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Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee
Special Meeting
Thursday August 6, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Seymour High School, DeBarber Field

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Bill Paecht, Paul Roy, Ed Strumello, Tim Sadick, Jamie Yakushewich

Members Not Present: Jack Liedke, Jay Hatfield, Theresa Conroy,

Others Present: Jim Galligan, Nafis & Young, Bill Aniskovich, WBA Group, John Johnson, Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Schools, Tony Caserta, Director of Operations, Town of Seymour, Tom Lennon, Robert Koskelowski, Jr, Public Works, Mark Oczkowski, Earthworks Excavating & Landscaping Inc., Luke Oczkowski, Earthworks Excavating & Landscaping, Inc., Mike Worobal, Earthworks Excavating & Landscaping, Inc.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 27, 2015 special meeting.

Motion to seat Jamie Yakushewich as alternate.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Motion to approve minutes from July 27, 2015 special meeting.

Motion: Ed Strumello Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: 7 – Yes 0 – No

Item number five is closed.

ITEM#6: Review and approve invoices from project engineer

Nicole Klarides-Ditria received the invoices late from Jim Galligan.

The first invoice was from Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping, Payment #2 in the amount of \$216, 980.00. In response to Jay Hatfield's request, Mr. Galligan outlined some of the major items to let the committee know what the pay request is for. He feels that everything is in accordance with the contract.

Motion to approve Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping Payment #2 in the amount of \$216,980.00.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Ed Strumello

Item #6 was closed.

ITEM#7 Update from Project Engineer Jim Galligan

Mr. Galligan asked members from Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping to talk about the project and where it stands in case the committee had any questions. Mr. Galligan handed out a financial update.

There has been a change in the financial status. Additional stone needs to be installed at the site and the cost for that has been included in the financial status. It has a significant impact on a decision that was made last meeting. At the time, it was believe that there would be additional funds to be able to go with a blue track. At this point Mr. Galligan stated those funds are not available any longer. Dalton Track and Tennis submitted a quote stating there could be a reduction in the cost if the committee went with the black track. At this point in time Mr. Galligan feels that is what needs to be done because with the additional stone needed on the site, the funds from the difference in the color will be needed to afford all the remaining parts of the work.

Bill Paecht asked Mr. Galligan what happened because the committee formed its budget and performed due diligence. Mr. Galligan replied that as Mark from Earthworks has gone through the project he noticed that there was a larger volume of stone, different from what was put in the bid documents. That number has increased to roughly 850 cubic yards and the final number will be established once he gets the rest of the material. The number put into the bid documents was not the correct number.

Sean Walsh where the issue was. Mr. Galligan stated it was from depth calculation of the bottom of the envelope not the top of the envelope.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated this was discovered a day or so ago so a meeting was held with Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Jim Galligan, Earthworks and Tim Sadick. They went through everything, had an in-depth discussion on what the issue was. She then asked Mr. Aniskovich to explain what he thought the issue was and why it was miscalculated with the stone.

Mr. Aniskovich stated that his interpretation of what he drew, which Jim Galligan reviewed was that the slope of the subgrade -- there was a discrepancy between his opinion and Earthworks opinion as to how the slope is calculated, whether it's on the surface, perpendicular to the field, or if it is down the length of the multi-flow drain.

Earthworks calculated off the multi-flow drain and that was not Mr. Aniskovich's interpretation and that is where the discrepancy came in.

Mr. Paecht asked what the proper way to calculate is and Mr. Aniskovich stated that is what was currently being discussed.

Nicole Klarides- Ditria stated that when an excavator looks at a plan, to her, it is clearly stated what is to be done and they follow it as they read it. She does not believe there is any room for interpretation. It is written on there and you follow it. With that said, there was some issue when it was originally the deeper stone, 12- 14 inches and then it was decided that the 8 inches would be the way to go. She believes that when Mr. Aniskovich made his calculations, add piping, that possibly he did not make those extra changes on his plans. Therefore, Earthworks followed what he had on the paper. That is what she is seeing as the possible issue and mistake. In her view, it was not the excavating company, it seemed to come down to the engineering firm. She stated that Town Counsel is reviewing the issue to see what options there are. She stated there is the money to move forward and pay the extra amount but the track needs to be changed to black.

Sean Walsh asked what the outstanding balance to Nafis & Young was and Mr. Galligan replied it was around \$12,000- \$14,000.

Item #7 was then closed.

ITEM#8 Discussion and take possible action on track.

Nicole Klarides- Ditria recommended changing the track to black to save \$28,000.00 to pay for the stone and still be able to do something to the track.

The committee stated it was very frustrated because it worked hard on this.

Sean Walsh asked if any other avenues were sought out for additional funding for the track from the Board of Ed. Mr. Belden stated the Board of Ed is happy with the black track. Sean Walsh asked if there were any parent's clubs, sports clubs, etc. that existed that would be willing to donate or fundraise. Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that if the committee were to move forward with the track it would have to be black.

Ed Strumello followed up on a statement by Sean Walsh regarding the engineering firm having a balance due, that not match the \$28,000.00 needed for the blue track. He asked if some of that balance due money could be garnished toward the \$28,000.00. Nicole Klarides-Ditria restated that she has Town Counsel looking into the whole situation. Mr. Strumello suggested postponing making a decision on the track, waiting to see if Town Counsel feels the committee can use the outstanding funds due to Nafis & Young towards the balance of the blue track. Paul Roy asked when the latest the committee could decide on the track. Nicole Klarides- Ditria stated approximately a week

to a week and a half. Regardless, she feels the black track will look great despite the kids wanting the blue track, and that it will look great. She would like to keep the project on schedule.

Sean Walsh confirmed that the remaining funds after going with the black track would be \$11,000.00.

Based on the current remaining balance of \$11,000.00, Nicole Klarides Ditría stated there may or may not be funds left to do the area with the shrubs or any other side projects the committee wanted to do. If the committee recoups some of the funds later on from another source, that might be able to be done, depending on the cost.

Ed Strumello asked Mr. Galligan about the figures he was to get for the committee that were requested last meeting regarding the muddy walking path past the shot put area where people enter the field. Mr. Galligan stated that a week was spent trying to solve the stone issue and he didn't get an opportunity to look at those other items but he will get the figures to the committee. Mr. Strumello asked what his estimate would be because that area is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Galligan stated he had to finish preparing the plan. He would prefer to submit a plan and ask for a quote rather than speculate on the cost.

Nicole Klarides-Ditría stated that it makes sense financially for the whole project to do the black track at this point.

A motion was made to change the track to black.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: 7- Yes 0- No

ITEM#9 Discussion and possible action on color of logo.

Seymour colors are royal blue and gold but the color gold really isn't used in anything. It's actually a brighter yellow. The committee needs to come to a final decision on the color. The committee decided canary yellow was the color.

A Motion was made to make the logo color canary yellow.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

While the committee was still talking about the logo, Mr. Galligan asked everyone to look at the shop drawing that shows the field. It is the plan that the manufacturer plans to install. As of right now, the plan has the Wildcats name and the paws logo outside the football field area of play but it is in the soccer field of play. He feels it should get moved down into the next zone out of the soccer field of play.

Ed Strumello stated that to him the depth of the area that the logo would be moved is not as big as the area where it is currently placed. Mr. Aniskovich stated that was correct. The Wildcats logo would go from 12 feet high to 10 feet high. Mr. Strumello asked if the

sideline needed to be that large. Mr. Galligan stated yes. Mr. Strumello clarified he was referring to the thickness of the out of bounds line. If that line could be shrunk, that would allow more room to make a larger Wildcats logo. Mr. Aniskovich agreed.

Mr. Galligan stated it was a 6 foot line. Mr. Aniskovich stated if the line was cut down to four feet, the Wildcat logo could remain 12 feet and still have a one-foot all around. Mr. Strumello feels that would be better than having a smaller logo.

Mr. Walsh stated that to his knowledge that the color pieces are more money so if that colored line was cut in half, would there be any savings because it would be more green area and less blue and white. Mr. Galligan stated he would find out from Eric at Field Turf. He has no trouble changing the widths from 6 feet to 4 feet. He recommended leaving the football stripe six feet.

Mr. Aniskovich brought up that if this were done there would be a 6 foot white line around the football field, if the soccer field line is reduced to 4 feet, where that meets, there will be a jog in the line. Mr. Strumello asked why it had to be 6 feet. Mr. Galligan suggested leaving the end stripes 6 feet and make the vertical shorter. Tom Lennon suggested keeping six on the sidelines and doing four at the back of the end zones because you really don't need the back of the end zone. He stated that on the sideline it serves the purpose of essentially giving the referees their space to do their job.

Mr. Lennon stated the white sideline would still be four feet but make both the white and the blue in the end zones four feet. There would be four-foot continuity. Mr. Aniskovich stated that the lines are knitted in at the factory and that would have to be decided relatively soon, like now.

To reiterate the changes:

The blue sideline will be changed from six to four feet on the soccer field.

The logos from the inside box to the outside box and keeping the same size.

Make all the end lines (white and blue) uniform by making them four feet instead of six.

The football sideline will stay six-foot white and soccer sideline will be four foot blue and the logo will be moved from the inside box to outside box and remain at 12 feet.

Mr. Aniskovich brought up the logo issue concerning the "S". Field Turf is saying that National High School Federation does not allow for stripes to go through the logo. His interpretation and what he has been doing on most of his fields is, instead of running the wide four inch yard line throughout, he has been putting in two half inch lines which from a distance you cant see, but the official on the ground still can.

Sean Walsh asked if it was acceptable to the sanctioning body. Mr. Aniskovich stated he believes you can run it through but it cannot be a full width line.

Field Turf is saying one line, Mr. Aniskovich is saying two one inch lines. He put a call in to Kansas to get a written explanation of the lines. Sean Walsh stated that whatever the

sanctioning body is that will officiate the game, the regulation, is who the committee should follow.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked the football coaches which they preferred in case they were told either would be accepted. Tom Lennon stated he liked the double line. Mr. Aniskovich feels that the soccer officials will be the ones to have a problem with it. Mr. Galligan will find out what the sanctioning body says and they will follow that rule. Sean Walsh said he should confirm with both sports, not just football because once the track is down it will be that way for hopefully stay that way for 12-15 years. Mr. Galligan stated they will get the official answer in writing.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria confirmed that the lines on the actual track would be white and not yellow, against the black track. Mr. Galligan confirmed black and white for the track.

ITEM#10 Public Comment

A call was made for public comment.

Tom Lennon asked about the discus cage. Mr. Galligan confirmed it would be moved down below. He asked if a new slab would be poured because if he has to pour a new slab, his preference would be to get the two circles set in, ring recessed. Mr. Lennon asked if the cage was salvaged. Mr. Koskelowski, Jr stated there were post holes down there already. Mr. Galligan stated they would but up against the light posts and facing out that way. Mr. Lennon asked, if possible, to angle them slightly toward the water so javelin could be thrown to the right and have room to do both and even put a surface runway down there.

Mr. Lennon also asked about the board for the long jump and triple jump that is set in to the runway. Boys and girls long jump are 8 and 12 and triple is 32 and 24. And what they would like is four spots, three on the top as track surface and you insert the board flush with the track runway and then there would be one white board. When it is time for the boys or girls long jump you put the board at the proper spot and flip the pieces. He isn't sure how expensive a job that is, and he knows it is late in the game and budget is thin.

Mr. Aniskovich stated there is one board listed in the contract but when he realized that boys and girls are different, he told them not to put that in but it can be marked on the track surface.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated the committee would look into it.

Public comment was then closed

ITEM#11 Committee Member Comments

Paul Roy: No comment

Ed Strumello: Not happy.

Tim Sadick: No comment

Bill Paecht: No comment

Jamie Yakushewich: Wants to know how close the turf is to being rolled out.

Sean Walsh: Asked to walk around the site after the meeting was adjourned. Feels that

the error made was very large, not just a missed a decimal point.
Nicole Klarides-Ditria: No comment

ITEM #10: Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion: Bill Paecht Second:
Jamie Yakushewich Vote: 7–Yes 0 No 0–Abstain

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky