

MINUTES
Seymour High School Softball Field Committee
Workshop
Thursday, September 17, 2015 @ 5:45PM
Seymour Middle School Media Center

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DATE: 9/22/15
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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Chris Adamo, Bob Findley, Bob Lang, Ken Pereiras, Jim Geffert

Members Absent: Matt Bronson, Jamie Yakushewich

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: 5:50 PM

Item #2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Item #3: PUBLIC COMMENT

All call was made for public comment.
Item #3 was closed.

Item #4: REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTMEBER 3, 2015 WORKSHOP

No issues.
Item #4 was closed.

Item #5: REVIEW / DISCUSSION OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION FOR BID
SPECIFICATIONS / LOGOS FOR SIGNAGE

Windscreen Layouts – Chris Adamo working with Matt Fletcher on the design of the windscreen artwork. Windscreen spec needs to be open mesh, high grade due to the high winds present at the field. Size will be 6' x 30'.

Site Plan – Jim Galligan provided updated drawings for the committee to review and provide feedback.

Press Box Plan – Reviewed the 15x20 layout with internal and external staircases. The committee unanimously agreed to proceed with the layout using the internal staircase due to cleaner look and less maintenance. A window was added on the field side of the lower floor for sight line to the field and air flow through the building.

Field Sign – Reviewed mock-up of field sign. Will mimic the signs used around the town to have consistency with the look of the school and town. “Welcome to Seymour High School Softball Field”; “Home of the Lady Wildcats”. Chris Adamo will work with Matt Fletcher on the layout.

Item #5 was closed.

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Item #6:

DISCUSSION OF LED LIGHTING

Committee discussed the option of using LED lighting instead of the Metal Halide fixtures understanding that the town and schools are moving in the direction of LED lighting.

We received an initial estimation that the cost to go from Metal Halide fixtures to LED fixtures was approximately \$40,000. To get further clarification on the costs, the committee had a conference call with Andrew Dyjak from Musco Lighting. He explained there are many factors that lead to the increase in cost. The Safety Specification for a softball field is to maintain a minimum requirement of 50 foot-candles in the infield and 30 foot-candles in the outfield. Since LED lighting fixtures have a more direct light path over the metal halides, it requires more fixtures to light the same area (up to 2-1/2 times the number of fixtures are needed). For our field, the current metal halide layout utilizes 4 poles with 16 fixtures, the same LED layout will require 40 fixtures to achieve the same minimum SAFE levels of foot-candles. Also, since each LED light fixture has a computer chip component in it that limits its potential life, the LED fixtures are only warranted for 10 years versus 25 on the metal halide.

We discussed payback calculations for LED. The payback is based on the run hours estimated at 200-300 hours annually. The LED operational savings are approximately \$7 per hour or \$1,400 - 2,100 annual savings putting the payback period for \$40,000 between 20 – 25 years.

LED lighting in a Low Hour Use / High Intensity Output Facility does not make financial sense since there is a specified minimum safety lighting level as you have with a sports field. LED makes more sense in streetlights and parking lights where the run hours are much higher at 7 days / week and longer hours each night and no minimum lighting levels are mandated.

After a discussion and review of these facts, the committee unanimously agreed to continue on our current path of Metal Halide fixtures seeing that the payback did not make fiscal sense and the warrantee period on the fixtures is 2-1/2 times shorter.

Item #6 was closed.

Item #7:

CONFIRM THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE PROJECT

- Ask Rory to add our Committee to the agenda at the next Board of Selectman's Meeting on 10/06.
- Committee to review Site and Building plans and give feedback to Jim Galligan's office by Wednesday 09/23.
- Bid specs planned to go into paper to open the bidding process week of 09/27.

Item #7 was closed.

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Item #8: OTHER BUSINESS
Rick Belden discussed replacing the existing batting cage with a new sturdier system so it does not look out of place with the upgrades to the whole facility. Rick and Ken Pereiras will discuss separately since it is outside the scope of this committee.

Item #8 was closed

Item #9: MEETING SCHEDULE
Regular meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.
Time: 5:45PM
Location: SMS Media Center
Next Meeting: October 1, 2015, 5:45PM SMS Media Center

Item #9 was closed

Item #10: PUBLIC COMMENT
Call was made for public comment.
Item #10 was closed

Item #11: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
No Comments
Item #11 closed.

Item #12: ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at: 6:45 PM