

**THE AHS SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD & TRACK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF AVON HELD A MEETING ON  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019 AT THE PROJECT SITE**

Present were: Mark Zacchio, Todd Donovan, Peter Ponziani, Jason Indomenico, David Jadovich, Sarah Roberson, Brandon Robertson and Grace Tiezzi.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Zacchio called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Zacchio introduced summer intern and Avon High School student, Mahendra Vadlamudi, as well as the new recording secretary, Alison Sturgeon.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Jadovich made a motion to approve the May 8, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Ponziani seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Lauren Magel stated that she has been an Avon resident for the last 6 years. She is part of the ACORN fundraising committee.

Tom Gibb, 533 West Avon Road, thanked the Committee members for all of their hard work and dedication to the Town of Avon.

**4. PROJECT STATUS / SCHEDULE UPDATES**

Mr. Zacchio stated that the project is on schedule. Much of the paving work has been done. The binder coat was put down today; a top coat will go on top of that. During the last stage of the project, a rubber coating will be sprayed on the track. He stated that the next stage of work will be the final stone fill on the field along with the drainage. The main drainage system of the field is in a large deep pit with a pipe and a lot of stone. This drainage runs out to the end of the field on the south side and connects into the pipe that comes down through Hollister Drive, and ultimately to the wetlands. He stated that flat corrugated drains, approximately 10-12" wide and 2" tall will get laid across the field and encased in stone. Mr. Zacchio was told that this field has some of the best drainage; there will probably never be a situation where the water will rise to the level of the stone, although if it were to rise to that level, the water will wick into the drainage system and wick to the outside edge and eventually drain out through the wetland area.

Mr. Zacchio stated that there have not been any construction setbacks during this project, although they have had several complaints from neighbors regarding tailgates dropping too early. These issues have been addressed; work will not start until at least 7 a.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. on Saturdays. The other complaint was from Mr. Gibb

regarding dust issues. The Town will be working with him once the project is complete in terms of remediation.

Mr. Zacchio stated that the retaining wall has been constructed. He stated that their first choice of stone was not in stock, so to avoid delays they went with their second choice, which was a slight color variation. He stated that the four conduits and poles are in place for the lights as well. The last stage will be buffering, which will take place sometime in September. The architect will start reaching out to neighbors prior to the leaves falling in order to discuss a schedule and a plan as to when they can meet to discuss their individual properties.

Mr. Zacchio stated that as part of this project, a decision was made regarding the port-o-let placement. He stated that they will have an enclosure around it for aesthetic reasons. Ms. Tiezzi distributed pictures of possible enclosures for the Committee member's review. Mr. Gibb stated that he has lived in Avon for over 30 years and he believes Avon has an image to uphold and a port-o-let outside of an enclosure does not live up to that image. Mr. Donovan suggesting having an enclosed port-o-let on the other side of the field as well since the bleachers are in that area.

Regarding the drinking fountain, Mr. Zacchio stated that it was donated by the Migli family in honor of Dick Migli, a 12 varsity letter athlete and Avon High School graduate. Unfortunately, when the fountain was removed from its footing, it cracked. The Town is currently working with the Migli family to replace the fountain with something that looks very similar to the original one, instead of the more industrial fountain that was picked out for this project. The original dedication plaque will be used. Ms. Tiezzi stated that the fountain will also have a jug filler on the side.

Mr. Zacchio stated that the ACORN fundraising group is considering selling engraved bricks and putting a patio around the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary marker. The patio will be approximately 1,600 bricks. Ms. Magel has asked that the Town work with the builder to get a price to prep the area and lay the bricks. He stated that the price given by the builder was \$5,500 to dig the area out; truck in the material for the base, level and compact it; bring in the stone dust, level and compact it; and lay the bricks provided by the fundraising group. Mr. Zacchio stated that Susan Rotundo-Davey has asked in a letter to the Town Council, that the Town spend the \$5,500 out of contingency. He stated that the contingency money is there for construction purposes. He explained that the light bases and buffering were paid out of the contingency fund in order to install them during construction so it would not be so disruptive once the project was finished.

During a short discussion, Mr. Zacchio stated that there was a suggestion that the fundraising group sell 4 cornerstones to area businesses in order to have sponsorships for the patio, which could possibly total \$4,000 of the \$5,500 being requested. It was stated that if this Committee says yes to this request, it could be setting a precedent for future fundraisers. Ms. Roberson stated that the contingency should be held for safety issues; safety comes first. Mr. Indomenico suggested that this request possibly be revisited in the future. Mr. Zacchio stated that consideration is being given for netting

for the baseball fouls to be taken out of the contingency. He also agreed with Ms. Roberson stating that there is not much left for contingencies and if it is to be spent, it should be spent on safety concerns.

Ms. Magel stated that she is hopeful that some of the bricks will be laid prior to August, when the fields are scheduled to open. The bricks will range from \$250 to \$750 per brick.

Regarding a significant change, Mr. Zacchio stated that the irrigation has been relocated outside of the track area. There were some costs associated with that, which came out of contingency. He stated that the scoreboard has also been moved.

Ms. Tiezzi passed out samples of the rubber coating for the track; the shock pad, which will be on top of the stone base; the turf tape, which goes on the seams and holds the pieces of the field together; and the selected green field carpet, which is a mixture of the single grass thick and the single grass thin and has a 1 5/8" pile.

Mr. Zacchio stated that substantial completion of the project should be August 23, 2019, barring any rain delays.

In response to a question from Ms. Roberson regarding signage, Ms. Tiezzi stated that the old signs in the field area will be replaced, including the addition of several new signs. Mr. Zacchio stated that there is discussion regarding cameras being installed for security reasons, not only for the people but for the field as well.

## 5. BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Tiezzi stated that the Town has received 3 applications for payment, essentially one for each month of work. The Town has spent \$718,000, which is 27% of the contract. She stated that there were also 2 change orders totaling \$7,600. The change orders were to relocate the irrigation and to move the AHS living sign. She is expecting another change order for the water fountain for approximately \$5,000, which will be offset by a credit that the Town is due from the contractor.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ponziani motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jadovich seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Ponziani, Vice Chair/Secretary

Attest: Alison Sturgeon, Clerk