

**TOWN OF GRANBY
ATHLETIC FIELDS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2012**

PRESENT: Ronald Durej, Benjamin Perron, James Sansone, and David White.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Patricia Law, Granby Memorial High School Principal, BOE Liaison and John Stewart, CR3

Chairman Durej confirmed a quorum and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public addressed the Committee.

DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION ON THE OPEN ISSUES REGARDING THE DESIGN OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS

Chairman Durej had a list of items to review with Mr. Stewart from CR3, which included the following:

- Bleachers – after some discussion, it was decided to relocate the grandstand to the west side of the football field. Mr. Stewart will provide a cost comparison between the seating of 750 and 1,000 for a grandstand. Portable bleachers, with seating for 250 (or more), could also be purchased to use on the east side of the field. These could be easily moved, as necessary.
- Field size – there was a discussion about the width of the soccer field. Presently the field measures 200 feet wide, and the proposed field would measure 210 feet wide.
- Distance between the fields is adequate.
- Field Event locations – there was discussion regarding where to place the long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, discus, pole vault, and javelin throw. Some areas will be repositioned and then shown to the coaches for their input. This topic will remain open for further discussion.
- Football goal posts and soccer goals – Mr. Stewart explained there is a combination goal post/soccer goal package available. It has sleeves to place and remove poles as needed. This may be a good option.
- Drinkable water supply at field locations – ground hydrants and drinking fountains will be put on site. The Committee should look at the plans and point out where the fountains should be placed and let Mr. Stewart know so he can add it to the specs. It was also mentioned that water should be on the lower field and it could probably be tapped off of the irrigation system. Although not part of this project, it was suggested the company who maintains the irrigation system should be contacted to discuss options.
- Softball field location – issue with the sun. Not a lot of choices here. Mr. Stewart could sketch an overlay to show how the field would sit if it were flipped around. It was brought up at this time that the High School has plans to revamp the baseball field. Maybe that consultant could be asked to share their ideas with this committee, simply because the fields are right next to each other. Dr. Law will speak with Tom Steinke to find out who the consultant is.

- Field and Track surfacing - a middle grade surface would be adequate. Midgrade polyurethane is included in the job specs.
- Light standards – are they part of the specs? It can be. The job is expected to have stadium lighting. The Committee can specify that a certain product be used. They could also request the number of lights to be installed and ask for additional wiring for more lights to be installed at a later date. It was asked if there are any rebates available with certain lighting. Could green lighting be looked at and maybe a Dark Skies program?
- Netting around the field – what would the cost for this be? It could be added later or could be a contingency item. It could be extensive or minimal netting and could be portable or permanently installed. There are all sorts of systems available. Sleeves could be put in during the design process and capped until netting is purchased at a later time. A place to safely store the netting should also be considered.
- A wish list of extras should be kept during this process, for easy review at a later date. If there are extra funds left at the end of this project, a use could easily be determined.
- Timeline – it looks like November is still a feasible start date. The schematic needs to be finalized and the contract still needs to be signed. Request for Bids should be sent out by September.

Mr. Stewart will email a pdf file to Chairman Durej with all the changes discussed at tonight's meeting. Chairman Durej can forward the email to the Committee members, and also to the coaches (through Dr. Law), for their review and comments. Any questions or comments should be directed to Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Durej asked about landscaping as part of the proposed plan. Mr. Stewart said there is some landscaping included within the project.

There will be no meeting on July 3, 2012. The next meeting will be a special meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at the Police Department Community Room. The goal for the next scheduled meeting is to have the schematic ready for approval by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by David White, seconded by Ben Perron, the Committee unanimously voted (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian
Recording Secretary