

**ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.**

**FOOTBALL FIELD SITE VISIT**

**MINUTES**

Chair Keith A. McLiverty called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Keith A. McLiverty, Rob Hyder, Tom Abel, Chantal Gerckens, John Netto, Dennis O'Connell, Ron Sill, Anthony DeFala

Absent: Jim Benanto, Paul Mengold, Ken Marcucio, Sr., Peter Olenoski

Also Present: Dr. Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools  
Eric Roise, Kaestle Boos Associates (KBA)

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone wished to address the committee.

JoAnn Welsh, 40 E Street, Derby, CT

Ms. Welsh informed the committee that she is present this evening representing everyone who has had damage to their property. She would like to know the status of the claims. Dr. Conway said he has spoken with the City's Corporation Counsel regarding the situation. He said that he is still waiting to hear back from the contractors. Mr. Roise said there was a meeting two weeks ago with Corporation Counsel, KBA and Turner Construction to come to an agreement. He said that Turco Golf did not show up.

Jeanine Netto, 141 Park Avenue, Derby, CT

Ms. Netto said she stands with Ms. Welsh regarding this situation and expressed her extreme frustration over the entire situation and process. It is going to be a year pretty soon and all they have done is spend money fixing something that was none of their doing.

Mr. McLiverty asked if anyone else wished to speak during the public portion. No one else wished to address the committee.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Hyder with a second by Mr. O'Connell to close the public portion. **Motion carried.**

## **PROJECT UPDATE – KBA/TURCO GOLF**

Mr. Roise informed the committee that Turco would pretty much be off site until the turf installation is completed. The committee then walked the field to inspect the turf that has been installed to date. There were several items that the committee pointed out that needed to be changed. Mr. Roise noted that the font on the DERBY letters is incorrect as is the spacing of the letters. There is also a problem with the arrows, which will also be redone.

Mr. McLiverty expressed his frustration as to Astro Turf's staging. He said there was considerable time spent informing them where to stage their items and they still went ahead and put the equipment in the wrong area. Mr. McLiverty noted that he personally met with them on site to explain this and they still didn't put it where it is supposed to go. He wants the sand moved tomorrow.

The committee members noted large gaps around the numbers on the field and in some areas the glue and stitching can be seen. Mr. Roise said a gap up to 1.5" is ok and said it still needs to be combed out. It was noted that the middle "D" isn't straight, and the committee questioned the black jagged lines around the arrowhead. Mr. Roise said he also checked it and it is not acceptable and he will inform Astro Turf. Ms. Gerckens stated that the black on the sidelines looks a different shade than the black on the end zone. Mr. Roise said he believes that it comes down to optics standing on the field.

The sand pits were then discussed. Mr. McLiverty said that Ed Arum informed him that the covers were in the specifications. Mr. Roise said he doesn't believe they're in there as a hard cover would be considered fixed equipment. Mr. McLiverty said he doesn't know why we wouldn't have covers as every animal in the area would be in the pit. He asked Mr. Roise to check on the item that Ms. Gerckens mentioned regarding the different shades of black and he also questioned the fence as we need to close the baffle. Mr. Roise said that would be a punchlist item.

Bleachers were then discussed. Dr. Conway informed the committee that Turner Construction is doing the bleachers. They're putting in metal in place of wood. Mr. McLiverty asked when would Musco conduct the light test. Mr. Roise said they can't do it until the turf is completed. Mr. McLiverty asked Mr. Roise to see if they could move it up and have it done before the turf and track is fully installed.

Mr. Roise said regarding finishing the wall Brennan is looking for a Purchase Order. Mr. McLiverty asked if it would be the same stone. Mr. Roise said yes, and it would be 18" lower. Mr. Roise said they want \$18,000 for the fence. Mr. McLiverty said we'll do it ourselves. Mr. Roise said he would talk to Brennan again about the cost.

Mr. Hyder asked about the shot put and javelin. Mr. Roise said he is waiting for a price. Mr. Hyder asked how much are we paying for paint – what was in the bid. Mr. Roise said it was just painting a line in the grass. Mr. O'Connell said it is not long enough with just grass – it has to go into the parking lot. Dr. Conway said knowing it's not long enough how can we get it done. Mr. Hyder said this has been discussed a million times. Mr. O'Connell said we decided to go through the middle. Mr. Hyder said we're already

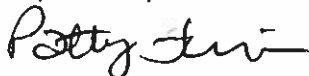
paying for it. Mr. Netto expressed his displeasure with the entire process noting that there has been so many errors and we're the ones stuck with the bill. Mr. McLiverty said it would be like us building a football field that's 5' too short. Mr. Roise said he disagrees, but he will check on it.

The cost of covers for the sand was discussed. Dr. Conway said that Mark Izzo, the School Finance Director, is already investigating prices. Mr. Hyder said it would be \$150.00 for hard covers and \$100.00 for a pair of vinyl. Mr. Netto asked if it was designed not to have covers. Mr. Roise said that is correct. Mr. Netto questioned this and also questioned why this has never come up at any of the meetings. Mr. Roise said the committee didn't have the budget for it and you still don't. Dr. Conway said he will have the price information for the covers for the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. McLiverty with a second by Mr. O'Connell to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Patty Finn  
Recording Secretary

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX BUILDING COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**