

Veterans Field Committee Meeting
3/7/24

-Meeting called to order @ 7:07pm

-Shared minutes from last meeting

- No additional questions
- Motion to approve made by Christine, Seconded by Sarah
- Approved by all 7 members in attendance.

-No public comments or changes to this week's agenda

-Playground Subcommittee

- Working towards goal of phone call with CLA for Engineering Committee (efficiency)
- Discussing dimensions and overall space needed.
 - Subcommittee gathered overall dimensions and met with multiple vendors.
 - Overall space to host playground and pavilion is 60' x 235'
 - Proposal from subcommittee is 3 areas: small kid 2-5 area, pavilion area, and 5-12 area.
 - Vendors consulted were: GameTime, Kompan, Creative Recreation (Miracle equipment),
 - Miracle gave quote of \$93k-ish
 - Kompan no prices yet
 - MRC Recreation (GameTime)
 - Mike asked to check with Kloter Farms
 - We would pay for install for a pavilion, town pouring concrete slab to save costs and erect the structure.
 - Need to confirm DPW ability to accept and receive equipment, do excavation, provide woodchips with Eric. Where will 'funds' to cover these costs come from in the accounting? Will there be an actual cost savings to have the town do the prep work, receive the materials? Do materials need to come from the State Contract/Grant? Use state pricing to generate estimate from contractors on the 'bid list'. Prevailing wage likely will not apply here b/c our project is under \$1million. Recommended to get 3 bids minimum. When asking for prices make sure metrics are comparable. Get estimates with site prep or woods chips.
 - Playground subcommittee to take on Pavilion as well which will not come out of the Playground budget of \$100k
 - Confirmed budgets for pickle ball and playground of \$100k each.
 - Engineer needed for Pavilion – Eric may be able to help w cost on that.
 - Concrete slab Christine pricing that out
 - Need to confirm location and depth of well and piping for vendors and quotes.
- What other dimensions or other ideas do we need to meet with CLA?
 - FRP written so quickly on the senior center that they weren't specific so cost plus to pause the project and not delay which also adds costs (time & materials)

Other aspects to consider are:

- security
- request as-built so phase 2 will be a smoother transition
 - take existing survey and field check dimensions, wetlands, elevations and put new topography over existing topography
- Engineering follow up questions brought to our attention by vendors
 - engineers to survey berm area for playground to confirm/determine all current utilities
 - excavation
 - need to field check depths that we can dig down in that area. To be determined by engineering
 - this is the time to create the wish list for engineering
 - Once engineering is started, we can construct the timeline
- Once Engineering committee meets with engineers, we can get the specifics on exactly where we can put what
 - Pickleball court measurements are....

Ideal timeline/process looks like...

- Get the plan to spend funds together encompassing the \$150k, then special committee, then apply to planning & zoning, then wetlands, share the vision, then town meeting vote to spend the \$150k (need to confirm this with Eric but Scott and Mike are confident in this)
 - Need to ask Eric about
 - can we take delivery, can we hold materials over winter if needed, when can we get paid.
 - all engineering and design all needs to be completed before we apply to the town for planning & zoning, then inland wetlands permit
 - where is the money coming from? How does funding work? When are funds dispersed. Likely in phases but Eric to confirm.
 - processes move slow within the state and local committees; all applications submitted at the same time.
 - May take 3-5 months to get all the approvals and site work back from engineering.
 - Pavilion fence and lighting will be grouped into a budget sector.
- Pickleball committee to get 3 different pricing options for fencing and court install.
- Playground committee to continue to get quotes.
 - Can't apply for additional community grants if we as an entity already have funding. Fundraising committee will look further into this. Committee can't apply so we need to go to another entity in town to apply (PTA, Seniors, Friends of the Library etc?)
 - Christine added adult workout station should be reconsidered.
 - Having a workout station would be an added benefit to soccer players, or other groups using the area, may be another way to draw community members who may not have children or soccer players using the facility. May also be a place for the fire department to run exercises, seniors to use or other groups or entities to use

the space to widen the net of who we can serve with the area. Even if it becomes part of Phase II.

-No additional public comments

-Motion to adjourn by Sarah, Julie with the Second. Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm