

Town of Ipswich
ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE
Ipswich Town Hall, Planning Conference Room @ 6:00pm
Tuesday February 23, 2016

Minutes

Attendees: Kerrie Bates, Chuck King, Hugh O'Flynn, Jeff Putur, Ken Swenson
Absent: Judy Field, John Gillis, John Galanis, Scott Levasseur,
Guests: none

1. Citizens Inquiries: None
2. Approved of minutes from Nov 17, 2015 meeting: unanimous.
3. Progress on IHS Stadium Project- Project Status
 - a. Design & engineering contractor Huntress Sports created bid documents for phase 1, & they were posted on the state projects bidding web site. Bid are due this week. This phase includes the artificial playing surfaces inside the exiting track, integration of a donated track timing & finishing system, integration of a donated video scoreboard, utility building to house the implements needed to maintain the field and a small utility building for the tennis & football practice equipment.
 - b. The funds for this phase are available.
 - c. Phase 1 construction should start in May 2016 & be completed by Sept 2016.
 - d. Phase 2 is the concessions, bathrooms & team rooms building at the IHS. The design of this is in process and covered by the existing contract with Huntress Sports contract.
 - e. Funding for the construction of phase 2 is not yet in place. Private funding is anticipated.
 - f. Phase 2 construction is planned for the summer of 2017
 - g. Phase 3 of the project is the rehabilitation of the athletic fields behind the Doyon School. The design of this is in process and covered by the existing contract with Huntress Sports contract.
 - h. Funding for the construction of phase 3 is not yet in place. Private funding is anticipated.
 - i. Phase 3 construction is planned for the summer of 2017
4. Revision of AFSC Report to the Selectmen
 - a. Collecting data from various users-need input from those users that have been shut out of using fields in Ipswich: Youth Flag Football, Adult over 30,40,50 Soccer, Adult Rugby. Also, have not received data from most of the existing users
 - b. Review proposed report- Ken to provide Chuck details on the proposed Mile La field expansion and the IHS stadium project. Chuck to integrate these projects and have the next revision to review.

- c. Planned release and presentation to the selectmen. Planned for the Summer 2016

- 5. Need Letter to Selectmen about new grammar school and possible the impact on athletic fields. If built at Bialek Park, Mile La field, Town Hall fields, Doyon School, Winthrop School. – Ken to draft proposal & circulated via e-mail prior to sending. AFSC is supportive of the effort to build a new school, but concerned about the impact to existing athletic fields. As previous AFSC reports have demonstrated the need for additional athletic Fields, we can't afford to lose existing athletics fields unless their replication at an alternative site can be part of the overall school building project.

- 6. Next Meeting: Tuesday April 26, 2016