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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Present: Council President David Greenspan; Councilmembers Duane Van Dyke, Nick Nunnari, Michael O'Donnell, Amy Havelka and Mark Getsay.

Also present: Mayor Dennis Clough, Recreation Director Paula Horner, Engineering Director Jim Smolik, Law Director Mike Maloney, Finance Director Prashant Shah.

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

I. Discuss Recreation Commission's recommendations on athletic fields.

The following members of the audience commented:

Bob West, 1840 Century Oaks Drive
Chad Hanobik, 3697 Dover Center Road
Kathy Eyerman, Century Oaks
Fred Dorow, 24563 Hilliard Boulevard
Jessica Hanobik, 3697 Dover Center Road
John Seavers, 24507 Hilliard Boulevard
Brad Stillings of BioSport Athletics
Jason Conway, 1301 Queen Anne's Gate
Christian Giardini, 3184 Oakmont Circle
Michael Anderton, 3124 Waterfall Way
Trina Zabarsky, 2000 Arthur Avenue
Bud Tetzlaff, 2573 Wyndgate Court
Mike Pasadyn, 26700 Gershwin Drive
Kurt Camden, 1365 Queen Anne's Gate
Marsha Beifuss, 24501 Hilliard Boulevard
Andrew Dutt, 29932 Sycamore
Callie Eckel, 2450 Pebblebrook
Nick Barone, 28642 Touchstone Circle

Engineering Director Smolik and Recreation Director Horner gave an overview of the recommendations made for the four locations (see below), a construction budget, proposed phasing plan, and the 5-year capital plan. Finance Director Shah explained the Issue 53 funding – which also covers maintenance costs – revenue projections and man-power needed to proceed.

Porter Road: Improved parking lot; two natural grass fields; addition of restroom facility.

Clague Park: Renovation of ball diamonds C4 and C5 with artificial turf infield, natural grass outfield; auxiliary parking lot; possible pickleball court; renovation of ball field next to cabin; improving trails; new restroom facility.

Recreation Center: Keep natural grass soccer fields; improve two baseball diamonds with synthetic turf infields (at least one field with 90' base paths), natural grass outfields; leave all amenities as is.

Parkside: Two synthetic turf fields; restroom facility; additional parking; LED field lighting; green space at south end to remain passive; buffering for residential areas.

Mr. Smolik then reviewed some concepts that had not been advanced and why. Much discussion ensued and various alternate options were considered. Councilmembers and Mayor Clough expressed comments and concerns, asked questions and voiced opinions for each location as well as Bradley Road and the golf course. Mr. Smolik gave a brief update on the status of the golf course stating that the consultant will have a design and development of a practice facility by the first Council meeting in October. He also indicated the administration will have a phased approach for construction at the fields based on the conceptual plans and all amenities would not be built at once. The total cost for Phase 1 was estimated at \$12,500,000.

Councilmember Havelka moved to recommend approval of the Recreation Commission's recommendations for athletic field projects as outlined in the July 10, 2023, memo. For lack of a second, the motion failed.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councilmember Havelka, to amend the Recreation Commission's recommendations for athletic field projects as outlined in the July 10, 2023, memo.

Yeas: Greenspan, O'Donnell, Havelka, Getsay.

Nayes: Van Dyke, Nunnari; motion carried.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councilmember Havelka, to add a T-ball field between C2 and C3 at Clague Park.

Yeas: All.

Nayes: None; motion carried.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councilmember Nunnari, to add a restroom facility in the playground area adjacent to the new playground at Clague Park.

Yeas: All.

Nayes: None; motion carried.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councilmember Nunnari, to add lights as an alternate to baseball fields 1 and 2 at the Recreation Center.

Yeas: All.

Nayes: None; motion carried.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councilmember Nunnari, to turf the outfields as an alternate to baseball fields 1 and 2 at the Recreation Center.

Yeas: All.

Nayes: None; motion carried.

Councilmember Nunnari moved, seconded by Councilmember Havelka, to add drainage to the base bid for the playing surfaces at the Recreation Center.

Yeas: All.

Nayes: None; motion carried.

Councilmember Nunnari moved, seconded by Councilmember Van Dyke, to add a single turf field with lights (the middle field and the 3 small fields) as an alternate at the Recreation Center.

Yeas: Van Dyke, Nunnari, Havelka, Getsay.

Nayes: O'Donnell, Greenspan; motion carried.

Councilmember Van Dyke moved, seconded by Councilmember Nunnari, to combine the pavilion with the restroom into one building at Parkside.

Yeas: Nunnari.

Nayes: Van Dyke, Greenspan, O'Donnell, Havelka, Getsay; motion failed.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved, seconded by Councilmember Nunnari, to remove the lighting requirement for the Parkside location.

Yeas: Van Dyke, Nunnari, Greenspan, O'Donnell, Getsay.

Nayes: Havelka; motion carried.

Councilmember Nunnari moved to have one turf field at the Parkside location. For lack of a second, the motion failed.

Councilmember Getsay moved, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, to add grass versus turf (for both fields) as a deduct alternate at Parkside.

Yeas: Van Dyke, Greenspan, O'Donnell, Havelka, Getsay.

Nayes: Nunnari; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David S. Greenspan
Chair



Denise L. Rosenbaum, MMC
Clerk of Council