

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – PROPERTY AND FACILITIES MEETING MINUTES April 2015

A meeting was held at the Carl T. Secor Administration Center Thursday, **April 9, 2015, and** brought to order by Mr. Robert Cooke at 5:30 p.m. Property and Facilities Committee members present were Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Gary Summers, Mr. Roy Horton and Mr. Ronald Bradley. A motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Horton to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting along with the agenda for this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Property and Facilities meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Carl T. Secor Administration Center. No meetings are scheduled for June or July. The next scheduled meeting Thursday, August 6, 2015.

DISCUSSIONS

- 1) Ms. Gail Kulick gave an update on the Resica Community Playground. The committee applied for a \$20,000 grant through Sanofi Pasteur. Christa Caceres, a Stroudsburg Rotarian applied for a State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant. The Rotary of the Stroudsburgs is organizing a ticket draw, the car drawing is Sunday, April 12 following a dodgeball event at Pocono Dome. Someone is creating a website kidscreatplay.com for sharing information on the playground. Ms. Kulick handed out a calendar of events. An informational meeting for School committee Members and Administration is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. Mr. Cooke thanked her for this information and asked that she continues to keep this committee updated.
- 2) Mr. Eppley shared a proposal from Myco Mechanical to run a water line from the school to the new chiller at JTL, at the cost of \$3,500. Mr. Eppley explained the water line would be used to clean the equipment, eliminating hauling water from the school with buckets. Bradley confirmed this would be a one time cost. Mr. Horton questioned if this work could be done by our maintenance staff? Mr. Eppley agreed, and will contact Strunk Albert. He wants to make sure our staff would not be in the way of Myco Contractors, delaying the project. Mr. Summers felt this work should have been part of the project. He would like Mr. Eppley to talk with Strunk Albert to see if they might negotiate on getting the pipe installed. The committee agreed to put this project on hold.
- 3) Mr. Eppley reported that both water towers need to be inspected. Neither the tank at Resica or the North Campus have had inspections. During the emergency at Resica this winter, some of the welds are leaking. Mr. Summers would like Mr. Eppley to contact PA American Water and inquire about the possibility of them purchasing the water tower. It may help them with the purchasing and development of land on Rt. 402 and reduce our maintenance costs. The committee agreed to put this on hold.
- 4) Mr. Eppley received a price of \$5,395 from Jersey Infrared Consultants to perform an infrared flat roof moisture survey at both the North High and Intermediate schools. Mr. Eppley explained that both these roofs are 15 years old and have leaking issues. He further stated he received two bids, the other being from TREMCO. Jersey Infrared was \$4,500 less and recommended by Josh Grice from D'Huy Engineering. Mr. Horton questioned if infrared was good technology? Mr. Summers would like to see the capitol report from D'Huy Engineering and their recommendations of the roof before proceeding with any tests or repairs. The committee agreed to put this on hold until the report is received. Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Eppley and noted he appreciates the idea of preventative maintenance.
- 5) Mr. Eppley reported DEP would be at the Lehman Township meeting tonight at 7 p.m. He anticipates receiving the go ahead for the North High School turf field project. Mr. Cooke was encouraging to have Mr. Eppley attend this meeting. He confirmed he would if this meeting ended within the time frame to travel.

- 6) Mr. Eppley stated that our south turf field is in need of professional cleaning and G-max testing. He received a cost of \$3,000 from Stadium Care. They will clean, decompact turf infill and perform the G-max testing. This test measures the shock performance of the field, which helps prevent injuries to the body and concussions. Mr. Horton asked if this was a good rate, and how it compared to other companies. Mr. Eppley is confident in their work and another proposal was acquired. They installed our North Track and will start the turf field soon. Once the test is done, a certificate of liability will be issued. Mr. Bradley asked how often does this need to be done and what is the cost for subsequent years? Mr. Eppley stated the field is seven years old and has never been professionally cleaned or tested. Mr. Brenneman had approached him regarding this testing. Mr. Summers would like Mr. Brenneman to contact other schools with the same fields and find out who they use, how much and how often. The committee agreed to put this on hold until more information is received.
- 7) Mr. Eppley reported the agreement between East Stroudsburg Area School District and Bushkill Little League has been drafted. Our solicitor is checking the language, before presenting it to the School Board for approval.
- 8) Myco Mechanical is proposing additional work at the cost of \$8,925 to install additional 100 st/ft retaining wall that would extend past the water pipe that supplies the ball fields. Mr. Eppley explained without this repair the pipe will break. Motion by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Summers to send this proposal to the finance committee for approval.
- 9) TRANE submitted their two-year service agreement for J.M. Hill. The committee would like TRANE to give the district a more substantial discount for paying two-years at a time. Mr. Eppley will contact Sterling Colburn and inquire. Mr. Cooke asked that copies of the current pricing for each school be sent to the committee for members for review. The committee agreed to put this on hold until more information is received.
- 10) Mr. Bradley asked for an update on Basic Power. J.M. Hill was selected as a test school. Mr. Eppley will contact them in two weeks when he returns from vacation. Mr. Summers suggested he contact Middle Smithfield Township, they have a unit at their sewer plant.
- 11) Mr. Summers asked for an update on replacing the regulator in High School South. Mr. Eppley reported the surges have stopped. Replacement of the regulator was cancelled and the part will be returned.
- 12) Mr. Eppley reported the underground fuel tanks at the North Bus Garage is in need of repair. The DEP is inspecting the site the end of May. Repairs need to be made to the tank pad. Diesel containment may need to be removed from the submersible manhole that is also leaking. The cost is \$6,410. Property and Facilities recommends sending this to the Finance Committee for approval.
- 13) Mr. Lesniewski, stated Mrs. Laverdure received a call from the Pocono Record regarding use of our tennis courts and tracks. She stated school policy regarding the usage. This committee would like to know why the public is unable to use these outdoor facilities. Mr. Lesniewski will pass the question onto Mrs. Laverdure.

After all public participation, Mr. Robert Cooke adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelli Oney, Recording Secretary