

**MINUTES**

**Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee Meeting  
Thursday September 3, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Seymour Middle School Library**

**Members Present:** Sean Walsh (7:06), Bill Paecht, Paul Roy, Tim Sadick, Theresa Conroy, Ed Strumello

**Members Not Present:** Jack Liedke, Jay Hatfield, Jamie Yakushewich, Nicole Klarides-Ditria

**Others Present:** Jim Galligan, Nafis & Young, Rick Belden, Asst. Superintendent of Schools

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.**

Bill Paecht called the meeting 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 August 20, 2015 meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from August 20, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Ed Strumello Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0- Abstain

Item number five is closed.

**ITEM#6: Review and approve invoices from project engineer**

There were two invoices.

First invoice is for Dant Clayton in the amount of \$10,804.35 for bonding and design work.

Motion to approve and pay invoice from Dant Clayton in the amount of \$10,804.35  
Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5- Yes 0- No

Second invoice is for Earthworks Excavating in the amount of \$144,464. 60.  
Motion: Paul Roy Second: Theresa Conroy  
Vote: 5- Yes 0- No

#### **ITEM#7 Discussion with Project Engineer Jim Galligan**

Mr. Galligan stated that the site work for the football/soccer field is in place. He passed out the test results for permeability analysis tests and compaction tests. He is still waiting of a couple final reports. The results were excellent numbers for the permeability. He took 42 compaction tests and they all passed.

Earthworks is currently working on the handicap ramps and putting in the wall for the upper handicap ramp, which is getting ready to be made. They discovered a couple pipes by the lower ramp by the tennis courts. Mr. Aniskovich and Mr. Galligan will visit the site and look to see what can be done. He thinks it is water and sewer from the bathroom. Mr. Paecht believes one is for the toilet in the building and the other for the storm drain that is in front of the building that is under the rock that is not visible. There is a white pipe that is on top that goes directly to the water fountain. Mr. Paecht knows there is a high voltage wire there but believes it is closer to the poles. Call Before You Dig was contacted beforehand but these wires were not found.

Dant Clayton has his contractor on site for doing the excavations for the footings for the bleachers. Mr. Galligan did a foundation inspection earlier that day and will be doing another one tomorrow morning. Dant Clayton will pour in the morning and do a second pour for the column sections in the afternoon. All the steel is in place. Jim Baldwin will also take a look at it as the building inspector.

The wall behind the bleachers will be starting some time next week. The bleacher completion date is September 25th. The Field Turf had a manufacturing issue with the grass so the installer did not come to the site. Once the issue with the grass was resolved, the installer was busy with another project and will not be at the site until next Thursday. Field Turf informed Mr. Galligan they will put extra people on and will work through the weekend and are still committed to being complete by September 18. Mr. Roy asked if the weekend work would be at a cost to the committee and Mr. Galligan stated it would be no cost whatsoever.

Mr. Galligan spoke with Todd Lorenzen from Dalton Track and Tennis. He is uncertain at this point whether he can be completed by the 30th. He will be at the start up meeting in one week and will be able to make a decision at that point whether the October 1 game can take place.

Mr. Galligan received shop drawings for the handrails and is returning it. He feels it needs to be revised so that the rails are handicap compliant.

Sean Walsh asked if Mr. Galligan ever looked at any prints to find out where the basins were as there are a lot of questions about where they are located. Mr. Galligan has not found anything that shows where they are.

Last meeting money was allocated for the discus and shot-put. Mr. Galligan ordered the materials and the total was \$1,300.00 plus \$200 for concrete. The ring for the discus came in damaged so it was sent back. The discus location has to be restaked because the coach wanted to move it. He will send his crew out with a tool that is used to locate underground steel tanks and see if basins Sean Walsh asked about could be located. Mr. Paecht stated they went through everything and there is nothing in the archives.

Mr. Galligan is going to sit down with Dalton Track and Tennis to find out whether they can get their material down in time. It is a spray process so they encapsulate everything around where they are working. They would be covering up the wall by the bleachers, and cover the fence in front of the bleachers. They'll be covering part of the field. The issue is if he can get in a few days early to do the encapsulating of things other than the field itself. Once the field is watered down, he can cover the field and get started. The question is if he has enough time to do that by October 1. Mr. Galligan would like to make that determination by the committee's next meeting.

Sean Walsh asked if the project isn't finished on time and has to be put off a year for completion, would there be a penalty with respect to the grant money. Mr. Galligan stated that typically if there are time commitments on grants such as this, they are commitments to start, and financially the committee will have 90% of its money spent within the next six weeks.

Ed Strumello asked about his dirt path side project. Mr. Galligan has not received a price from Earthworks yet. Earthworks told Mr. Galligan that they are not interested in doing this project.

Mr. Paecht asked Mr. Galligan for a drawing with prices before the next meeting.

**ITEM#8 Discussion and take possible action on turf.**

There was no action to take on the turf.

**ITEM#9 Discussion and take possible action on track.**

There was no action to take on the track

**ITEM#10 Discussion and take possible action on shrubs.**

Ed Strumello asked for an update on the shrubs. Mr. Galligan stated that they were all removed but the question is what will be put in their place. Mr. Galligan gave Nicole Klarides- Ditria a breakdown with all the options. To pave the area would be \$12,000. To use millings would be \$8,000. Sean Walsh suggested installing plastic and topping with mulch for the time being. Down the road the committee could decide what to do.

Sean Walsh suggested making the area an Adopt-a-Spot for local landscapers to donate flowers once a year.

Ed Strumello cautioned against using something that is not semi-permanent with respect to kids climbing up on the area and throwing the mulch around.

The committee agreed to bring this item up for discussion at the next meeting. The item will be put back on the agenda.

**ITEM #11 Public comment**

A call was made for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Public comment was then closed

**ITEM#12 Committee Member Comments**

Paul Roy: No comment

Tim Sadick: No comment

Ed Strumello: For the record, he is concerned that the secondary grant that Theresa obtained, the committee that is handling that money has not included the Board of Ed, is concerned why that money was not rolled into this grant because he understood it to be an additional amount of money to the turf grant. Now there is a separate committee established by the First Selectman with no Board of Education input, no Parks input, no building input. From what he has found, the Board of Selectman never approved that committee. That is not the way things are supposed to be done.

Sean Walsh: No comment

Bill Paecht: Has requested a site plan for the secondary grant so they know where the wires are going. He will raise Ed Strumello's concerns to the First Selectman. He is quite concerned too because he will be responsible to maintain the field when it is done.

Theresa Conroy: No comment

**ITEM #11: Adjournment**

**A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

Motion: Sean Walsh Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5–Yes 0 No 0–Abstain

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky