

**December 7, 2016 Board Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting Notes  
11:30 a.m. - Meeting Room A - Panorama Village Administrative Center  
240 Villa Crest Drive  
State College, PA 16801**

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Fishbaine called the meeting of the Facilities and Grounds Committee to order at 11:34 a.m.

Present: Amber Concepcion, Penni Fishbaine, Scott Fozard, Mary Kay Montovino, Robert O'Donnell, Ed Poprik, Chris Rosenblum, Laurel Zydney

A copy of all materials distributed to board members for discussion is included with the official notes, unless otherwise indicated.

**II. Memorial Field Proposal**

Mr. Poprik reviewed the calendar for the Memorial Field project with the committee. Committee member shared that on social media, people are continuing to say why not build on another site. Since we identified the bus garage location possibly moving, that has brought this question to the surface again. Haugh Track may come up as an option, we need to think proactively and have a concise answer to the question of moving the athletic field to another location. Mr. Poprik shared that Haugh Track is not big enough. The infrastructure changes needed at this location would cost much more than what we are proposing for the Memorial Field project. Many social media complaints pertain to the amount of money "sunk" into Memorial Field already. We need to provide an update of what money has been spent on Memorial Field thus far and how much was District money, how much was from monies raised. It was suggested to include this information at the beginning of the presentation at the community forum. We need to be sure that we communicate that Memorial Field is staying where it is and address the field surface has been replaced as well as one side of bleachers and that the Borough has dealt with the drainage problem.

Mr. Poprik added that on the calendar he shared, the decision on February 9 is just whether to choose Concept A, keeping the Nittany Avenue building or Concept B, not keeping the Nittany Avenue property. Dr. O'Donnell shared that we did not ask them to bring us the option to keep the building, they may have wanted to bring us some choices. They are trying to get us to look at the whole site and the possibilities with both concepts.

It was suggested that after much discussion at this meeting and the consensus of the committee for Option B (removing existing Nittany Avenue property), we should move this to Information/Discussion on the December 19 agenda and to action on the January 9 agenda. With this suggestion and so many community forums scheduled in January for the Elementary Projects, it was mentioned that we could move the community forum for Memorial Field to some time in February instead of January. When scheduling the forum, we need to be sure to check on Borough council and township meetings to be sure that the forum is not the same date as one of their meetings.

Please forward any other questions you may hear or have to Dr. O'Donnell. He will work on preparing an FAQ for the project. Ms. Fishbaine suggested we have flyers for the Brick Campaign available at the Memorial Field community forum. Ms. Concepcion will consider

writing an editorial for the Centre Daily Times. If you can suggest someone, not on the board, who would be willing to write it, it would be even more powerful.

It was suggested that the January 12 CAC meeting be a joint committee meeting with CAC for Facilities and CAC for Athletics. We will try to schedule this for after work hours so more committee members could attend.

### **III. District-Wide Facilities Master Plan - Elementary Update**

How can we structure the Public Forums at the three elementary buildings better to actually get feedback from attendees? That was the idea behind having a forum at each building rather than one large forum for all three buildings. Drawings will be available for that school only at each forum. The feedback from the prior forums should be brought to use. Mr. Poprik noted that Houserville is going to change, what you saw for Houserville at earlier forums is not what you are going to see at the next forum. Since Houserville will now be a new building and building location on the property moved up on the hill, new designs will be shared with the Board at the January 9 Regular Board meeting. It would be best if we change the date for the Houserville forum since the drawings will be shared with the Board on January 9th and the forum is scheduled for January 10th. We can highlight that the date for this building has changed. Along with sending an email to that school's community (faculty/staff/parents) announcing the date change.

### **IV. High School Project Update**

The project continues to be ahead of schedule. Ed shared the latest photo renderings showing the state-of-the art library and the LGI (Large Group Instruction) room which will sit over the main entrance to the building.

### **V. Future Agenda Items**

- Memorial Field Public Forum move to February
- Elementary Design Review Public Forum January Tentative - January 10, 17, and 24 (separate night for each school)
- Act 34 Hearings - Tentative - June 13, 2017
- Hearing for closure of Lemont –TBD (needs to be put on the calendar) and the need to advertise for 21 days before the hearing and closure. Suggested the possibility of having all hearings at once, Act 34 (3) hearings and then the Lemont closing hearing.

### **VI. Public Comment**

Ms. Zydney noted that we need to keep in mind that we really need two stadiums, more sports facilities are needed. Dr. O'Donnell added that we do have the field at the South building that we will be making improvements to in the future.

### **VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Fishbaine adjourned the meeting of the Board Facilities and Grounds Committee Meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Mary Kay Montovino  
Acting Board Secretary