Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked him to write them down and they would be added later and Jay Hatfield will amend the minutes and resubmit.

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstain (Paul Roy)

Item number five is closed.

ITEM#6: Review and approve invoices from project engineer

Jim Galligan received the monthly invoice from Earthworks, Application #1, in the amount of \$68,400.00.

Jay Hatfield questioned the breakdown provided at \$72,000.00. Mr. Galligan indicated it was the 5% held up to one year after completion of the project.

Mr. Hatfield asked if tickets were provided or just the spreadsheet. Mr. Galligan stated it is all material in place, and it is mostly excavation work that you can see being done. Mr. Belden clarified that since Earthworks is holding the contract and they are not subbing anything out.

Nafis & Young Invoice Number 20215 in the amount of \$1,800.00 and Nafis & Young Invoice Number 154-15 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Motion to Approve Earthworks Application #1 in the amount of \$68,000.00, Nafis & Young Invoice Number 20215 in the amount of \$1,800.00 and Nafis & Young Invoice Number 154-15 in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 8-Yes 0-No

ITEM#7 Update from Project Engineer Jim Galligan

He submitted a progress report for the work being done to date.

He will have an answer from the double ring test tomorrow. Proctor test is done. Compaction test will be done and ready for measurement.

Handed out swatches for the kick back colors.

With respect to the goalposts, the committee prefers the non-swinging goal posts.

Mr. Galligan stated that the goal posts pads are separate. He didn't include them because he didn't think the ones in place were currently fine. Mr. Belden stated he would prefer if the money went toward infrastructure.

Mr. Galligan asked what the committee's preference was for color. Nicole Klarides-Ditria's opinion is if the track stays blue, then she could entertain the yellow, but if the track will be black then she feels it should be royal. Sean Walsh has reservations on using a lighter color for the kick back because it will show scuff marks, etc. Mr. Galligan agreed. Most of the committee preferred Royal.

Item #7 was then closed.

ITEM#8 Discussion and take possible action on track.

The bid for the track had to be thrown out because Cape and Island did not follow the bid specifications.

Mr. Galligan stated they were looking for costs on repairing and resurfacing the existing track.

Mr. Aniskovich contacted Dalton, which was the low bidder for the overall removal and replacement for the track. They were asked what it would take to do repairs of the damaged areas on the existing track and install new latex surface over existing surface, new latex on the D Zone and the high jump and long jump, etc. and do all the striping for the 8 lanes.

Jay Hatfield asked what the Board of Ed paid to be done to the track five years ago versus what was being proposed, and why the difference in cost, \$80,000 vs. \$134,000. Mr. Aniskovich does not feel that what was done five years ago is comparable to what is being proposed today. The current proposal is broken down in terms of repair costs, overlay.

Item #2 involves structural spray with larger particles which will build the surface up and eighth of an inch. Five years ago was a recoloring.

Item #3 involves a new surface for the high jump because there is nothing there now.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria confirmed with Mr. Aniskovich that for about \$150,000.00 this project was expected to last 8-12 years but the original project, which was more expensive was expected to last 10-12 years. He stated that they are all basically the same, but the more expensive track is a faster track.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked about the wearing course. Mr. Aniskovich stated that what is being installed would be the wearing course. A structural spray track, the wearing course is what will be sprayed on. Full depth color tracks wear throughout. The price proposed is blue, less \$28,000.00 for black.

Jay Hatfield asked why this proposal wasn't brought up a month ago. Mr. Galligan stated they tried to get EPDM surface but the bidder bid an alternate to what was specified without putting a qualification and this is the fall back plan.

Mr. Galligan said the committee could negotiate with Dalton, as the low bidder or put the bid out again.

Mr. Yakushewich asked how long this process would take to do all the work. Mr. Aniskovich stated it would be a couple of weeks and would not delay.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked what the committee felt on the current proposal. Mr. Belden stated that what they are proposing is exactly what the high school currently, but refurbished and he feels it will be a great track. If the committee could afford the higher quality, great, but this would get the track back to A-1 condition and he has spoken with the coaches and everyone is excited about that. He feels it is a positive thing and this is a perfectly good, acceptable alternative to EPDM.

An informal vote was taken and everyone was on board. Tim Sadick recommended negotiating with Dalton as opposed to putting it out to bid again, delaying the project.

Mr. Sadick also asked about putting square grates over the manholes in the field, tie the turf into the edge of the grates, turf over a square cover so it can be removed. It would be serviceable. Mr. Galligan said he would ask Field Turf about it. He envisioned chopping the tops off and turfing over. Mr. Aniskovich recommended covering the manhole, mark where it is on a drawing and if they need access they just cut an X into the field.

Mr. Sadick asked if there was a unit price for asphalt. He suggested paving the area to the wall. Mr. Galligan said there is not a unit price. He can ask for a price from Earthworks. Mr. Sadick suggested it could be painted, attach NVL titles on it, add Seymour.

The committee would prefer blue track. If the committee was able to negotiate for blue at the same price.

Mr. Galligan will negotiate that price, and get that information to the chair who will circulate to the committee. If approved, the committee should have a special meeting to vote on it. He doesn't want to wait three weeks for that. The sooner a decision is made, the better so we can get a track company lined up. Nicole will set up a meeting for next week.

A motion was made for Jim Galligan to renegotiate the track with low bidder Dalton.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Jamie Yakushewich
Vote: 8- Yes 0- No

ITEM#9 Public Comment

John Johnson suggested signage or swinging gates over lanes one and two to prevent walkers from using those lanes and save on the wear and tear.

Public comment was then closed.

ITEM#10 Committee member comments

Paul Roy: Feels pricing down the track will be a good way to go.

Theresa Conroy: No Comment

Tim Sadick: Wants to be sure that if Earthworks submits a bill, that the committee meets to get him paid quickly. He is being very generous and we should reciprocate.

Bill Paecht: Would like a site walk to see what is going on and hold a special meeting right there.

Jamie Yakushewich: No Comment

Sean Walsh: There is pipe railing going up that was bid as galvanized iron that he would like to see upgraded to aluminum, to extend the life of the railing.

Jay Hatfield: Agrees with the idea of a site walk. There have been a lot of people being seen walking the track despite signage and fences.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: The Board of Selectman checked with Town Council and they rejected the bid for the committee. To address Tim's comment, she will bring the invoices tomorrow. Regarding Gesek Field, she suggests a padlock. That plus the fencing and signage, their liability is covered.

ITEM #10: Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Jay Hatfield Vote: 8–Yes 0 No 0–Abstain

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky