

Special Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Seymour Middle School Library

Members Present: Theresa Conroy (7:42), Jay Hatfield (7:15), John Johnson, Nicole Klarides-Ditria (via phone at 7:30), Jack Liedke, Paul Roy, Tim Sadick, Sean Walsh, Jamie Yakushewich

Members Absent: Bill Paecht, Ed Strumello

Others Present: Jim Galligan

Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

None

Chairperson Comments:

There are a couple of outstanding issues at end of the project. Public Works mulched the area by the visitor bleachers. They are hoping to complete some tree work so there are no obstructed views. Ms. Ditria spoke with Craig and will remove in the spring if needed.

Jim Baldwin advised this committee that fencing around the visitor bleachers must be installed prior to use. We need to find out how the Board of Education will fund this fencing.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Mr. Liedke made a motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2015. Mr. Roy seconded motion.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Review of Invoices

Invoice from Earthworks for site work in the amount of \$195,436.66

Mr Galligan explained that this charge also includes authorized change orders

-change of material for the handrails on the handicapped ramps from metal to aluminum

\$10,000,

-stump holes \$4,000

-downtime due to electrical services that were not marked for Call Before you Dig. \$16,500. This is about 1/3 of time actually down.

-Grubbing area in front of bleachers \$2,500

-Stone material

Motion: Mr. Roy made a motion to approve the invoice from Earthworks in the amount of \$195,436.66. Mr. Yakushewich seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Two Testing Labs - \$10,000 was budgeting and only spent \$5,500. Results were extremely consistent and did not need to perform any additional testing.

Motion: Mr. Walsh made a motion to approve the invoice for tests in the amount of \$5,500. Mr. Roy seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Invoice from MF Athletic in the amount of \$1,370 for disc circle and other items for throwing events.

Motion: Mr. Liedke made a motion to approve the invoice from MF Athletic in the amount of \$1,370. Mr. Yakushewich seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Mr. Galligan discussed the latest spreadsheet of costs, etc. This spreadsheet reflects the changes in the amount of remaining reserve cash. The testing cost \$4,000 less than projected. The Artificial Turf was \$1,400 less than the bid presented. Once the turf was put down, it measured 300 square feet less than originally bid. A revised bill is being sent and should have by the next meeting. The bleachers decking should be done by mid-week next week. The building inspector reviewed walls, foundations, etc and everything looks good. Paving will be done next week and also clean up around the bleachers area.

the track will take about 6-7 more working days to complete. Should be done next week, weather permitting.

It was discussed that there is a small area up top that can be used for limited parking for anyone who is unable to get out of their vehicle. Mr. Galligan will look into how we can accomplish this and how much it will cost. Are we able to put a handicap only sign up? Mr. Galligan will coordinate with Public Works. Mr. Walsh will contact the police commissioner department to see what legal approval we need.

Mr. Yakushewich inquired when the field will be ready. Mr. Galligan advised that they are aiming for the 12th, weather permitting. The field should be ready for the football game on the 16th.

Mr. Walsh inquired if the drainage is adequate along the new sidewalk ramp. Mr. Galligan advised that it is adequate.

Mr. Walsh requested the geo-grid hanging out of the retaining wall be cut back. He also requested the area in front of the bleachers that is already washed out due to the rain be cleaned up and fixed.

Mr. Galligan will review the drainage under the front of the bleachers where there is a gap between the stone and asphalt to see how to address. He will also review the end of new sidewalk and possibly move the fence. Should it be moved now or later?

Who is responsible for putting the six pole sleeves that are put in the ground for the protective net around the disc area? Mr. Galligan advised that that is not part of the current contract. Mr. Hatfield will look into exactly what needs to be done and advise.

Ms. Klarides-Ditria joined the meeting via phone.

Mr. Roy advised that Ms. Conroy sent a letter suggesting a town wide celebration to officially "open" the new field. Ms. Klarides-Ditria would like to see the celebration done just before the start of the football game on the 16th. Mr. Roy also suggested that other organizations that use the field could be invited to attend as well.

Mr. Galligan advised that depending on the weather, the field may be ready for the soccer game that is scheduled for the 13th.

The next meeting is scheduled for the 15th. Mr. Roy will schedule a special meeting prior to get a better idea of the final schedule.

Mr. Walsh would like one final walk though at the next meeting to make sure everything is completed.

What would we like to do with any possible remaining funds. Right now it is estimated at around \$12,924. The committee discussed signs are needed and we still owe some outstanding invoices. Mr. Walsh commented that the only thing left out of budgeting is the fencing around the visitor bleachers and the walkway and parking area at top. Do the coaches have any amenities that we are not thinking of? Mr. Walsh asked if any of these items fit in with the grant money? Wheels for the soccer goals could be a valuable purchase. Also, pads for the goal posts. New benches could also be purchased. A list will be compiled for the next meeting to discuss further.

No public comment.

Committee Member Comments

Mr. Yakushewich commented that when you enter the track the fence does not close properly. Mr. Walsh also asked for a price if they were to install a gate there.

Motion: Mr. Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Liedke seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.