

JONATHAN LAW & FRENCH DRIVE TURF FIELDS
BUILDING COMMITTEE
MEETING
APRIL 30, 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

Excused:

R. Young

Also Present

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

2. Consideration of Minutes of April 23, 2020.

Mr. Maxwell and Chairman Jagoe 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 from BSC Group took comments and made revisions based on information provided by committee members. He further commented on next steps and schedule for the next meeting.

Jonathan Law Ballfields – Mr. Harris reviewed Option A reviewed ball field counterclockwise due to sun glare issues. Mr. Harris discussed multi use field overlapping the ball fields. Arc shown would be an imaginary line but could be stripped. Chairman Jagoe asked if the softball field would be hindered by sun glare. Mr. Harris stated that is one of the drawbacks of Option A. Mayor Blake stated discussed ideas with regard area abutting Honek. Chris Saley, Public Works Director, discussed opportunities that maybe available. Mr. Harris reviewed Option B rotating the ball fields. He discussed the struggles with adding other amenities to this option. Option C moving the softball field with a larger orientation with multipurpose field 60 x120 in the outfields. Option D rotated the baseball field pushes into the paved area and will require the high jump area to redone. With overlapping line work in the outfield. A.J. Sarullo asked if Option A if the baseball could be rotated slightly would it be possible to leave the softball field

as it is now. Mr. Harris stated that could be a possibility. Mr. Sarullo asked since the soccer fields would not be used for varsity games could the line be shortened to not intersect with the infield. Mr. Sarullo stated he would like to review the options with coaches before a final decision is made. Mr. Harris stated a 60-foot field is best option to stay out of infields. Mayor Blake the two softball field dugouts are relatively new. Mr. Sarullo stated they are approximately 6 years old. Mr. Sarullo stated with Option B he is concerned that a sun issue is alleviated for baseball but created for softball. Mr. Harris stated this option also has a smaller multiuse field. Mr. Sarullo stated with Option C was also concerned about creating sun issues for softball while alleviating the issue for baseball. Mr. Harris stated on Option D sun glare is correct but creates an issue for softball. Mr. Harris stated it sounds like, with tweaks, look at Option A and make some additional adjustments would be a good option to move forward. Mr. Sarullo stated it seems the best with having the softball stay where it is currently located. Mr. Maxwell and Chairman Jagoe stated they agree with Mr. Sarullo. Mr. Harris stated the football tick marks can also be included. Chris Saley suggested moving the baseball near the walking path and bringing the softball down toward Honek property. Mr. Sarullo discussed solar panels on the roof and whether they would be an issue with foul balls. Mr. Harris stated they can prepare a plan showing that option. Mr. Maxwell asked if the baseball field could go closer to the hill in order to get the soccer field out of the infield. Mayor Blake asked if there is a preferred plan. Chairman Jagoe stated Mr. Sarullo is going to speak to coaches and Mr. Harris is going to provide two different layouts based on today's discussion.

French Drive - Mr. Harris stated Option A provides one 120 x 60 and one 120 x 70 soccer field with one ball field. Mr. Harris discussed no spectator areas and impact on wetlands. He also discussed bump outs into wetlands and wetland permitting. Mr. Harris discussed relocating track and field that would also involve wetland permitting. He discussed Option B providing a 120 x 70 and 120 x 55 soccer field with much less wetland impact. Mr. Harris discussed throwing events for track and field and where they could be relocated. Mr. Saley discussed drainage issues and how they could be addressed in conjunction with the project. Mayor Blake stated he would like to see two fields where both lacrosse and soccer could be played. Discussion ensued concerning wetland, required permitting and size of the fields. Richetelli discussed potential scheduling issues for spring sports. Mr. Vitelli commented on the scheduling issues at Foran. Mayor Blake discussed phasing construction with wetland permitting being phase two Mr. Jagoe asked if rubber tipped javelin could be used. Discussion ensued concerning use of rubber tipped javelins on turf fields. Discussion ensued concerning track and field throwing events. Mr. Vitelli suggested looking at an area along Foran Drive for the track and field throwing events. Mr. Harris stated they would discuss with the Wetland Agent what permitting would be necessary.

Mr. Harris discussed turf and bidding process. Mayor Blake stated Milford is part of a purchasing consortium and can take advantage of pricing and ordinance allows us to utilize other competitive bids from out municipalities. Discussion ensued concerning turf fields and systems.

4. Review and Consideration of Payment Requests.

Mr. Maxwell and Chairman Jagoe made and seconded a motion to approve payment to BSC Group – Connecticut, Inc., in the amount of \$8,877.48 for Milford-Synthetic Turf Fields at Law High School & Kelley-Martin Tighe Field. Motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business.

None.

V. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Toni Jo Weeks", is written over a horizontal line.

TONI JO WEEKS
Recording Secretary