

Town of Agawam
Community Preservation Committee

Committee Minutes
March 25, 2008

Members Present: Henry Kozloski; Chair, Vi Baldwin, Ray Moreau, Tom Tierney, Richard Maggi, Corinne Wingard, Louis Russo, Richard Bennett
Others Present: Jennifer Bonfiglio; CPA Secretary, Chris Sparks; Director of Park & Recreation, Paul Cavallo; City Councilor, Jill Messik; City Councilor

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Kozloski.

1. *Motion by Vi Baldwin to table February 25, 2008 minutes. 2nd by Dick Bennett.*
Vote: Unanimous

2. *Application for Funding: Elementary Granger School Baseball Backstop: \$6,000 as submitted by Chris Sparks; Director of Parks and Recreation*
 - Chris Sparks, Park & Rec. Director provided an updated site plan and package which includes photos of the High School backstop for comparison, an updated budget with separate bids, and a letter of support from Jack Stone. Chris is seeking \$6,000 for purchase and installation of backstop, safety fencing, and player's benches.
 - Rich Maggie asked if bids are comparable. Chris advised that they are for the same dimensions (14x40)
 - Hastie, Independent and Brodeur provided bids. Independent came in as lowest bidder. They have also done the backstop at Phelps School, and this is modeled after that.
 - Dick Bennett asked why Chris is using JayPro for benches. Chris states that BSN is typically used due to a better relationship, Chris will barter to get the best price and stated that he rarely pays catalog price.
 - Ray Moreau asked if 15' bench is long enough. Chris advised yes, it is standard.
 - Chris advised the job will be done on a Saturday, labor/materials done by DPW.
 - Target installation is 4/21
 - Vi Baldwin thanks Chris for providing all the requested information..
 - Motion by Ray Moreau to approve application amount of \$6000 for purchase and installation of backstop, safety fencing, and player's benches. Seconded by Vi Baldwin
Vote: Unanimous.

3. *School Street Park Amenities: \$125,000 as submitted by Chris Sparks; Director of Parks and Recreation*
 - Chris Sparks, Director of park and Rec. is looking to add Playground, rubber "poured in place", dumpster pad, trash receptacles and bleachers to the School Street Park. He provided an updated site plan and package which includes an updated budget, and playground plans for the top three choices. Chris advised the three playground plans are different. There are also three quotes for bleachers, dumpster pad cost and letters of support included.

- Bleachers: Three bids were obtained. Dick Bennett asked if they will be on grass. Chris advised they will be placed on asphalt pads (which have already been poured) so they are easier to maintain. Rich M. asked why asphalt was used. Chris indicated that asphalt was used throughout whole park and is more cost effective.
- Windsor barrels: Pictures provided. Barrels will be anchored to ground and will be emptied daily. Letter of support from Tracy DeMaio(Recycling Coordinator). No bid is required, Company on state contract.
- Dumpster Pad: Location TBD. Will be fenced in and gated. Dumpster will be rented by Allied and emptied weekly. Concrete is needed because of high traffic and high impact.
- Playground Surface: Poured in Place (PIP) initially quoted at \$10/sq. ft. by Mt. View. Chris rcvd. Bids and in error omitted the swing area. \$196,850 quote includes combination wood and PIP. \$245,000 quote for 100% PIP. CPA request will increase to \$180,000. ADA commission prefers PIP. Henry agrees and also indicated it is easier to maintain and does not need to be replaced. Mark Gallagher is introduced. He is contracted with Boundless Playgrounds (national leader). Chris spoke with Boundless and they agree the types of surfaces should be “unitary”. Local ADA does not support wood chips. Boundless stated wood is “acceptable”. Chris stated that he would like this structure to be ADA “friendly” and also prefers rubber PIP. Louis asked how long it will last. Mark Gallagher stated there is a 3-5 year warranty, although with normal use it will last 10-15 years and no maintenance is required. Wood fill would need a 2-3” toff every 2 years. Total cost of all wood is \$150,000. Wood and PIP combination is \$200,000. All PIP cost is \$245,000. The increase in CPA request is \$55,000. ADA and Boundless both recommend PIP. Jill Messik asked if it can be replaced in sections. Mark Gallagher advised yes it can be cut out in sections and repured if needed.
- Playground: Play & Park Structures was chosen as best choice using Berkshire Power donation and CPA funding. PlayLand was second choice @ \$80,000 budget using Berkshire Power donation only. Dick Bennett asked how cvlose will it be to bathroom and is it isolated? Chris advised there is a 15 ft. buffer and very visible. Henry suggested a letter of support from ADA.
- Motion by Louis Russo to approve \$180,000. 2nd by Ray Moreau. Vote: Unanimous.

4. *Housing Opportunities*

- Motion to table agenda item by Dottie Drwnowski. Second by Ray Moreau. Vote: unanimous.

5. *Open Space Discussion*

- Memo from George Bitzas requesting support of purchasing parcel of land located between Town Hall and Agawam Middle School. Discussion among committee members. Committee feels any application should come from the administration/Mayor. Committee advised they will not act on a letter. A formal application must be received.

6. *School Street Park Discussion*
 - Water problems have been addresses. Conservation Commission will monitor for 5 years before signing off. Chris hopes to have easements approved 5/5/08. Hooping to have Mt. View back to complete park at end of May.
7. *Annual Public Hearing set for April 28, 2008 at library.*
8. *CPA Application will be sent out to review with next agenda for final vote.*
9. *Affordable Housing*
 - Corrine Wingard advised she spoke with Deb Dachos and received the Housing Needs Assesment. Copies will be made for committee. An affordable housing committee is needed and further discussion is needed.
10. *Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Richard Maggi, 2nd by Louis Russo, Vote: Unanimous.*