

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015  
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**PRESENT:**

**Committee:** Mr. Matthew DeNucci, (By Phone), Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mr. Robert Sack

**Board:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matthew Bilker Mrs. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Nicholas Reynolds

**Administration:** Dr. Connie Bompadre, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin

**Public:** 4

**Press:** 0

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Catania called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Special Meeting

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Catania asked for the approval of the minutes for the April meeting

With no discussion, the minutes were approved

**4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities**

**A. Plumbing issue at the Gauntlett Center**

Mr. Dumin explained that the piping from the Gauntlett Center is not flowing correctly to the street and this means that the pipes are getting backed up. While they can flushed them to a certain point, this does not correct the problem. Would like to have Bonnett come out and make a recommendation.

**B. Recommendation for a motion for the Rose Tree Soccer Club to use the Marple Newtown High School Stadium on all Sundays from November 22, 2105 to February 28, 2016, except November 29, 2015, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.**

After brief discussion they will be made aware that they will need to get portable bathrooms and will not be able to use in inclement weather.

Will take to the full Board for approval

C. Presentation on Athletic Fields Renovation Project Recommendation.

Mr. Dumin gave a brief presentation of the conditions of fields. Worked with Mr. Reardon to get his help and is present at the meeting should the Board members have any questions. Mr. Dumin continued with some of the problems of the fields. At the high school the side walk, big issue for the catcher (back stop), very limit practice time for all sports. The turf in the stadium is at the end of its lifetime. Also, spring playing time. The conditions of the fields at the beginning of spring because of the weather, there was still snow on some of the fields and once it melts, the fields are wet. At Paxon Hollow, there is no track, no softball field and again over use. There are tennis courts that are never used. He continued with a mapping of the fields and their current placements. Mr. Dumin showed a slide show of the fields and what they could look like and what sports could be played on each field. Also recommended what fields should be turf so that they could be multi-purpose fields. There would be room for storage, dugouts, and batting cages. He explained that there would be a new walk-way. Also recommended that there should be lights so that the fields would have more time to be used. Options would be a concession stand and press box. To fulfill all at the High School, the cost would be \$3,050,000. plus the cost of additional options. At Paxon Hollow the only thing that would be missing is softball, but there would be room to make a small field which would be appropriate for this age group. There would be a 6 lane track. There are lights there now but installed by Marple Junior Tigers. They would have to be removed and replaced if the fields would be reconfigured. There has been a request for bleachers. The cost for Paxon Hollow would be \$2,410,000. The pricing is very conservative according to Mr. Parks. The cost to fix fields at the Guantlett is \$68,000.00. Total cost for all fields is \$5,493,000.00.

Also talked about redoing the track at the high school would be about \$75,000.00. Makes sense to resurface the track if you are putting new carpet on the field.

There was a brief discussion regarding the use of the fields. Grass vs. turf, fencing, color of the turf and cost.

Once the Board gives him the direction that they want to take, he will get with Mr. Parks.

## **5. Information/Discussion Items ~ Transportation**

Mr. Chris Brown gave a presentation on the GPS systems for the busses. Since the approval of TransFinder, the GPS would work with this system. The GPS system on the busses would enhance safety, he would know at all times where the busses are located, there would be an emergency button, would be able to send text alerts, (which would only show if the bus was stopped. While in motion the only thing that shows up on the screen is the time of day.), would be in real time, would increase savings, works with the TransFinder software, service would be improved, maintenance would be improved, there would be alerts should there be any problems with starting the busses (inclement weather), would help with time and attendance, and would reinforce accountability Cost \$8,875.00 for Transfinder, plus \$2550.00 for support contract (\$2.50 per month per bus) \$7,750 for annual support fee. If purchased now we would pay the \$7,750.00 in 2017. Went with the Synovia Solutions. The price today would be the same as long as we stay with them. They are looking for a 60 month agreement. Should it be cancelled there would be no penalty. The total cost for what he is recommending is \$24,990.00 per year. There would be a 10% discount is paid up front.

There was a brief a discussion regarding need and want. Also showed a little film regarding “Here comes the bus” which is an app that the parents would be able to know where their student bus was and when it would arrive for pick up.

Mr. Brown explained that this could save on gas, keeping track of busses. He was tracking one bus and had 19 hours of idling. He would also be able to know if the driver is speeding. Has been contacted by parents and administrators about busses speeding.

Mr. Dumin explained that we would be able to know if what is being reported is true. Do we really need it, no.

Mr. Brown gave hand out for the Board to review.

## **6. Other Business**

None

## **7. Public Comment**

None

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Catania adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM

