

**ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE
AND
FIELD HOUSE & BASEBALL FIELD COMMITTEE**

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MINUTES

TAPE RECORDER DID NOT WORK. MINUTES DERIVED FROM RECORDING SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Athletic Complex Building Committee Chair Keith A. McLiverty called the joint meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE

Present: Keith A. McLiverty, Rob Hyder, Tom Abel, Anthony DeFala, Dennis O'Connell, Paul Mengold, James Benanto, Kenneth Marcucio, Sr., Chantal Gerckens, John Netto, Joseph DiMartino, Peter Olenoski

Absent: Andy Mancini (Excused), Ken Hughes (Excused)

FIELD HOUSE & BASEBALL FIELD COMMITTEE

Present: Dr. Matthew Conway, Jr., Andrew Cota, Anthony DeFala, Ted Estwan, Christine Robinson, Daniel Foley, George French, Laura Harris, George Kurtyka, Kenneth Marcucio, Sr., Peter Olenoski, Martin Pascale

Also Present: The Honorable Mayor Anita Dugatto

PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone wished to address the committee.

Alicia Olenoski – Ms. Olenoski informed the committee that practices begin on August 1st and she questioned where practices would be held.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak...

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hyder with a second by Ms. Harris to close the public portion. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW OF FIELD VISITS

Dr. Conway said that Luke McCoy from Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. was able to arrange a tour of four different fields, which members of both committees attended. The four sites visited were Orange Avenue Recreation Complex, Guilford High School, Kennedy High School, and Naugatuck High School. Dr. Conway noted that the Guilford field is new and is modeled after the field in South Windsor.

UPDATE FROM PETER DE BRETTEVILLE, ARCHITECT

Mr. de Bretteville presented a PowerPoint to the committee. Members of both committees had questions.

Mr. Benanto asked if the dimensions of the baseball field changed. Mr. de Bretteville said it is 40' instead of 60'. Mr. Benanto questioned the size of the fence to be installed. Mr. de Bretteville said it still remains to be seen. Mr. McCoy said it should be a solid 12'. Mr. Benanto said the fence in center field is 12'. He asked if we would be able to expand the right field. It was noted that there would have to be discussions with the person who owns the house on that side.

Mr. McLiverty asked Mr. de Bretteville about the turf selection. Mr. de Bretteville said unfortunately the Landscape Architect was unable to attend the meeting this evening. There was a discussion regarding the grooming apparatus being able to handle the different turfs.

Dr. Conway asked about the height and density of the turf. Mr. McCoy said we talked about the baseball field and we're looking at thatch layer or root layer. He said different turfs effects how the ball hops for baseball. Mr. McCoy said if both committees pick the same it would allow for one set of parameters for maintenance, etc...

Mr. Mengold asked if the baseball infield would be dirt or turf. Dr. Conway said the committee hasn't finalized anything – they are still reviewing options.

Ms. Gerckens asked about ADA requirements for the baseball field. Mr. de Bretteville said it is fairly arbitrary and it is more related to the field house.

Mr. Netto asked if the baseball field would be sharing the same lighting. Dr. Conway said they would have their own. Mr. Netto asked if the baseball field and football field share the same pole. Mr. de Bretteville said they do – it is 20' tall in the middle of both fields.

Ms. Gerckens asked if there is going to be a scoreboard on the baseball field. Mr. de Bretteville said he assumes there will be one.

Mr. DeFala said assuming both fields use turf do we have to store infill product under an enclosure. Mr. McCoy said we would just need a large trash receptacle and store the infill material on site.

Mr. McCoy distributed a copy of the Site Plan for the new track and field. He said the size and layout of the field has changed. It was noted that there has been no decision

made as to the center logo for the field. The press box was briefly discussed. Mr. McCoy said if we were to keep it, it would be on the 17 yard line. There was also a brief discussion about the need to add a retaining wall (across from the home side.) The existing visitor bleachers would be on the 50 yard line. Mr. McCoy said they are doing their due diligence regarding the bleachers. He also would recommend that ambulances, etc...not back onto the field unless there is a dire emergency. It was noted that the gates are wide enough for maintenance crews.

Mr. Hyder asked where events are going to be moved to until this project is done – will it be the picnic grove? Mr. McCoy they need to do a further review on where to hold the events. Mr. Hyder asked about the track being eight lanes. Mr. McCoy said there should be no more than eight lanes – any wider then we push further into the hill.

Coach French questioned the size of the walkway by the home bleachers. Mr. McCoy said it is approximately ten to twelve feet – they are still working on it. It was noted that most times booster clubs have events to raise money and this area could become congested with foot traffic.

Mr. Marcucio asked about the property that may need to be taken on the west side of the track. Mr. McCoy said that would need to be discussed. It was noted that this item should be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Olenoski asked about the six sections of bleachers and noted that they looked crooked and wondered if they should still be there? Mr. McCoy said it is still in the conceptual stage.

Ms. Gerckens asked if the entire track would be fenced. Mr. McCoy said there would be a four foot fence around the side of the track.

Mr. Olenoski said the retaining wall across the bottom looks like it would impede onto the private property. Mr. McCoy said the committee needs to review that and then we would need to discuss with the property owner. Once again it was stated that this should be done in Executive Session.

The committee and the architects reviewed the timeline of the project. Mr. McLiverty stated that by the first week in August we should have a timeline for the complete project.

TRAILERS AND STORAGE OPTIONS FOR FIELD HOUSE ITEMS. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Rachael Caggiano received quotes from three different companies (*Aaron Supreme Storage Container Company, Eagle Leasing, and Williams Scotsman*) to rent a storage container for items that are currently being kept in the field house. She said this isn't immediately needed; however she wanted to review what would be the best type of container to have so that when the time comes the committee could make a decision. There was also a discussion about renting a mobile office. It was noted that the Municipal Stadium in Waterbury used a mobile office as a locker room since it contained a bathroom. Mr. McLiverty thanked Ms. Caggiano for her due diligence. Ms. Caggiano said all three companies would be ready to serve us and she commented that the City already does business with Aaron Supreme Storage.

Mr. Arum informed the committee members that he has received the environmental report for the Derby Field House from Hygenix, Inc. Any committee member wishing a copy of the report should email a request to Patty Finn at pfinn@derbyct.gov.

With no other business to come before the committees...

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Kurtyka with a second by Mr. Hyder to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn

Recording Secretary – Athletic Complex Building Committee

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.