

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, March 14, 2017 (meeting held on March 21, 2017 due to
inclement weather)
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Board: Mr. Nicholas Reynolds, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mr. A. J. Baker

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin

Press: 0

Audience: 4

1. Call to Order

Mr. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Budget & Finance Meeting

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reynolds asked for the approval of the minutes for January meeting

With no discussion, the minutes were approved

4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities

A. Discussion: the scope of work for the High School Field Renovations Project.

Mr. Bonnett and Mr. Medica gave the following report:

- Met with the facilities committee
- 4 options being considered
- New and old options and cost (A and D)
- Talking about the schedule
- Process of getting approvals for option A ~ All fields at the High School
- New consideration to put Varsity here at the Gauntlett Center
- Very close to putting this forward

Mr. Medica gave the following report:

- Brief description of the options (A thru D)
- A through C was presented last meeting
- Showed the fields at the High School
- Consider the Gauntlett Center for Varsity Baseball ~ tight fight, not in the running
- Option C staying away from Varsity Baseball, but put Varsity Softball here at the Gauntlett Center, High School would house Varsity Baseball.
- Option D ~ Baseball at the Route 3 site, Varsity Softball at the High School.
- Need to get the proper distance 350 feet for Varsity Baseball.
- Would lose parking to add to the field, place parking on the other side.
- Showed the budget ~ budgets are pretty close, especially A and D
- Explained area where some parking could put

Brief discussion regarding the parking at Donahue as well as the children from the Leisure Services using the parking lot to cross to the fields.

- Lighting needs a variance, as well as the netting.
- Should be getting in front of the Township to get these application done.

Another discussion took place about the parking ~ with the amount of parking spaces needed for bus drivers, employees, and Leisure Service drop off.

- B. Discussion: the type and design of synthetic turf specified for the High School Stadium Synthetic Turf Replacement Project and the type of Synthetic Turf specified for the High School Fields Renovation Project.

Mr. Reynolds advised that met with the committee for the field turf, Mr. Gicking, Mr. Bilker, Mrs. Chandless by phone, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Dumin. Worked off the state vendor list ~ based on time line we are looking at vendors off the State Vendor list which Bonnett will obtained for the Board. EPDM is safe to use, also what type of lines are going on the fields. There would be Football and Soccer, Mr. Dumin would be able to handle any other lining. Meeting with Mr. Larkin tomorrow to bring him in to help with logo's to insure we are using the right ones. He will be now on the committee. Also, coating of the track and getting new bulbs for the lighting. Going to LED's with a 25 year warranty.

Mr. Medica said that Mr. Reynolds had putting much covered everything.

There was a brief discussion on the company and their financials.

Also discussed the repairs that will be needed once the turf is pulled up. Also discussed the netting with the pools and caps. Need a little more research before any plans going through. Some of the issues with the netting ~ they are about 8 years old. Estimate to cost \$100,000 to cover the entire field. Have to give an answer in the next 2 weeks.

It would not give us nets this season ~ it would be next year. We can all think about it and get an answer to them

Mr. Bonnett said that the stadium could be done the early part of August. Would like to have the vendors by April 7th. If this is done the stadium could be done around the middle of August.

Mr. Reynolds said that they should go ahead and he will get the graphics to them.

Mr. Bonnett also stated that this gives them a 2 month window and gives some extra time in case of weather issues.

- C. Discussion: Charlie Alexander from Marple Junior Tigers Wrestling Club requested a reduction of fees for the Area 11 PJW Middle School Wrestling Championship Tournament which took place on Sunday February 5th at the MNHS.

Mr. Dumin explained what the cost of the event was, how much was billed. Also noted that the organization did not meet the 80% of Marple Newtown students. Have not heard from Mr. Alexander since the last meeting.

There was a brief discussion by the Board. They directed Mr. Dumin to re-issue a bill at the full cost. Would reconsider if it would affect the program

- D. Discussion: The Marple Newtown Baseball Booster requested that the District purchase and install a shed and batting cage at the Gauntlett Center's baseball field to be used by the MNHS 9th grade baseball team.

After a brief discussion the Board would like to wait on this until the decision on the renovation plans are approved.

5. Information/Discussion Items ~ Transportation

There was none

6. Other Business

There was a request that a parking space be provided to the School Board Members when visiting the schools.

7. Public Comment

There was a question about the parking space, parking spaces are very sparse at the schools. Are they really necessary? Response ~ yes

8. Adjournment

Mr. Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM