

Athletic Fields Group: meeting notes

Date: Wed. 11/16/11 7:30am@ Haldane/Merritt Bld

Attendees: Joe Curto, Dr. Villanti & Tom Cunningham-Haldane
Amber Stickle-Town Rec Dept
Jon Champlin, community groups
Fred Kohut, Blue Devil Booster Club
Matt Beachak, Village Rec Commission
John Van Tassel, Town Board
Seth Dimitz, Town Rec Commission
Bruce Campbell, Village Board

The following is a summary of the meeting:

- I. *Curt from Ward Assoc. had e-mailed the group a series of PDF's prior documenting existing conditions of all fields as well as a series of very prelim recommendations for the Haldane 9D&Main field*
- II. *Group discussed briefly the PDF's and formulated a series of questions for Curt in preparation of his conference call at 8am*
- III. *Summation of conference call with Curt*
 - *overall prelim thinking is the community has enough facilities in general, excluding tennis ct's, but they need to be brought up to "standards" i.e proper size, better maint procedures, infrastructure issues, setbacks & buffers*
 - *Haldane main field is a logical "premiere field" candidate*
 - *General discussion of main field rendering:*
 - 1) *track around main field is 5 running lanes with sharp curves to make it fit—going to 6 or even 4 is a minor cost with little benefit*
 - 2) *placement of "field events" still to be reviewed*
 - 3) *exist tennis ct's can stay as is or an idea to convert to 40 space parking lot reviewed-DOT approval needed*
 - 4) *still early in process but real budget #'s for synthetic turf vs native grass vs sand-based natural grass pending*
 - 5) *general rule when you install natural grass with full irrigation/sub drainage cost difference to synthetic is \$500k—rough*

- 6) *perimeter fencing would be spec-ed around entire field area*
- 7) *storage bld layout ideally should be able to accommodate equip, user groups storage & field maint equip*
- 8) *put spectators on east end of field to take advantage of Hudson Valley views*
- 9) *bring water to the field, well makes most sense from operating cost standpoint*
- 10) *expanded detention basins discussed*
- 11) *full size track around main field cost prohibitive*
- 12) *Bruce C commented on informing Curt of all the various ideas discussed thru the yr's in areas of sewer, 9d parking, etc..*

IV. *Brief review of 9D Prelims (from 11-9-11 meeting)***

- *all agreed a new playground on bonfire area site was not needed*
- *review possible repositioning of softball/LL backstops due to sun issues*
- *group liked the idea of built in sitting benches along slope*
- *in speaking with LL Pres. The concept of moving lower LL field to a new site specific complex was discussed (3 fields in one area)*
- *reviewed converting lower 9d to a multi purpose grass practice field*

V. *group agreed to plan a visit by Curt in early Dec.*

*adjourn 8:40am
notes by joe curto*

NEXT MEETING: Wed. 11/30/11 7:30am@ Town Hall

****NOTE:** I included the section from the 11-9-11 meeting at Town Hall attended by Joe, Tom, Amber, Seth, Jon, Mark, Gloria, fred, Matt & Bruce . The group had received some prelim handouts on 9D but hadn't had a chance to review

prior. Agreed to review and meet 11-16-11 to discuss along
with a conference call by Curt of Ward Assoc.