

JONATHAN LAW & FRENCH DRIVE TURF FIELDS
BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING
MAY 7, 2020

The Jonathan Law & French Drive Turf Fields Building Committee held a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020 via Zoom. Chairman Jagoe called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

James Richetelli, Operations Director, provided

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present

R. Jagoe
D. Maxwell
R Young

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake
Chris Saley, Public Works Dir.
Bill Garfield, Recreation Dept.
Pat Bradbury, BOE
V.J. Sarullo, BOE
Anthony Vitelli, BOE
Justin Rosen, Chief of Staff
Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney
Jesse Harris, BSC Group
Michael Kluchman, BSC Group

2. Consideration of Minutes of April 30, 2020.

Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Young made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Follow-up Discussion Regarding Concepts

Jesse Harris, BSC Group, stated review designs and hopefully will be able to decide on a final plan.

Jonathan Law Ballfields – Mr. Harris provided an updated plan based on comments from the committee. The softball field is where it essential is today. Baseball field is closer to backstop with multiuse field further to southwest to get sideline out of baseball infield. Bullpen and batting cages have been added to show how they fit on site. Mayor Blake asked if the existing dugouts or other infrastructure would be saved. Mr. Jagoe stated it is his understanding dugout are staying. V.J. Sarullo stated two new dugouts would be needed and current need replacement. Mr. Bradbury stated softball dugouts are new, but baseball dugouts need to be replaced. Michael Kluchman, BSC Group, stated that is the plan to keep softball dugouts and replace baseball dugouts. Mr. Sarullo reviewed various features shown on the plan. He discussed permanent and temporary fencing locations and if the entire complex could be fenced. Mr. Sarullo stated the coaches are happy with the design. Mr. Harris asked if double bullpens and batting cages are preferred. Mr. Sarullo stated double batting cages and single bullpens would be preferred. Mr. Harris asked if the softball backstop is being replaced or moved back to be in line with dugouts. Mr. Sarullo stated the coach likes the distance of the backstop and would like to keep it. He also

stated new fencing would be preferable if possible. Mr. Jagoe stated the backstop should be left and closed in where there may be gaps. Mr. Maxwell asked if stairs can be put in to go to the field from where the buses drop off. He also asked about a path for golf cart use. Mr. Harris stated that would be possible and he will look at the various options and provide an update. Mayor Blake asked if terrace seating will be incorporated along the first base line. Mr. Harris stated they are showing that on the plan. Mayor Blake asked about pushing the baseball field toward the building to allow a little more separation in the fields. Discussion ensued concerning baseball field dugouts, construction type, size and amenities. Mr. Harris asked if new amenities are required for the softball field. Mr. Sarullo stated they are newer dugouts. He further stated there is no electricity and requested that be added. Discussion ensued concerning synthetic turf surfaces and warning tracks. Mr. Sarullo discussed pitching mounds and whether they should be permanent or movable.

French Drive – Mr. Harris provided an updated design based on comments from the committee. Mr. Bradbury stated he spoke with Maryrose about the retainage pond and it requires Army Corp of Engineers permitting. Mr. Harris discussed the various design options and field sizes. Chairman Jagoe asked if the fields provided and 10-foot runoff. Mr. Harris stated all the design provide a 10-foot, unobstructed runoff. Mr. Harris discussed the wetland areas and permitting that would be required with each design option. Discussion ensued concerning field size and wetland permitted that may be required. Mayor Blake stated at least one field should be 65 yards. The Committee requested 60- and 65-yard fields. Mr. Harris stated Lacrosse can be lined or ticked off on the field. Mr. Harris discussed graphical options that will be shown in the design. He stated the ball field would need to be a portable pitcher's mound. Discussion ensued concerning fencing.

Mr. Harris stated they will begin working on designs showing amenities and other features for review. Discussion ensued concerning types of turf available.

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. Maxwell and Mr. Young made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



TONI JO WEEKS
Recording Secretary