



Town of Smithfield

Anna McCabe Basketball Courts Sub-Committee

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12, 2018

PRESENT: David Russas, Randy Rossi, Sean Clough, Al Costantino, Angelo Mencucci, and Gary Tikoian

ABSENT: Robert Caine, Mike Lawton, Tikoian, Charles Walsh

OTHERS: None

Chairman Dave Russas opened the April 12, 2018 meeting of the Anna McCabe Basketball Courts Subcommittee at 6:05 p.m.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND HEALTH NOTIFICATION

Randy Rossi read the Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 28, 2018

Randy Rossi made a motion, seconded by Angelo Mencucci, to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2018 meeting. The vote on the motion was all in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF ANNA MCCABE BASKETBALL COURTS.

Al Costantino stated that the submittals received from Classic Turf have been approved for two types of gravel and that they will mobilize onsite Tuesday morning. Al Costantino stated that he took care of balancing the site by compacting and rolling it and that Geyser Engineering will do a compaction test on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Al Costantino stated that there need to be some corrections made to the plans. Al Costantino stated that the issue is that Classic Turf designed the sidelines to be at 5 feet and that he thinks they should be at 2 feet because the electric poles would be too close to the court at 5 feet. The Subcommittee agreed to 3 feet from the sideline to the concrete to allow for 14 feet from the center.

David Russas stated that Al Costantino called Bison and found out it their backboard is not a

commercial grade bracket but rather a residential grade glass and that he wants to go with the True Bounce polycarbonate. Randy Rossi stated that Classic Turf will not warrantee the pole from heaving outside of the concrete.

Al Costantino stated that Geyser Engineering has provided a stamped plan designed to go out to RFP and Randy Rossi replied that if the amount is less than \$10,000 then it is not required to go out to bid.

Al Costantino stated that Classic Turf also doesn't have a haunch footing included in their plans.

David Russas stated that he would like to paint the courts to match the Town colors which are green (grass green) and gold (sand dune) and Sean Clough noted that changing the colors of the courts could cause concern with the School Committee.

REVIEW BUDGET LINE ITEMS

David Russas reviewed the line items for the budget as stated below:

Soil Technician: \$250
SIM Analysis: \$220 for two samples
Testing of Concrete: \$360
\$120 for courts and hoops
\$7,000 for curb
\$36,000 for lights
\$5,000 estimate for electrical
\$7,000 for fence

David Russas stated that this totals \$175,000 without player's benches, concrete and other things associated with the cost to install the lights; a conduit to run lights, \$700 for having the land graded, due \$1,000 to Geyser Engineering, and delivery of lights. Randy Rossi stated that the budget needs to be laid out and finalized.

DISCUSS ELECTRIC AND WATER HOOK UPS

Al Costantino stated that Musco is giving a 10 year warranty with no controls which means that there will have to be a time clock put inside. David Russas questioned whether it could be done at a later date and Angelo Mencucci replied that he was informed that is not cost effective.

DISCUSS FILL NEEDED TO GRADE CURRENT LAND CONDITIONS

Al Costantino stated that, after the project is complete, the Courts will have to be regraded and loamed and seeded.

DISCUSS PROCESS OF GETTING DUE FUNDING FROM RIDE AS PART OF THE PROCESS

Angelo Mencucci stated that everything is in place and that the Stage II Report will be going forward for approval.

Al Costantino questioned whether the Town could pay the additional funds needed and then the School Department could repay it when RIDE reimbursement is received. David Russas stated that he doesn't have a problem going to the request the funds from the Town Council but that a lot of questions will need to be answered. Angelo Mencucci cautioned to be careful with expectations and that some projects only receive partial reimbursement; sometimes it is more and sometimes it is less than expected and questioned how you can ask to borrow for an amount when you have no idea what the reimbursement will be? Randy Rossi added that the overall project needs to be completed by June 30th or else the Town is in jeopardy of losing any reimbursement in the following year.

Randy Rossi stated that the budget needs to be finalized in order to arrive at an exact amount in order to make a request but to not ask for more than 50% of what the Town could really be expected to receive back from RIDE.

DISCUSS FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS.

David Russas stated that he will finalize the numbers for the budget for the next meeting which was scheduled for April 25th at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS RESULTS OF RFP FOR LED LIGHTING

David Russas stated that the system needs to be ordered immediately because it requires a 6-8 week lead time and that the School Committee is not meeting until April 23rd. Randy Rossi noted that it is only one vendor being presented for approval. Sean Clough stated that he is fine with the project going forward in order to keep with the timeline but for the Subcommittee to still go ahead with obtaining the School Committee's approval on the 23rd.

Randy Rossi made a motion, seconded by Sean Clough, to recommend that the Town Council approve Musco Lighting for installation of the LED lights with no controls but to inquire whether they can get the controls included. The vote on the motion was all in favor and the motion carried.

Randy Rossi made a motion, seconded by Sean Clough, to forward a request to the School Committee for a recommendation on fundraising for their next meeting on April 23rd.

DISCUSS MARKETING CAMPAIGN

David Russas distributed a letter that he would like to propose to the School Committee to authorize him to solicit funding for two half court sponsorships which could result in \$20,000. David Russas stated that option 2 would be to solicit scoreboard sponsorships that could result in an additional \$10,000.

David Russas stated that he would like to get approval by the School Committee before the courts get striped and noted that this could result in getting the monies to completely finish the project.

Angelo Mencucci questioned where the current courts' dedication will be placed? David Russas replied that the existing plaque on the stonewall needs to be repaired but that Burleigh Briggs and his wife have fundraised for that purpose.

David Russas stated that he called RIDE and was told that there is no prohibition to doing something like this. Sean Clough stated that he thought that State law prohibited advertising and maybe "sponsorship" is the distinction that is needed but that he will check with the School Committee's attorney.

REEVALUATE POLE AND BACKBOARD SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Randy Rossi made a motion, seconded by Gary Tikoian, to rescind the previous Subcommittee recommendation on Bison and go with the True Bounce system to be located outside of the post tension slab. The vote on the motion was all in favor and the motion carried.

EVALUATE AND DISCUSS LIGHTING AND INSTALLATION

Al Costantino stated that he is working with John Del' Oro and John Mahoney on the electrical components.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present for comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m., Randy Rossi made a motion, seconded by Angelo Mencucci, to adjourn the meeting. The vote on the motion was all in favor and the motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Corrao
Recording Secretary