

# **CLEM LEMIRE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**May 26, 2011**

## **Town Hall Conference Room Two**

### **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Call to order – the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Klett at 7:00 pm.
- II. Roll call – Members present: Maureen Klett, Chairperson; Jay Bottalico, Bill DeBlasio, Don Woods and Jeff Perillo. Others present: Bruce Till, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; and Jeff Baron, Dir. of Admin. Services.
- III. Public participation – None.
- IV. Approval of March 3, 2011 amended meeting minutes – Mr. Woods made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting, as presented. Second by Mr. Bottalico. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Project Status – The contractor has cut the trees to the project limits, cleared the top soil from the field, removed the excess topsoil from the site, and is currently installing the perimeter drainage system. The contractor lost a couple of days due to rain, but earlier in the day said that he felt this time could be made up. Mr. Baron distributed the project schedule received from DeRita Construction.

The Committee was apprised of four on-going items. The first was potentially unsuitable material in the sub-grade surface. When clearing the field an area 200 feet by 20 feet was reported to be unsuitable by the contractor. DeRita and Sons Construction was asked for an estimate for the cost to correct an area of that size. It would involve removing additional material and replacing it with structural fill and filter fabric. An estimate for \$5,955 was submitted. At the weekly job meeting earlier in the day, once the field had a chance to dry out, Milone and MacBroom's representative stated his belief that the sub-grade was acceptable. He was asked by the contractor later in the day to confirm this in writing. The Committee agreed to rely on the experience and expertise of Milone and MacBroom and to accept their recommendation. The Committee made the motion contained in the next agenda item in case subsequent information would cause Milone and MacBroom to change their opinion. Two e-mails from DeRita Construction, and their estimate, were distributed.

The second item was lighting. Mr. Bottalico asked what experience the electrical subcontractor, Paramount Electric, had installing field lighting. Mr. Baron was directed to follow up and to verify that the 25 year warranty from Musco Lighting would still be provided. The light submittal has been approved. There were questions about the capacity of the transformer. CL&P has paperwork showing that the transformer was replaced in January, which would resolve those capacity questions. CL&P will be following up. E-mails approving the lights and discussing the transformer replacement were distributed.

The third item concerns the field markings. Field Turf's submittal to Milone and MacBroom did not include tick marks for the lacrosse and field hockey fields, as expected by the Town. These were not specified in the original bid, as most municipalities prefer to use these as a negotiating item. During interviews on December 16<sup>th</sup>, when their price was \$3.95 a square foot, Field Turf's representative agreed to provide the tick marks. Negotiations took out the logo and reduced the price to \$3.63 a square foot. Tick marks were not discussed during the negotiations. At the time of negotiations, Field Turf was asked if anything else besides the logo was being negotiated out, and their response was "No". Field Turf now says that the \$3.63 price does not allow them to provide tick marks. Milone and MacBroom contacted Field Turf and asked them to reconsider. Based on the price, Field Turf felt their position had to remain the same, but offered a compromise, to sew mason string into the turf instead, at the same locations where the tick marks would have been glued in. Field Turf feels that this will achieve the same result, which will be to allow Parks and Grounds to easily paint lines on the field for these sports. A copy of an e-mail and pictures of the mason string were distributed. Field Turf's stance bothered the Chair. She stated that it did not seem right and that she did not support the mason string proposal. She felt that Field Turf was not honoring what she felt they should honor. Others expressed concern as to what could happen if agreement was not reached on this matter. Mr. Woods made a motion that the Committee agree to proceed in accordance with the shop drawings submitted, with the mason strings as per Field Turf's suggestion, and to eliminate the tick marks. Second by Mr. Bottalico. The motion passed by a vote of 4 YES (Woods, Bottalico, Perillo and DeBlasio) to 1 NO (Klett). Mr. Baron will ask that the mason string be in different colors to differentiate the two different sports.

The fourth item was the dynamic stone. Submittal of an acceptable dynamic stone sample was in the bid specifications as a pre-requisite to signing a contract with the Town. The latest test results, received late that afternoon, show that this may continue to be an issue. A copy

of the e-mail received from the contractor and the test results were distributed. Mr. Bottalico did not agree with the last paragraph of the DeRita and Sons Construction e-mail, feeling that the stone was not a proven material until it met the Town's specification. Mr. Baron was directed to forward future e-mails on this subject to the entire Committee

- VI. Consider and take action on corrective action for existing conditions – Mr. Bottalico made a motion that the Committee direct DeRita and Sons Construction to remove and replace unsuitable sub-grade materials, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000, if it is recommended by Milone and MacBroom to do so. Second by Mr. DeBlasio. The Committee discussed having the area in question tested and decided to allow Milone and MacBroom to make the determination on the suitability of the sub-grade. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Other business pertinent to the Committee – Mr. DeBlasio requested project updates. Mr. Baron will forward the job meeting minutes to the entire Committee.
- VIII. Public participation – None.
- IX. Committee response to public participation – None.
- X. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Baron*

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