

City of Derby - Board of Education
Joint Special Meeting
Athletic Complex Building Committee
Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee

August 8, 2017
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
73 Chatfield St.

Attendance taken at 6:35 p.m.

Present Athletic Complex Building Committee Board Members:

Keith McLiverty
Robert Hyder
Tom Abel
Dennis O'Connell
James Benanto
Kenneth Marcucio Sr.
Chantal Gerckens
John Netto
Peter Olenoski
Andy Mancini

Absent Athletic Complex Building Committee Board Members:

Anthony DeFala - excused
Paul Mengold
Joseph DiMartino
Kenneth Hughes

Present Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee Board Members:

Dr. Matthew Conway (via phone)
Mr. Andrew Cota
Mrs. Laura Harris
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio
Mrs. Janine Netto
Mr. Peter Olenoski
Mrs. Christine Robinson
Mr. Ted Estwan
Mr. George French
Mr. Andrew Mancini

Absent Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee Board Members:

Mr. George Kurtyka

Mr. Dan Foley

Mr. Jim Gildea

Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara

Mr. Martin Pascale

Mr. Anthony DeFala - excused

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Taken at 6:35 p.m.

Public Portion

No one from the public wished to speak

Update from the Luke McCoy – Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.

Mr. McCoy distributed plans for the upper softball field which will include a 200 foot outfield. Mr. McLiverty noted that Little League has reviewed the design and has agreed to the concept. In discussion it was indicated that power will be installed in the dugouts and the question of conduit for future lighting will be considered. As the football field soil will be removed for installation of the turf, consideration will be given to determine if transferring portions of the removed soil could benefit the upper softball field complex.

The football field/track footprint significantly shifts the field and as such the existing structures (field house, home bleachers, visitor bleachers and press box) are all being removed. The aluminum seating of the home bleachers inspected at time of removal and will be reused where possible. New railings and egress lighting are included in the design. The visitors' bleachers will be shifted to align with the 50 yard line. The plans are being reviewed by the Building Department and the project will be before the Planning and Zoning Commission in September. If there is a need for Zoning Board of Appeals review, that too will be explored.

Members discussed the timeframe for removal of the existing field house. Mr. French indicated that having use during the football season could be beneficial but if not available, he would need to be making alternative plans. If demolition was done during the season, the area would be fenced off. This also would mean the bathroom facilities would be inaccessible. It was noted that the Track and Field program will also be using the field. There will be a need to have temporary storage options if the field house is unavailable. Mr. McCoy indicated that the structure will need abatement prior to demolition. It was decided to review the financial and strategic options to determine the timeframe of removal. The review and bidding process will progress with the intent of beginning after Thanksgiving but if circumstances arise, the timing of the demolition could be revisited.

Update from the Mr. Peter de Bretteville, Architect.

Mr. de Bretteville reviewed changes on the J.R. Payden Field House, Payden Park, Baseball Field, Football Field and Track Master Plan. After consulting with coaching staff and other personnel the design was modified to accommodate the anticipated use of the field house. He was able to compress the locker room areas and the kitchen as well as other minor modifications resulting in a reduction of the square footage to 10,434 sq ft. This also will allow changes in elevation grade resulting in the home team entrance just about at grade and the visitors' entrance at 30 inches above grade. Handicap access is better accommodated by this change in grade. He explained that he is working on the roof design and will provide more details later. He is confident that this design is close to finalized, providing best use of the facility and the footprint on the parcel of land. It was noted that additional baseball storage needs to be defined on the drawings. The Parks and Recreation Department area will be reviewed and the Great Room should now seat approximately 90 people. Mr. McCoy indicated that with the most recent modifications to the designs they will not be encroaching upon the detention structure by the baseball field bank associated with the Middle School construction and the retaining wall is being recalculated. He and Mr. McCoy are working on the details of the football turf and baseball field design in preparation of the specification designs.

Executive Session:

Motion Passed: That the joint meeting of the Athletic Complex Building Committee and the Field House and Baseball field Building Committee enter into executive session at 6:58 pm for the purpose of contract negotiations with all professional consultants in attendance invited to attend. Passed with a motion by Peter Olenoski and second by James Benanto. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion Passed: : That the joint meeting of the Athletic Complex Building Committee and the Field House and Baseball field Building Committee return from executive session with out further action and adjourn at 7:02 p.m. . Peter Olenoski and second by John Netto. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;
Karen M. Kemmesies

These minutes are subject to the Commission's approval at their next scheduled meeting.