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Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee Meeting
Thursday September 17, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Seymour Middle School Library

Members Present: Sean Walsh, Bill Paecht, Tim Sadick, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Jack Liedke, Jay Hatfield (7:03)

Members Not Present: Jamie Yakushewich, Paul Roy, Ed Strumello, Theresa Conroy

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

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 will be a few things to discuss tonight in regards to the timeline, which has changed a little bit.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from September 3, 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from September 3, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Jack Liedke

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0- Abstain

Item number five is closed.

ITEM#6: Review and approve invoices from project engineer

There was one invoice from Tri State Materials

Invoice #TSTM3407 in the amount of \$195.50.

Motion to approve and pay invoice TSTM3407 in the amount of \$195.50.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Sean Walsh

Vote: 6- Yes 0- No

ITEM#7 Discussion with Project Engineer Jim Galligan

Field Turf has finished installing their product. They will forward their paperwork, including Certificate of Completion, Warranty Information, to Mr. Galligan in the next few weeks. The director of operations is able to do the training next week. The committee decided to wait a few weeks to try and get played field time so there will be something to fix on the field.

Through the chair, Mr. Hatfield asked Mr. Belden if he felt that just having public works trained on the field was sufficient. Mr. Belden responded that normally work done on the field is done by public works. Sean Walsh suggested having Wayne sit in on the training.

Bill Paecht requested a minimum of four people trained on how to maintain the turf. Sean Walsh recommended four staff workers, plus the foreman. He requested holding the training off at least a month so that the new Director of Public Works can be familiar with the training too.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked how often the field has to be groomed and swept. Jim Galligan stated forty hours of play time and practice time.

Bill Paecht noted that between Pop Warner, soccer and football it will be used quite a bit. He stated that the Park Department controls all the fields in the town and they work through the Public Works Department, setting up the schedule with public works, tell them what the needs are and they work it into their schedules. The school sends the Parks Department a schedule every year of practice times and game times.

Tim Sadick and Sean Walsh feel it should be groomed once a week for starters. Tim Sadick suggested they decide whether it is better to groom the field before a game or after a game, Monday or Thursday.

Sean Walsh will coordinate with Bill Paecht and Jim Galligan regarding the training of staff on how to maintain the field.

Regarding the certificate of compliance, Bill Paecht mentioned that Jim Baldwin would not do that for the field. He will do it for the bleachers and for the handicapped ramp. Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked Mr. Galligan to get all the paperwork together and deliver to the Superintendent.

Earthworks will finish the concrete work the next day. They will start the stone work the following week and expect it to take about a day and a half to put the stone up where the bleachers will go. They will pave the runway in front of the bleachers. Some of the area they want to have the pavement down ahead of time, so they will coordinate with the bleacher company. The remainder of the work will be clean up and paving in front of the concession building and in front of the field house. Nicole asked when that paving would be completed. Jim Galligan stated by the end of the September.

The bleacher guy is saying he will start next Tuesday and will need two weeks to install and would finish about October 8th or 9th. Under contract, his completion date was to be October 1, 2015.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked what the hold up was with the bleachers. Mr. Hatfield asked why the date would now be pushed back. Mr. Galligan replied that the bleacher guy started late. He got his excavations late and then had trouble getting forms. Mr. Hatfield asked what kind of responsibility the bleacher company holds for the committee. Mr. Galligan said there would be liquidated damages that could be applied to him at \$500.00 a day. Mr. Hatfield stated there would be a cost to the town now to move the sports.

Tim Sadick feels that even though the bleacher guy is a little late, it may work in the committees favor. He doesn't feel it is worth pursuing damages. It was a tight timeline from the beginning and six days is minimal. Nicole Klarides-Ditria noted that in those six days there would be bussing cost for football, the fee to Oxford High School and whatever soccer games that will have to be bussed.

Jack Liedke asked what the original start date was to be for the bleacher guy. Mr. Galligan stated it was either the 14th or 15th of September.

Bill Paecht asked Mr. Belden to get a number for what it would cost to move all the games taking place in those six days.

Dalton Track and Tennis will be out there next week to do the field events, the D Zone and three jumping events. At that point Mr. Galligan stated that Dalton would decide whether to move ahead with the track. When he spoke to Todd about it, he said unless the weather was extremely cooperative, it would be highly unlikely he will get to do the track this fall.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria spoke with Todd a half hour before she came to the meeting and he stated to her he is almost positive he will get it done. She also stated that Todd mentioned trying to call Mr. Galligan twice and received no response back.

Mr. Galligan said when she spoke to Todd the night before he was told that he would do the three events, but that unless the weather cooperated, he would not be able to do the track until the spring.

Sean Walsh noted that the cleanouts still are not cut. Mr. Galligan said that Mark will cut them and will make sure that he does.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked that Mr. Galligan coordinate with Todd to see what he plans to do at the beginning of next week.

Bill Paecht noted an issue at the handicapped ramp where it drops off. Mr. Galligan will have Mark bring in some extra topsoil fix it.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria brought up the stone dust issue. Tim Sadick explained that Tom Lennon wants to be able to run two consecutive events in both rings. He explained that if they throw fifty feet, Tom Lennon needs it fifty feet in the other direction. Mr. Galligan can call Tom Lennon if he has any questions.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria asked Mr. Galligan about the cracks in the concrete. Mr. Galligan will talk to Todd about it to see how he wants to address it. He spoke with Mark about it

and he can saw cut them and fill them if the committee wants to do that. Todd says it will not affect his product.

Sean Walsh asked about the regulations with football requiring the lines going through the lettering on the field. He notices that the lines do not go through the lettering. Tim Sadick said there is a temporary chalk paint that can be lined through the S for football on game day that will meet regulation.

Bill Paecht asked Mr. Belden if anything could be done with the fencing located by the bleachers as you walk up to it. He says it needs to be fixed, eight or nine feet needs to be replaced.

Sean Walsh asked about the strip where the bushes were removed and if it was okay to put vinyl down with mulch on top. Nicole Klarides-Ditria spoke with the First Selectman who said the town would take care of the mat and the mulch. Sean Walsh just wants to get something on the ground now and if down the road it needs to be changed, it is an easily removable product. Sean Walsh will go ahead with organizing the mat and mulch, hopefully getting it done this week.

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 bleachers.

Tim Sadick asked about the millings up at the top of the bleachers. Mr. Galligan said he would just have them go up there and put them in. Sean Walsh will make the call and organize the millings to be delivered. Mr. Galligan said to make sure they bring millings and not reclaimed material. Sean Walsh will coordinate with Mr. Galligan with what he needs.

ITEM #11 Public comment

A call was made for public comment.

There was no public comment.

ITEM#12 Committee Member Comments

Bill Paecht: No comment

Jay Hatfield: No comment

Jack Liedke: He is quite disappointed to have not made the October 1 deadline. The committee was shooting for that target for quite some time. While 6-8 days isn't so bad, finding out 14 days before it is to be completed that time is going to be extended is disappointed. He asks going forward to not be any later than the 8 days.

Sean Walsh: No comment

Tim Sadick: No comment

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Echoing Jack Liedke's comments, the project needs to make sure it hits the next deadline. The opening day needs to be October 12. Wants to see Mr. Galligan getting in touch with all these people and getting their timelines written, emailed, etc. so we know exactly what it is and she can get that out to the committee members.

ITEM #13: Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Jay Hatfield

Vote: 6–Yes 0 No 0–Abstain

Respectfully Submitted, Angela Chernesky

