

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014  
BOARD ROOM ~ ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**PRESENT:**

**Committee:** Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. A. J. Baker, Mr. Matthew Catania

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

**Administration:** Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Michael  
Dumin, Mr. Joseph Driscoll,

**Public:** 22

**Press:** 0

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Chandless called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Stood on the Pledge of Allegiance from previous meeting

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Chandless asked for the approval of the minutes for the August meeting

With no discussion, the minutes were approved

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

Mrs. Chandless asked for the following:

- A. Recommendation for a Motion to amend November's Board approved motion to approve Michael Dumin, Director of Operations, JR Guglielmi, Coordinator of Facilities, and Andrew Dougherty, Grounds Supervisor to attend the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course and Exam the next time it is offered, in the Philadelphia area, at a cost not to exceed \$2500.00 to Motion to approve Michael Dumin, Director of Operations, JR Guglielmi, Coordinator of Facilities, and Andrew Dougherty, Grounds Supervisor to attend the Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course and Exam in Harrisburg, PA on December 2 – 4, at a cost not to exceed \$3500.00

Mr. Dumin explained that they were looking for one in the Philadelphia area but have unable to do so. The closest one is being held in Harrisburg and he is asking that he motion be changed to be approved for them to attend this one. He explained that it will benefit the district to have this done because they will then be able to inspect our playgrounds and do not have to depend on salesman that sell the playground equipment.

Will take to the full Board for approval.

- B. Recommendation for a motion to approve the replacement of the interior vestibule main entrance door system at Worrall Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$17,165.00, funds for this project to come from the Capital Reserve Budget.

Mr. Dumin explained that he will continue to get more estimates. The door are original, some don't close, the glass is not safety glass and it will help with the security in the building.

Will take to the full Board for approval

- C. Athletic Fields Master Plan

Mr. Dumin introduced Steve Parks ~ Mr. Parks will be putting together the Master Plan for the Athletic Fields once all the information is gathered. They have had meetings with the Administrations of the Middle School and the High School. Getting their point of views as to how the fields can be improved. They also met with the coaches from both schools. He continued to explain that he is looking at 4 different plans to present to the Board. He visited the Middle School, High School and the Gauntlett Center with Mr. Parks. He continued to explain that the top soil is one of the main reasons why we cannot grow grass on our fields. Another major problem is drainage and there is no irrigation, and then there is the location of the fields. They are now just gathering information from the community team coaches, what will be needed, what they would like to see done with the fields.

There is no information as to how these fields were created.

Mr. Parks addressed the Board and explained Title 9 increased the use of the fields and he has learned over the years that the fields fail because of the poor construction. He explained that this may be what is happening with our fields. The fields are maxed out.

Mr. Parks explained that some school districts take time to do this. It would be best to do this in 2 construction seasons to get to where the Board wants to be.

Mr. Dumin also explained that the track at the High School needs a new coating and the turf on the field will need to be replaced within the next 2 years.

Mr. Parks explained that there is new turf out there now that is really good. We are in good shape at the High School because of the shock pad that is under the turf carpet.

There may be a savings in cost if you do more than one turf field.

Mr. Parks explained that we should have a mapping within 3 to 4 weeks of the fields. Once we have the surveys he would need 3 weeks to come back with a plan. Once the feasibility study is done and plans done it would be about 2 to 2 and ½ years.

The life of a turf field could be 10 to 11 years. He has known some will last up to 12 years, may cost more, but the life of the field is longer. He believes that our field could go through another carpet cycle.

There was a question and answer period from the community.

There was a question about being able to use the field on Sunday's. There is a policy that needs to be followed. Also would have to look at the agreement made with the neighbors when the field was done. The policy states that you have 90 days prior to being used. The policy is on the website for review.

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

None

## **6. Other Business**

None

## **7. Public Comment**

None

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. DeNucci adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

