

TOWN OF NEWINGTON  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD SUBCOMMITTEE

OCTOBER 13, 2009

TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM ONE

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hedberg at 6:00 PM
- II. Roll Call – Members present: Jeff Hedberg, Pam Austin, Neal Forte, and Ken Leggo. Others present: Maureen Perillo; David Dickson and Kevin Fuselier, Milone and MacBroom; Bruce Till, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; and Jeff Baron, Director of Administrative Services.
- III. Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Mr. Forte to approve the minutes prepared by Milone and MacBroom for the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by Mr. Leggo. Discussion: the date should be corrected to read September 14, not September 15, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Participation – None.
- V. Correspondence/Communications/Reports –Mr. Till distributed a four page estimate of the costs for the field installations in West Hartford for Conard and Hall High Schools, dated December 15, 2005. This shows significant differences in the costs for excavation work and site preparation work. This is because Newington’s current field has an exaggerated crown down the middle and at the ends that will require approximately 2-1/2 feet to be removed and trucked off site. Until test pits can be dug the amount of material needed for the base is uncertain.
- VI. Old Business – Cost estimates prepared by Milone and MacBroom were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting and were discussed. They showed a rounded construction cost of \$1.3 million, plus \$90,000 for engineering and oversight fees, for the smaller proposed field; a rounded construction cost of \$1.5 million, plus \$110,000 for engineering and oversight fees, for the larger proposed field; and the cost for each of ten alternate items, such as field lighting and parking improvements. It was agreed that the subcommittee would wait until the next meeting to reach a consensus on which items to include in the budget request recommendation to the Board of Parks and Recreation. Turf field candidates could be pre-qualified. Numbers were developed around Turf Field or an equivalent product. The cost includes

money for running electrical conduit to the field. On the larger field, the knoll must come down, resulting in an increase in the cost for excavation. Excavation was figured at 60% for transport of up to five miles, and 40% for the actual excavation work. The dollars reflect for option A, 8,000 cubic yards, and for option B, 13,000 cubic yards of excavated material. Testing may require that structural material be put back in under the field. Mr. Till will coordinate the digging of the test pits, after November 1<sup>st</sup>. The possibility of generating some revenue from this field was discussed. The entire report that had been requested from Milone and MacBroom was distributed. The Town could request cryogenic or SBR rubber. Cryogenic rubber would be more expensive, but would be from North America. Lines would most likely be sewn in for football and applied for each game for other sports. The annual cost for natural turf field maintenance is \$35,000, as opposed to \$5,000 a year for a synthetic turf field.

VII. New Business – The Subcommittee will meet again at 6:00 pm on October 20<sup>th</sup> to decide on recommending option A or option B, and to determine which alternate items to recommend.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Baron*

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Director of Administrative Services