

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Committee: Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania, Mr. Robert Sack

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

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Mr. Michael Dumin

Public: 5

Press: 0

1. Call to Order

Mr. DeNucci called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from the Budget & Finance

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. DeNucci asked for the approval of the minutes for the June meeting

With no discussion, the minutes were approved

4. Informational/Discussion Items ~ Facilities

- A. Radnor Aquatic Club's request for consideration to reduce the Policy 707 fee for their use of MNHS Pool Monday through Friday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, on from September 2015 to June 2016

After a discussion among the Board and a representative from Radnor Aquatic Club, the Board would like to have more information before moving onto the full Board for approval. Mr. Dumin will also check with Mr. Gicking and Mr. Inow and see what the time is that they need and will get back to the Board. After receiving additional information this will be revisited.

- B. The Delaware County Christian School requests the use of the MNHS Stadium for their home football games on September 5th, October 9th, & 24th, and November 7th, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Will take to the full Board for approval

- C. Miss Annett's Creative Nursery & Kindergarten requests that the District allow them to use Paxon Hollow Middle School as an emergency shelter.

Mr. Dumin explained that Miss Annett's have also requested to use the fields.

After a discussion, will take to the full Board for approval to use Paxon Hollow as an emergency shelter. They must apply under Policy 707 for the use of the fields.

- D. Discussion on Policy 707

Mr. DeNucci feels that we should stand by the policy. Mr. Bilker thinks that Class 2 organization should be redefined. The discussion was to handle on a case by case basis, this could be a waste of time, but some of these groups are school groups that raise funds for the schools.

Mr. Dumin explained that Class 2 says that the groups that support the educational program are not charged. The part of being charged is on the weekend only. Maybe some of the wording should be changed.

Mr. Driscoll explained that these cost is to defer some of the cost of staff on weekends.

(There was a comments from the audience that could not be heard on the recording)

Mr. Dumin's concerns could be that some of the Boosters will say that they should have the same rights as a PTO.

Mr. Driscoll explained that the PTO's now have their own insurance, no Principals can sign on Checking Accounts. This is done because of the legal aspect of organizations and the district being liable for insurance and fraud on the Checking Accounts. He also explained that this policy was designed to recoup some of the cost of the facilities being used and the over use of the stadium.

Discussion ended that the policy should stand as is and handle on a case by case basis.

E. Discussion on renovation of MN Recreation Office renovation

Mr. Dumin explained that Leisure Services would like to renovate the office. We would do the work and they (Leisure Service) would pay for the supplies District wide Security Camera Project budget figure.

F. District wide Security Camera Project budget figure

Mr. Dumin explained that the cost for camera district wide would be \$131,042.00. He explained that we could purchase the equipment and have district employees install.

Mr. Driscoll also said that there is School Code that may be violated if we use our district staff. He will get the code and send it out to the Board

There was a brief discussion and it was determined that this should be discussed in Executive Session.

G. Discussion on Field Renovation Project

Mr. Dumin explained he will get the information to Mr. Reynolds of the presentation by Steve Parks. He explained the usage of the fields and how they can deteriorate from over use. Our fields don't rest. He was able to get the information from Steve Parks's presentation to Mr. Gicking.

There was a discussion on what type of fields, getting the carpet replaced on the football field, will have to ADA compliant, press box, and snack bar, top soil will be brought up 6 to 8 inches. Also he explained what would have to be done to make sure that we can go to the Township for variances. He recommends that there is a pad placed on the fields for extra protection. If you buy a good turf you could have for 10 to 12 years. He also explained that we would get the same turf, just would be different lengths.

Mr. Dumin will come back with a motion in 2 weeks.

5. Information/Discussion Items ~ Transportation

None

6. Other Business

Mr. Dumin had a request from the Petticoat League to use the fields. This will be revisited.

Rose Tree Soccer requested a lower fee for using the stadium. Request said they are mostly Marple kids. They do not make the 80% rule, but would like a reduce fee. This will not be moved on to the full Board for approval.

The request was made to make sure that e-mails sent to the School Board that the Board receives them.

There was a discussion regarding an e-mail from Mr. Mathis. The field deteriorated because of overuse. Mr. Dumin will try to keep it up over the summer.

Mrs. Harvey advised the Board that she was approached by members of the Marple Newtown Community Band. They have requested to return to Paxon Hollow to use the Auditorium for the practices. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Harvey will have them put the request in writing.

7. Public Comment

There was a comment that the Field Projects should not put any of the other planned Capital projects on hold.

8. Adjournment

Mr. DeNucci adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM