

JONATHAN LAW & FRENCH DRIVE TURF FIELDS
BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING
MAY 21, 2020

The Jonathan Law & French Drive Turf Fields Building Committee held a virtual meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020 via Zoom. Chairman Jagoe called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

James Richetelli, Operations Director, provided

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

R. Jagoe
D. Maxwell
R. Young

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake
Bill Garfield, Recreation Dept.
James Richetelli, BOE
V.J. Sarullo, BOE
Anthony Vitelli, BOE
Justin Rosen, Chief of Staff
Jesse Harris, BSC Group
Michael Kluchman, BSC Group

2. Consideration of Minutes of May 7, 2020.

Mr. Young and Mr. Jagoe made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Follow-up Discussion Regarding Concepts

Jonathan Law Ballfields – Jesse Harris, BSC Group reviewed plans developed pursuant to discussion from the May 7th meeting. Mr. Harris discussed minor adjustments that could be made to the plan. He provided a preliminary conceptual plan for drainage and grading scheme. Mr. Sarullo stated he had questions concerning various aesthetics that he will provide via email. Mr. Harris asked if the area front of the bullpens would be synthetic turf or grass. Mr. Sarullo stated they would prefer synthetic turf. Mr. Harris asked if seating would be accommodated on the left side of softball field. Mr. Sarullo discussed temporary bleachers that could be used for soccer and lacrosse. Mr. Harris discussed terracing slope for seating at the baseball field. Mr. Sarullo stated he would not recommend due to proximity to dugout. Mr. Sarullo further stated he is not opposed to a bleacher further down from the dugout. Mr. Harris stated all bullpens and batting cages will be synthetic turf. Discussion ensued concerning construction of the pitcher's mound. Mr. Harris discussed construction of backstops. He asked if netting or chain link would be preferred. Mr. Sarullo stated softball chain link would be preferred, with netting at the baseball field. Discussion ensued concerning combination of chain link and netting and carrying down the foul line. Mr. Harris stated the packet included different construction options for dugouts. Mr. Sarullo stated storage in the dugouts would be ideal. Mr. Harris stated the dugouts could be prefab or stick built and would most likely be driven by cost. Mayor Blakes discussed dugouts that are part block part fencing to allow for air circulation. Mr. Maxwell asked about

stairs to access field. Mr. Harris stated the stairs have not yet been worked into the plans. Mr. Sarullo discussed aesthetic feedback he received from coaches.

French Drive – Mr. Harris reviewed layout plans and minor impact to wetlands. He reviewed spectator seating along French Drive and netting. Mr. Jagoe stated he was at the field with surveyor. He stated the field would have to push into the woods on the North End to minimize impact to wetlands. Discussion ensued concerning buffer for the neighbors on Baxter Lane. Mr. Jagoe and Mr. Harris discussed elevations required. Discussion ensued concerning grading.

Mr. Jagoe asked what a good budget number for turf would be. Mr. Harris stated a full estimate has not been completed, but general rule of thumb is \$10 square foot. He provided an explanation for what was and was not included in the pricing. Mr. Jagoe reviewed rough estimates he put together.

Mr. Richetelli asked about accommodations for players on the softball field. Mr. Harris stated they would be outside the fence. He further reviewed spaces where dugout could be accommodated. Discussion ensued concerning placement of dugouts. Mr. Vitelli asked if monument rock can be placed at entrance near flagpole. Mr. Harris stated that monument could be relocated. Mr. Vitelli asked if the field name could be written on the turf. Mr. Harris stated text can be added. Discussion ensued concerning pushing fields south. Mr. Harris stated he will get a revised plan together and send to committee to review final impact. Discussion concerning lining and coloring of field.

Mr. Harris reviewed turf products available and how the different products would work for each field based on usage. Mr. Harris discussed warning tracks and visual and audible warnings. Discussion ensued concerning performance aspects of the various turf products.

4. Review and Consideration of Payment Requests.

None.

5. New Business.

None.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee Mr. Young and Mr. Maxwell made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary