



Minutes Meeting #1
Squalicum High School
Turf Fields Phase 2 Planning Committee
Monday, April 8, 2019

Ron Cowan, Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities welcomed committee members and they introduced themselves. He then reviewed the work of the 2015-16 High School Turf Fields Advisory Group and explained that the 25-member committee established several standards associated with all new turf fields in the district that also apply to the Phase 2 fields at Squalicum. He also explained the committee's purpose, basis for establishment and their decision-making ability.

Project architect, Jeff Burke from DA Hogan and Associates reviewed the scope of the project including:

- Synthetic Turf Baseball Field - with outfield accommodating other sports
- Synthetic Turf Softball Field
- Synthetic Turf Multipurpose Field (Soccer, Lacrosse)
- Field Lighting
- Concession, Restroom, and Storage Buildings
- Fencing/Netting
- Bullpens
- Batting Cages
- Spectator areas and Circulation

Committee members asked questions and made suggestions related to the project:

- Reuse of the existing soccer storage building will be fine. Power will be added to the building.
- Reusing the existing Buildings and Grounds (B&G) building for football storage would work great. This means a new building for B&G would need to be provided
- Ball control netting is desirable:
 - Jeff explained the fencing/netting plan for all of the fields.
 - Extending the existing netting on the east end of the soccer field to 20' vertically (to match the netting on the west end of the field) will be added to the project
 - Extending the existing 'second fence' on the softball field by 4' vertically will be considered as an alternated bid item
 - Ball control netting on the north side of the soccer field will be considered as an alternate bid item
 - A 6' fence along the parking lot, above the football field and track will be considered as an alternate bid item
- There was discussion about re-orienting the baseball and softball fields. Jeff explained that he looked at numerous field orientations and due to several factors including existing utilities, batter safety, existing soils conditions, etc. the field orientations would remain very close to what they currently are. Ron reminded the committee that the scope of the project was to replace existing grass with synthetic turf as well as provide for restrooms, ADA access, concessions, storage, spectator seating and lighting. Complete field reorientation was never part of the project.

- It was suggested that the soccer field bleachers be moved closer to the field to provide better visibility to the field considering the location of the existing portables. Jeff indicated the bleachers could be moved closer.
- Scoreboards will be provided for the baseball and softball fields as varsity games will be held on those fields. No scoreboard will be provided for the soccer field because varsity games will continue to be played on the soccer/football field that was constructed in 2016, which has a scoreboard.
- A suggestion was made to make the soccer field wider. Due to site topography (slopes) in the vicinity of the field, the field cannot be widened.
- A suggestion was made to add roofs to the new bullpens. Since this would require adding significant structural elements (essentially constructing a building as opposed to framed fencing), as well as lighting, roofs will not be added to the new bullpens.
- A question was asked about using metal cleats on the new baseball field. Jeff indicated that this is generally a district decision (he knows districts that allow them while others do not) but that there really is no reason for metal cleats on a synthetic turf field.
 - The district athletic Activity/Athletics Coordinators will get together and establish a district standard related to the use of metal cleats.

At 5:00 p.m. Ron explained that the committee would reconvene on April 15, 2019 in Room A227 at Squalicum to continue their work.