

**POOLESVILLE PARKS BOARD
MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2009**

Present: BUTCH ZACHREL, KURT BEHREND, DOUG MCKENNEY, TIM PIKE, AND JIM BROWN. ALSO PRESENT WAS TOWN MANAGER, WADE YOST, AND TOWN STAFF, PRESTON KING.

Call To Order

Mr. McKenney: Call to order the August 5, 2009 Poolesville Parks Board Meeting.

Announcements

Mr. McKenney: Our first announcement is our next meeting date is Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Citizen's Comments On Agenda Items

Mr. McKenney: And before we go into the minutes since I know that we have at least one citizen here today I thought I might if there is any comments on the agenda item or if there is anybody here, oh thank you, in attendance I forgot Butch Zachrel, Kurt Behrend, Doug McKenney, Tim Pike, Jim Brown, Preston and Wade, Preston King and Wade Yost. If you could introduce yourself and name and address.

Mr. Wills: Mike Wills, 17104 Tom Fox Avenue. I am the current President of the Upper County Soccer Club and it is a non-profit organization and it has been in existence for about 15 years, since then MSI and --- have really grown tremendously and fill the need of what the club originally was set to do and that was to promote and organize soccer in the Upper County which when this started really was needed. So myself, the current Vice-President Gary Comfort and the Treasurer Lorraine Jones have decided that it is probably time to put the non-profit corporation to rest, we have some money in the account that we would like to donate to the Town so basically up until about 2002 the Corporation collected dues from soccer teams and in return they could get equipment and training, since 2002 money wasn't collected, so we have got a pot of money sitting in an account and nothing has been done with it for many years so we've decided lets dissolve the corporation and put it to good use since it was collected from towns people from long ago we decided that the best thing to do would be donate to the town, we would like it to go towards the bettering of soccer in Poolesville. We have about \$3000.00 I sent an email out to all the Coaches asking for recommendations what they thought would be best for the Town the biggest was lights on the current field or any new field that might be developed, shelter at West Willard, I think I talked to someone already about that and they said that when the new development was built they were doing something with that field or a field around there.

Mr. Yost: To be improved.

Mr. Wills: So that is probably not the best choice right now for that. Maybe grading and seeding of the current field to get them up to even better than what they are now. Those are the ideas but definitely lights was the big one, we know the money that we have isn't near enough for lights but it would be used in a way in the future to be put towards that.

Mr. McKenney: Mike I would like to thank you and the organization I mean for considering the Town and obviously I am part of baseball organizations and I can understand that you don't like to see something stop running anymore its part of you but when it does happen I guess I really appreciate that I speak for myself and the Board and the Town we really appreciate the fact that you thought to bring it back to the Town and ask for us to put it back into the fields to improve stuff so I think it is very gracious of your organization.

Mr. Wills: Thank you it definitely could get used to help soccer in the Town, soccer is big here and we want it to continue to grow, we just felt that with the --- of what they had that we haven't done anything towards the original Charter in the corporation in years.

Mr. McKenney: And I don't see any reason why we can't designate that money in a separate fund so that it is channeled right through to soccer related activities right.

Mr. Yost: Absolutely.

Mr. Wills: Great.

Mr. Brown: Mike what is the name of the organization again, full name.

Mr. Wills: Upper County Soccer Club.

Mr. Brown: Ok good.

Mr. Pike: You mentioned lights do other fields in the county have lights, do kids practice that late.

Mr. Wills: Soccerplex does, there is other fields around the County that do but with the small amount of fields we have and soccer growing it's hard to get everyone on the field and it could be used for other uses also.

Mr. Brown: Great.

Mr. Wills: A couple of other things I talked to Wade the other day there is 2 goals missing on West Willard.

Mr. King: And good timing we had some kids break them, we weld them they were broken again and they were old but the other ones the pair of them were about \$3000.00 and we had to replace them that is what I am saying you were talking about that I would love to purchase new because it is nice being able to move them back and forth but that is about 3 grand purchase to replace the goals and that would be within what you guys are thinking about it would be good timing because we repaired them they broke we repaired them and then this last time they got to the point where it was unsafe so if we could use that I would have them for the whole season, it is up to you guys I am just saying that we could use them and we had budgeted two and the new ones things happen so we had to budget them this year to replace but we could have them for the fall practice season if we have that money.

Mr. Brown: What do you think Mike would that be ok, I know it is not lights but the Town probably was not prepared to replace those because they are...

Mr. King: They cost a few dollars.

Mr. Wills: Could they be set somewhere near the high school (inaudible) model homes where we could use those.

Mr. Brown: Well let's check that out and maybe we can have some sort of cooperation on that.

Mr. Wills: Because there are --- goals that are safer but not --- the high school right now, they have wheels on them.

Mr. Brown: I am all about safe and really, really, sturdy. Ok well we will check that out.

Mr. Wills: And I had --- at my house they just need to be put on the goals.

Mr. King: We just replaced those over at Stevens Park last week and there are other ones at we are due to do the ones at Halmos.

Mr. Yost: Can you give us your contact number too so I can just have Preston call you.

Mr. Wills: Sure.

Mr. King: And we will come by and pick them up.

Mr. Yost: Definitely we appreciate that.

Mr. Brown: Mike are you retiring what is happening?

Mr. Wills: Its just we had this money in the account year after year after year we haven't used it, we've had other ideas that have come about and finally we decided that MSI and SAM do such a great job to have a whole other organization just doesn't make sense. We don't really need a non-profit.

Mr. Brown: That is fine are you still the point of contact I take it.

Mr. Wills: Yeah.

Mr. McKenney: Thank you really appreciate that.

Mr. Brown: How many people actually give the Town money, I like that.

Mr. Wills: We will dissolve the Corporation first and then bring you a check.

Mr. Brown: Ok we will get with you. All right thanks again.

Mr. Wills: Thank you.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McKenney: Next item on the agenda is the approval of the June 3 minutes, does anybody have any changes or comments or concerns with respect to those minutes?

I will entertain a motion.

Mr. Behrend: So moved.

Mr. Zachrel: I will second.

Mr. McKenney: Moved by Kurt, seconded by Butch to approve the minutes of June 3 all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Opposed any abstentions none, motion carries.

Old Business

Mr. McKenney: New business apparently we don't have anything new or just working on old stuff.

Mr. Yost: Yeah lets get some old stuff done.

Mr. Behrend: Can we assume that the permits that were in our June or July packet were all approved?

Mr. Yost: Yes there were no conflicts and we had to move with this.

Mr. Behrend: Very good.

Mr. McKenney: Just a comment and I'm probably more guilty of this than anybody else I think for new business next month we need to put the parks regulations back on, we were going to look at those and make modifications.

Mr. Yost: It's under old business actually.

Mr. McKenney: Oh ok well, unless people are prepared to talk about that. Any new business?

Mr. Yost: I'd just like to make an announcement real quick if I can about the Rec Program that we have with Cathy Bupp running it this year and last year too, this year she has made huge strides in improving the program, I don't know if you heard we've had

over 168 kids sign up for it, she has had the Fire Department out one week doing all kinds of training things with the kids, she had the State Police out with the horses, she had the K-9 Units coming out, she had the Key's Players, she had a fishing thing at Stevens, she has really just developed this program into something that is really a big fun thing and I have heard nothing but good things about it so that is exciting here and she is really bringing the program up.

Mr. Brown: She had a band there today.

Mr. Yost: She has themes every week I mean it's a good job.

Mr. McKenney: Wow that is great.

Mr. Brown: Kids had a great time.

Mr. McKenney: That is great to hear. All right old business I guess we can start with the bandshell.

Mr. Yost: Oh boy this has been a fun project. We had a design here from the Board sent it to the Commissioners they didn't like it sent it back here the Architect made one up that looked like a garage you came up, so we set down and actually it was --- came across that one weird one in an email that kind of fit in between a little bit if we did some minor adjustments to it so we sent that to the Architect and yesterday or the day before the Architect sent us another rendering which was off base still not what we really asked for and about an hour ago we have another rendering and its really close I think where we want to be and we have it is going to be a combination of the two that John is going to show you. You have the latest.

Mr. McKenney: And the Architect now is the manufacturer of these buildings?

Mr. Yost: No it is the same Architect that did this building.

Mr. McKenney: Ok.

Mr. Brown: We don't really there is no there is --- who dealt with the roof manufacturers and building concept people that no one ties it in except for our Architect.

Mr. Yost: Exactly.

Mr. Brown: So that is why it has been a bit of an issue to try to get the...

Mr. McKenney: Is that because we have to or...

Mr. Yost: No.

Mr. McKenney: And I appreciate that I just remember my thought was the 2 pictures that you had shown or sent around were both from the same manufacturer catalog and I thought could we have them do the work instead of having us...

Mr. Yost: Well we were at first you are exactly right we were looking at that but just want to work it out.

Mr. McKenney: Got ya ok.

Mr. Yost: We are really close.

Mr. Behrend: We thought we were there before.

Mr. Strong: All right your sheets may be slightly out of order so there is only 3 sheets so it is not going to be that difficult. John Strong Huron Consulting.

Mr. Behrend: You never know with us.

Mr. Strong: This is if you look at the --- up there you will note that that is all brick, that would be I am hoping the 2nd one in your sheet your list.

Mr. Yost: What we did is tried to make that a smaller building on the back of it because we the --- originally came up the bathroom was just as wide 38 feet or 40 feet and that was just it made the roof super tall and like no this whole thing was just like a giant roof.

Mr. Strong: And if you can look at just look at the profiles from this sheet and I will get over dimensions when we go to the site plan. This particular version is all brick with a brick wall continuous along the back, the bathrooms still come to the back and the middle door is the mechanical room, ramps will come up the side, the top elevation at the stage level which is this beam right here is 12 feet from stage level to top, you don't want to get much smaller than that because then you are going to have other issues as far as the parallax effect. The back area is 8 feet tall and the stage dimensions still stay the same as what was in the original drawing.

Mr. Yost: The whole base does doesn't it?

Mr. Strong: That is correct with the exception of the bathrooms, everything else stays the same, bathrooms and mechanical room. Ok next slide...

Mr. Yost: What is the pitch on that bathroom roof do you know.

Mr. Strong: The bathroom...

Mr. Yost: 6 12 never mind, so it is fairly steep otherwise kids getting up there.

Mr. Brown: Yea we want it to be 12 but still steep enough to keep them off.

Mr. Strong: This front elevation is 4 12.

Mr. Behrend: I don't know if it is worth thinking anything anti squirrel would work.

Mr. Strong: From the base of the stage to the very tippy top of the roof is 19 feet.

Mr. McKenney: And that back section the back wall is only 8 feet in the stage area.

Mr. Strong: This line right here, from here to here is 8 feet.

Mr. Yost: So even the edge of the --- from the restroom is actually a little bit lower.

Mr. Strong: That is correct and the roof is slightly lower than 10 foot.

Mr. Yost: Much better than what we had before.

Mr. Strong: All right the total distance across the back is what we had before which is 40 feet from pillar to pillar. This distance across here is if my eyes are not failing me 26 feet from this wall to that wall. Depth is 8 ½ feet so we were able to chop it back considerably by going to a single toilet in the men's and women's restrooms.

Mr. Yost: But they are handicap accessible.

Mr. Strong: Both are handicap accessible, the mechanical room is 6 foot wide, which is much smaller than what we originally had also. These 4 dimensions this is the same footprint as we have always had so that hasn't changed at all, the column location we talked about moving them in but then that presents some visual issues and in this --- it won't matter where you put those columns. Next version this version has the colonial type roof similar to what is here at Town Hall we would have the same type of trim, the one thing the Architect did here was he pulled the back wall out to give it a little bit more open feeling to it but the problem with that is now you are going to end up with sound not...

Mr. McKenney: Escaping out the back right.

Mr. Strong: And the other thing is, is when you show movies assuming we have a screen and pull it across here you would get light flashing through from the parking lot.

Mr. Yost: Yeah same thing if a band was playing the cars pull in the lights would be behind them.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I don't see anything wrong with a full wall in the back.

Mr. Yost: I do like this gable as I look as some of these plans I do like how the gable is though, the material is similar to Town Hall the backs break up that brick though.

Mr. Strong: Dimensions are the same as the original drawing, the first drawing I showed you. We do get the reflectivity of the roof angle here for sound to be projected out, there is a beam here for placement of lights, stage lights if you want to tuck them up inside.

Mr. Yost: Can they both have that?

Mr. Strong: Yes they do.

Mr. Yost: Ok I see this one has, this one that I am looking at now doesn't have the front overhang like the previous one did and I like that I think that gives it a better look what do you guys think.

Mr. Strong: We can give you that front overhang that is not a problem.

Mr. McKenney: Its got more of a platform on the...

Mr. Strong: Yeah straight up and down with the column.

Mr. McKenney: So which one are we leaning toward the plain column or the column with molding on it.

Mr. Yost: I like the bigger overhang myself but whichever.

Mr. McKenney: Isn't the overhang the same.

Mr. Yost: On the front overhang...

Mr. Strong: Look at the left side view, the right side view...

Mr. Pike: Where it says scheme 4 next to it.

Mr. McKenney: Oh I see now ok right.

Mr. Yost: The one has nice trim though I don't know it is hard to say.

Mr. Strong: Yeah and that is the other thing we went with the more white-capped trim including the column, we can do it in both cases but you lose some of the front if you go with the overhang on visual impact. And the other in both cases the shingle work would match the same color shingle work that is on this building here and the brickwork wherever the brickwork occurs would be the same as here.

Mr. Brown: What do you guys think about scheme 3 but make sure the brick wall goes all the way across the back.

Mr. Zachrel: I kind of agree with Doug it would be nice to be open but functionally it is better to have it bricked in.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I think you'd get more use out of it bricked in.

Mr. Pike: The last page you mean the wall that curves?

Mr. Strong: No this wall see how this is open...

Mr. Yost: And this one is closed.

Mr. Zachrel: It is basically taking this design here with a brick wall.

Mr. Yost: Now we could still put the circle in the top even though it is, the front of the building has that doesn't it yeah it just gives it more style.

Mr. Zachrel: Right raise it up.

Mr. Brown: So still scheme 3 brick wall only across the back circle in the middle of the white gable area.

Mr. McKenney: With the expanded overhangs.

Mr. Yost: Yeah what do you guys feel about that front because the white trim could offset it and make it look real nice.

Mr. McKenney: I definitely like the trim on scheme 3, what I don't know is if you add the trim to scheme or if you add the overhang from scheme 4 is that going to look, the roof kind of in the back coming down is that going to look strange sticking out I don't know.

Mr. Strong: Think of a --- column in scheme 3 that is what that is going to be this is more of a straight up and down column.

Mr. McKenney: Right and I like the column in scheme 3 it's the overhang on the roof as you look at it that I am wondering about.

Mr. Strong: Right.

Mr. McKenney: See on scheme 3 the overhang does not the --- side of the roof does not hang outside of the columns, on scheme 4 it does.

Mr. Strong: Correct.

Mr. Pike: It doesn't hang outside the roof on scheme 3?

Mr. Yost: You know technically when you are doing construction it is going to have to go past it otherwise you are going to rot out the trim work.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah that is true. No, no, no see here see how that ends right there, see how this extends so it is sticking out further and it is hard to tell in a 2 dimensional drawing what that is going to look like in 3-D. But you are right it is going to have to overhang a little bit because all eaves overhang anyway so.

Mr. Strong: And in both cases a lot of your this portion of the column this portion right here would be covered by the beam that runs if you look at the front elevation there is a beam that runs along here.

Mr. Behrend: Are we throwing a gutter on the front then too?

Mr. Strong: The gutter is on the roof but this beam right here will be right on the face of this column and that is in both cases, so you are going to lose the front look of that column.

Mr. Yost: Do we have to put a gutter on there?

Mr. Strong: You should because the water is going to come...

Mr. Yost: I know.

Mr. Behrend: You can seal it with --- boards so it is there but its not obviously there.

Mr. Brown: But it has still got to release downwards somewhere too unfortunately.

Mr. Strong: At some point in time you will have to carry the water.

Mr. Yost: Yeah lets get creative here.

Mr. Behrend: These are creative ideas but they add to the cost I mean you can't do it.

Mr. Brown: I think it will look like crap if you have a brick (inaudible) with those columns.

Mr. Pike: Do we have to do this by the end of the year?

Mr. Yost: It has to be done by July of next year. I submitted a timeframe and I have now submitted another timeframe because it was supposed to be under construction by now. They were ok with that.

Mr. Behrend: The trick is it's a nice design, I like the design, but when you get to the nitty gritty things like guttering, we don't want to ruin our design by one of these necessities so if there is ways we can conceal it so much the better, but obviously we don't want to gold plate it.

Mr. Strong: Well the other thing is you can run the gutter on one side.

Mr. Yost: Yeah you could do that and actually tuck it so it goes down the side of the column not in front, that would be the best way to hide it.

Mr. McKenney: Do the rain chains.

Mr. Behrend: That would be a neat thing.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah how long would they last though.

Mr. Pike: A rain barrel.

Mr. Brown: Well if you guys lets nail down the I mean we are all in agreement of what we are looking at lets nail down the features that we want to make sure that are correctly spelled out and then...

Mr. McKenney: All right so this is what I took down. Scheme 3 the very first page we have with the circle and a gable and full back wall and column trim from Scheme 4, no not column trim from Scheme 4 it is a circle and full back wall from Scheme 4 and the column trim from this one, so I don't need that.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah we are adjusting Scheme 3 to put the circle in there and add the brick wall.

Mr. McKenney: Now are we putting in the extra overhang or are we just going to do whatever is necessary overhang?

Mr. Pike: Whatever is necessary.

Mr. Yost: Now that we are talking about a gutter I think whatever is necessary too I think you are right.

Mr. McKenney: I think this will look nice.

Mr. Yost: I think the extra effort we have put into doing this will pay off.

Mr. McKenney: Question the restrooms are they the right you put a building up we have x number of parking spaces you have to have for occupancy, do we have the same code of rules for restrooms.

Mr. Strong: No this is an unoccupied building and the occupancy of the building determines the amount of restrooms.

Mr. Yost: That is right.

Mr. McKenney: Is one of each enough?

Mr. Strong: Depends on the size of the crowd.

Mr. Yost: We have 1 porta-potty now.

Mr. King: I don't think we will have a problem.

Mr. Strong: This building is rated for 158 people and it has 2 stalls in each so you could use the same --- then it would be 1 stall for 70.

Mr. Behrend: Let me put it this way, it will never be enough and it will always be too much.

Mr. McKenney: Now the mechanical room or I guess electricity mostly that's big enough.

Mr. Yost: Yes because that is all it is going to be, its going to be a couple panels in there and then whatever light switches we need.

Mr. Strong: Water valves.

Mr. Yost: If we can I didn't know if there was a Code saying they can't be in the same room.

Mr. McKenney: Is there any reason to try to look at that room and say make it deeper, wider, to do anything with or does any extra really give you anything?

Mr. Yost: We went through that and it was fairly large at first he just did it to make up the width of the building and we talked about what we would use it for and we really can't find any so we made it just as narrow as we could to meet with the requirements of the Code and that is fine, we can still store stuff in there but I don't see us storing anything in there.

Mr. McKenney: And like you say if we put light bars up are we going to store anything in there for the light bulbs? Store the light stuff here probably?

Mr. Yost: Here or it will be a small amount of stuff we could put it in there.

Mr. Behrend: I suggest lights brought in by whoever does it because...

Mr. Yost: And that is why I want to keep it that way.

Multiple Conversations Taking Place

Mr. McKenney: Does this contemplate putting a bar up or a light bar up or it is just available?

Mr. Strong: It is available we hadn't gotten to that point.

Mr. Yost: As we start looking and get some real cost estimates on whatever we are going to build we will be able to see what extra --- we still can put lights on the outside of the building, I mean all the detail stuff we are just trying to get past the concept at this point.

Mr. Behrend: We could go with electrical load and such putting up --- and --- that is a lot of power.

Mr. McKenney: Right back to gutters real quick the front portion roof that little is that going to need to be guttered?

Mr. Strong: Yes the thought was to take gutter to...

Mr. McKenney: Why?

Mr. Strong: Why?

Mr. Pike: You will get water coming off.

Mr. McKenney: You are going to have water coming off anyway because the front arches around it.

Mr. Yost: A little bit you are that is what I think.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah you are not going to stop anything, the stage is going to be like this table.

Mr. Strong: The thought was and I thought this was what we were talking about is putting the gutter on the front, cancel one side probably this side...

Mr. Yost: To the back side of the park right.

Mr. Strong: And then wrap it around and bring it down the backside here.

Mr. Behrend: To conceal it as much as possible you can put --- around it in front of the gutter so it looks like the front of the building, you don't see the gutter.

Mr. Yost: Well actually we have white gutters on this building and you don't even notice either because of the white trim is all around it.

Mr. McKenney: But I would guess you could probably get away without putting it there because it is just going to be like this table you take that corner and that corner and draw a line across it and that is your roofline so anything raining out here the roof is not covering it anyway.

Mr. Strong: That is correct but the purpose of that was more to if you have a performer on stage...

Mr. Yost: He doesn't have an audience if it is raining.

Mr. Strong: You don't want the water to run down especially with...

Mr. Yost: Let us look at that and see that was my first thought.

Mr. King: If you put an exposed gutter running to the back side it would not --- that is it.

Mr. McKenney: By the way there are contraptions that you can put on that take water and make it break up into like raindrops in place of the gutter, I can't remember the name I looked at them once before and it didn't work for our house.

Mr. Yost: Well let us look at some details.

Mr. Zachrel: So do we need to make a motion or just a recommendation?

Mr. Yost: Make a motion.

Mr. Zachrel: Making a motion who wrote that down.

Mr. Yost: This is for a concept plan, that is what you are making a motion for.

Mr. Zachrel: I make a motion that we go with the Scheme 3 ok with the circle and the gable full back wall from Scheme 4 and whatever overhang is necessary.

Mr. Yost: The trim also.

Mr. McKenney: No I thought you wanted the trim from 3.

Mr. Yost: You are right.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I made the same mistake first go round too.

Mr. Zachrel: With the column trim from 3.

Mr. McKenney: There you go. Anybody need to repeat that.

Mr. Pike: We have a second.

Mr. Behrend: Second.

Mr. McKenney: Kurt ok. Been moved and seconded, any discussion, no discussion, all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: Any opposed. No I got to think this should go but we'll see but I would certainly hope it goes.

Mr. Brown: Wade once again I ask if you could send me a PDF I would appreciate it.

Mr. Yost: Once we get these 2...

Mr. Brown: Yeah that is fine.

Mr. Pike: Hey Wade how are we going to keep the skateboarders out?

Mr. Yost: Build a Skatepark.

Mr. McKenney: I thought that was the pitch of the roof.

Mr. Yost: We are going to plant barberry bushes all around it.

Mr. Brown: Maybe some kind of grooved concrete.

Mr. Yost: Yeah we might roughen the concrete a little bit but those are definitely details we can look at.

Mr. McKenney: All right next item under old business is the Skatepark so lets go to Butch and Jim for that I'm assuming.

Mr. Brown: Actually I think we are ok with just Wade.

Mr. Yost: Yeah I did send an email out today because I wasn't prepared on Friday to send out a hard copy. There is actually 2 different review processes over the proposals that came in, we sent the RFP out, we had specific design fields, they had to not exceed \$150,000.00, it required specific insurance, schedules, concept plans and costs, references and warranties and as we evaluated them the 2 different evaluations were the Skatepark committee looked at them for the design themselves and how it flowed because they have the people in there skating. So John and I and Staff here we called on the references, we just made sure they followed the guidelines of the proposal or the RFP rather so we had 2 different recommendations but we did end up in the same place as far as the recommendation for award. And I can go through each one of these or if you guys want to take a second and read through them it might be just as easy than listening to me.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I read through them today it looked like some were pretty meager actually.

Mr. Yost: That is the word I was looking for.

Mr. Zachrel: And I actually went to Ocean Pines and saw the park that they had built out there, really nice, the only thing I really didn't like about what they did was they actually built a wall and then brought the curb up a little bit.

Mr. Brown: Well we know we are going to have some adaptations to this because if you guys look and Concept A and I think Wade probably has this written down somewhere is that or we did in the Skatepark recommendation but we are definitely going to move the entrance from one side to the other.

Mr. Yost: Yeah the park has to be a mirror image of what they have up here.

Mr. Brown: Right it is still going to keep the open bowl sidelines available etc., but the entrance which obviously can be moved because you see the other side is open for that and that gets it to where Parcel 840 semi had it you know placed it.

Mr. Zachrel: And so the Skatepark entrance will come up from the sidewalk and the parking lot versus the entrance will be over near McDonalds or behind Selby's.

Mr. Behrend: Which brings other issues into play of do we really want to have an opening in a concealed area.

Mr. Zachrel: Well that is why we are going to have it over here.

Mr. Behrend: This grass berm are we talking we are going to have to build up the area to create the open bowl and the step up and everything or are we digging down.

Mr. Zachrel: No it would be building up, my recollection there is a little slope there anyway.

Mr. Strong: But please remember that the site will be regraded and --- are going to raise the 10,000 square foot area by 4 feet ok, so if you dig down and create a bowl you have to be able to discharge the water somewhere so you can't go down.

Mr. Behrend: So big grates in the middle of the bowl wouldn't work?

Mr. Yost: This water goes we may just have to --- this side of the park right here. You got the berm in the back here and this already goes down here so when the sheet flow across from here the stormwater --- allows it (inaudible).

Mr. Pike: So where is the entrance?

Mr. Yost: It will be right off the sidewalks.

Mr. McKenney: Instead of this entrance here it will be over here.

Mr. Behrend: So people behind McDonalds, behind Selby's we are going to have them in an open area.

Mr. Yost: We want to have it wide open all the way across.

Mr. Behrend: I think that avoids mischief.

Mr. McKenney: Now the well if we are going up 4 feet and the bowl was going to go down a few feet I know that wasn't it?

Mr. Yost: Yeah I think it is like 6 foot.

Mr. Zachrel: 6 foot.

Mr. Pike: So we got to build it up.

Mr. Strong: Just --- to be sure we are going in the right direction on the 4 foot level we will build up from there with the Skatepark.

Mr. Yost: So we have to put that if you notice that whole lot out there there is a big hump in them middle, that whole hump has to come all the way over to flatten out the...

Mr. Strong: The site plan at the present time kind of gives us an idea of what is going on. There is going to be about 1200 yards of extra fill left over when we do this so that will

be available to build this up a little bit further to get this key operation because the water has got to go this way. If they have any soil left over and it is going to be wasted it could be wasted in this area here.

Mr. McKenney: Now where, how are we going to do fencing just around, we are not going to fence that whole rectangle piece right?

Mr. Yost: Well no that is just a 10,000 foot square that is earmarked for, no we don't know exactly and once we award a contract we will sit down with the landscape architect and work that out, now they are not part of this contract but that landscaping on the back side of Tad's and several issues we are going to look at, this is just to get the ball rolling.

Mr. McKenney: No I know but my thought is if we are going up 4 feet on a berm we are not going to put the fence right up along the edge you are going to put it down in here so you are going up 4 feet it's a 8 foot or 10 foot fence you are up here I mean I don't know how far away its all going to be to make it safe or make it so that nobody can do anything after hours how are we going to be able to have this still be an 8 foot or 10 foot.

Mr. Yost: It is probably going to be a 10 or 12 foot fence and we don't want to have chain link we want to have a nice looking fence and probably a non climbable wrought iron ones that go straight up.

Mr. Brown: That whole area back there the grass berm area that is going to be --- I mean the Skatepark concept itself we should be looking at all the concrete area that are there and then the refinement areas once we sit down and do the nitty gritty with these guys because these are like no cost, the concrete and the features are the cost, even the berm is not necessarily that is there to kind of take care of the elevation but I think we are going to have an agreeable discussion on the right way to handle what is going to happen beyond the concrete because if grass is necessarily the answer in terms of skaters and what can happen if a skateboard goes off the concrete and lands in the grass well it is not necessarily a good thing for people's wheels so there is going to be more discussion on the right way to do that which I could imagine would be coming in front of us again.

Mr. Yost: There will be a couple meetings on the design and the site plan layout and everything like that and they actually come out that is part of their bid packet they are going to meet with the skating community also to look at the features and make sure they all like it, they have a very good design here but to look at the whole site plan and stuff.

Mr. Behrend: I would be concerned with the berm creating blind spots as a security issue, if we have got blind spots from the road because the fence line is going to be in place, we are going to have some trees there to lock in the visual.

Mr. Zachrel: Right you don't want a little hiding nook.

Mr. Behrend: You got it that is the concern that pops right in my mind when I see that. The other thing I want to make sure is we are not over concrete, that we keep as much natural as we can.

Mr. Brown: Yeah no I don't see the concrete really actually and Butch you can speak up if you want but I don't see the concrete really going beyond what is indicated here.

Mr. Yost: We even talked about using porous concrete in the non-skating areas.

Mr. Zachrel: Its just we want to try to make sure that inside the fence is concrete, outside the fence can be grass, can be whatever.

Mr. Yost: Well yeah in the open space but where that fence is going to be we don't know yet.

Mr. McKenney: What might be used instead of grass on that berm there.

Mr. Brown: Well we talked a little bit about porous concrete but...

Mr. Yost: Right they have a colored porous concrete and different things to make it kind of aesthetic, a little expensive but if you are going to do it do it right.

Mr. Brown: You know it is definitely going to be a non-skating area.

Mr. McKenney: Right this is just pure ignorance I take it that crushed stone is not the right thing to put there, I kind of thought that but I, you say grass wasn't the right thing I'm like well what.

Mr. Yost: The grass needs to be away from where skateboards could really go because it would be dirt pretty soon and like Butch said the dirt gets in the trucks and the skateboarders...

Mr. Behrend: So porous concrete between the grass and the solid concrete that might be a nice transition.

Mr. Yost: To break it up.

Mr. Strong: Have you seen field turf used at all on the inside?

Mr. Yost: Not a bad idea actually.

Mr. Zachrel: You know I haven't, that would be a great idea...

Mr. Yost: You guys use the field turf stuff don't you?

Mr. Behrend: What is field turf?

Mr. Strong: Field turf is the same stuff that the guys, it is the same carpet as what they play professional football, professional baseball on, it has a drainage layer underneath so it carries the water away, there is actually a Mylar, you go down and look at it it's a Mylar and the field itself they spread rubber.

Mr. McKenney: It is like the Soccerplex field.

Mr. Brown: Is it like that field they put in Silver Spring where the people didn't want it to be removed after they put it in, they created that like 24/7 365 park out of it and then they said oh we are ready to put the regular park in and they are like no this is good just the way it is.

Mr. Zachrel: Do you have to have the rubber pieces in there, could it be done without it?

Mr. Strong: I would have to check.

Mr. Brown: Yeah no loose parts that is key, no loose parts because if it is dirt and it is loose, if it is rock anything that is loose is going to end up on the concrete.

Mr. Strong: This stuff is so, it is down I have to check, I know it is down in the fabric itself, they spread it afterward.

Mr. Zachrel: They sweep it in.

Mr. King: It is very fine and once they sweep it and vibrate and sweep it and vibrate it then they layer it and it is pretty firm underneath of it and you don't get a lot of...

Mr. Strong: It doesn't pop up.

Mr. King: It is very tight. They also have if you go to one of the parks the play area they have that nice rubber, that very firm you could run a skateboard on it that would be a nice transition zone also between that and the grass.

Mr. Brown: Either one of those would be great options.

Mr. Yost: It would be better to have concrete.

Mr. Zachrel: Ocean Pines has outside of their Skatepark area but even Wheaton within the fence, its I would say it was grass but they haven't kept up the grass so it is dirt and you are constantly getting dirt.

Mr. Yost: Other references we called too they were like don't put anything grass inside the park area.

Mr. Brown: Well and --- no maintenance and we really don't want to do maintenance inside the fence.

Mr. McKenney: Right maintenance inside the fence Preston would be trying to run the mower up and down the...

Mr. Brown: No we want to be able to weed from outside the fence.

Mr. McKenney: Ok any other questions or comments or thoughts?

Mr. Behrend: I have many thoughts but it is not appropriate at this time.

Mr. Brown: Thanks for holding back Kurt I appreciate it.

Mr. Behrend: If I thought it was appropriate I wouldn't hold back.

Mr. Brown: Got ya. I think we should make a motion to approve award the contract based on concept data to Artisan, if it is --- for me to make a motion I will do it.

Mr. Yost: We better build one, we been telling people we are going to build one.

Mr. Brown: All right well then I would like to make a motion that the Parks Board formally approved the awarding of the RFP that was designated to build a Skatepark in Poolesville to Artisan Skateparks and to take that recommendation and push it forward to the Commissioners.

Mr. Zachrel: I will second.

Mr. McKenney: Any discussion? All right no discussion go to a vote all in favor of the recommendation signify by saying aye.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Zachrel, Mr. Pike: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: All opposed? Any abstentions?

Mr. Behrend: I abstain.

Mr. Zachrel: Abstention as well. Yeah Kurt.

Mr. Behrend: I will clarify my --- of abstention but I still have many concerns that I have expressed throughout this process and I cannot in good conscious vote for or against it.

Mr. McKenney: I'm, I will explain mine as well, I am not opposed to the whole thing I am just not convinced that it is going to get the use that will warrant the whole process but I think Eddie said at one time with any kind of luck I will be proved wrong and that means it was needed and its heavily used and well worth it but just the analytical side, I mean the numbers and all that other stuff just doesn't jive right now.

Mr. Brown: Duly noted.

Mr. Zachrel: Wade could you find out how many square yards of concrete this is going to be.

Mr. Yost: I could call Artisan and ask them.

Mr. Zachrel: Ok I am talking with 2 people willing to talk with me about donating concrete.

Mr. Yost: Ok I would rather wait until we see if the Commissioners approve this and award this on the 17 and then talk to them.

Mr. Zachrel: Ok because I just want to know what I can go for.

Mr. McKenney: Can you get it from the spec sheet?

Mr. Zachrel: I mean it is my understanding 200 square yards.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah so there is a cast in place concrete, there is a shotcrete.

Mr. Yost: Yeah I am just not sure how thick the --- are the walls I really don't know.

Mr. McKenney: Got ya.

Mr. Zachrel: But I hate to go for 200 if I needed 300.

Mr. Brown: Ok let's move on, that could be in an email.

Mr. McKenney: What's that.

Mr. Brown: I say that conversation could take place in an email.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah.

Speaker: Wait how many kids came to the demo.

Mr. Yost: There was about 50 there. There was a lot of parents and a lot of spectators but actual skaters I counted about 50.

Mr. McKenney: Now I was not able to make it but I heard that the number was not that this person observed and counted and I don't know when they got there when they left was about 30.

Mr. Zachrel: I counted just over 50 and I counted just around 15 parents and I counted all kids that were there, you know the girls that came to watch their boyfriends and other people that came to just watch and plus the skaters.

Mr. McKenney: Ok I don't know how the other count was made that may account for the difference I don't know. Did they make anybody sign waivers or anything?

Mr. Yost: Everybody had to sign a waiver to skate.

Mr. McKenney: And they didn't leave us I mean given what we are looking at they didn't leave us with a copy so we can kind of say hey here is the interest level.

Mr. Yost: I gave it out and they had a guy there collecting them, signing up and making sure they had helmets and letting them do their thing, watched for about an hour and I took off myself.

Mr. McKenney: All right anything else potentially related to this. Park rules and regulations did anybody read them and have comments or are we pushing this till next month. I read them months ago so I got to do it over again.

Mr. Brown: You want to put a reemphasis on it.

Mr. McKenney: Yeah I think we need to focus on that. The other thing I would like to probably ask Wade and Preston to suggest is what is the next park that we should look at or meet at ahead of time maybe 6:30 again, meet walk around and then come back here and have our meeting. I mean even if we are not doing anything with it just yet just to make sure.

Mr. Yost: We really didn't do all of Halmos we just did a walk around the trail.

Mr. McKenney: That is right because it was raining so we could finish that I suppose.

Mr. Yost: We also could cover the Bodmer park area and that would cover the ball fields and parking areas and all that stuff.

Mr. McKenney: So that sounds like it probably makes sense just to finish that and so that is September and then October with Stevens. I am hopeful that we can get to all the parks...

Mr. Yost: Before we get into the budget season and stuff.

Mr. McKenney: Exactly and even I'm not sure that all parks members have been to all the parks and in fact even if you have you pass and use limited ones you just kind of forget that the other ones are there I think we need to make sure we look at them.

Mr. Pike: Well I think it is good to go as a group because other guys will get the conversation started and what's and then we could tie that into funding, what money is existing and what money should be out there.

Mr. Zachrel: And when we go we know when it is going to rain so.

Mr. Behrend: We need the rain.

Mr. Pike: What is the latest on Wootton Heights?

Mr. Yost: We went ahead and signed a contract since the last meeting was cancelled I needed to get that moving towards the end of August they will be mobilizing the site, Preston has to demo the site for us to get the extra things in there and keep the cost right under budget or right at budget actually.

Mr. McKenney: Did we or did the county resolve the gate or the entrance there to the High School?

Mr. Yost: No the school did not want to help us out with that but we went ahead and that is part of the budget also to have Pat Morningstar go over there and he is going to weld a grid system up somehow with poles down there.

Mr. King: Next week they should start, it is supposed to be completed before school starts.

Mr. Yost: That was our goal at least to get that.

Mr. McKenney: Right ok good. I had an item that I had just making a note on, Halmos 3, baseball field Halmos 3 earlier this spring we set it up as a 60-70 foot field in other words we took a lot of grass out, we now have this big infield or smaller infield large dirt area because we have all of that dirt area do we want to also put a 3rd baseline in at 75 feet, the reason I am bringing this up now is that we do this before you begin to try and grow grass because you are going to bring that in.

Mr. Yost: Yes we were going to sod it in.

Mr. McKenney: Right but if we do that then do we make Halmos 2 because right now Halmos 2 is a 75-90 foot field, do we make Halmos 2 into a 90-foot only field.

Mr. Zachrel: If I could throw something here as well, how does that configuration work for girl's softball?

Mr. Yost: It doesn't, they have to use Halmos 1 which is a softball field actually Steven's was built as a softball field.

Mr. McKenney: They can still use Stevens I think.

Mr. Yost: Put the mounds back on.

Mr. Behrend: Yeah it was designed that way.

Mr. McKenney: Without taking anything away from the softball.

Mr. Yost: I wish Kevin was here we could get the input from PAA as far as how many kids played in those 2 groups.

Mr. McKenney: Actually to the best of my recollection its not even PAA kids that play at that level or that distance. 75 foot is MCPA just MCPA that has that step, most everybody else goes from 70 up to 90 and make a big jump they don't make the 75 one, I think MCPA goes from 46-60 to maybe 50 -70 and then 50- 75 or 60-75.

Mr. Yost: How many of those guys do we have?

Mr. McKenney: To the best of my knowledge the only one we have in Town is Bill Cartwright that is one team. Now what I don't know is...

Mr. Pike: Well it is 75-90 already.

Mr. McKenney: The feedback I got is well it is not really a 75 foot field because the infield is really too big for a 75 foot but it is not big enough for a 90 foot field. So since Halmos 3 is 60-70 already I think we could go 75 foot without changing the pitching line.

Mr. Yost: But they still have to build in the infield 15 to 20 feet.

Mr. Zachrel: Doesn't sound like there is any down side.

Mr. McKenney: Well I don't know now here is the flip side there may be down side because you are now taking a you will end up flipping the roles entirely remember Halmos was not so long ago set up as a 90 foot baseline only and...

Mr. Yost: But 2 could never accommodate a 60 and that is what we needed.

Mr. McKenney: Exactly so you could make 2 into a 90 foot only and I know that you will have there is a John --- team I know plays at 90, Bob Cissell's team maybe at 75, now he is not I don't think he is MCBA, well actually he is, he's UMAC and MCBA so he may be looking at 75 also and I don't have a problem leaving Halmos 3 as it is 60-70 and leaving 2 at 75-90 but I just wanted to bring it up for discussion and at these levels you are kind of talking about a limited number of teams because you are looking at teams that boys have decided that is pretty much what they are going to do that is going to be their big spring sport and you are narrowing it down, you are not going to be able to grow or build expand it.

Mr. Yost: Let me ask you this when we are doing the permits there are going to be so many 60's that we might not be able to accommodate a 75 on the Halmos 3 because it is filled up with 60's.

Mr. McKenney: That is the problem, that is the concern is that you only now have Halmos, you will only have Halmos 2 as a single use field 90 foot and you still have all these other lower ones. But since the comment was brought up to me couldn't we do this, couldn't we do that as a Parks Board member I need to bring it to everybody here and we need to discuss it and have valid reasons for doing one or the other etc.

Mr. Pike: What is Winchester going to do?

Mr. Yost: Probably 60-70 but...

Mr. McKenney: It is not going to be big enough for 90 the outfield won't be deep enough. I mean that will take some stress off we wait for that then maybe change Halmos 2 into a 90-foot only field.

Mr. Yost: That is 5 or 6 years down the road.

Mr. McKenney: It is what it is.

Mr. Yost: But we are trying to accommodate 60 right now, which is really what we are doing.

Mr. McKenney: Right we got to leave Halmos 3 at 60-70 and not add anything to it.

Mr. Yost: And keep it 75-90 up there. And as we get the other field then we could actually change it.

Mr. Behrend: Something to keep in the mix as we look towards the newer fields that we are getting.

Mr. McKenney: Now Halmos 3 in the fall were we going to skin that infield or no, I think we were going to leave it grass weren't we.

Mr. Yost: We could try it would be very small I am not for sure how that, we were looking at doing that, because you guys wanted it that way right.

Mr. McKenney: That is what we talked about first.

Mr. Yost: Yeah so we are going to try to keep it in there.

Mr. McKenney: Ok just wanted to make sure. Do we need to approve anything for sod or anything in there or no?

Mr. Yost: It is already in, it's gone through the budget process.

Mr. McKenney: So agree that we leave everything status quo, ok that is fine. I think that is what we need to do. Any other...

Mr. Behrend: If I may I just want to get an update on where we are with the sidewalk programs, what has been approved, what is the schedule?

Mr. Yost: Nothing has been approved yet we had the money we had to wait until July 1 to go out and survey so we surveyed all of Fisher Avenue and Tom Fox that was another one to see where storm drains are going to go and different options we have so we are putting that together.

Mr. McKenney: Any other new business, any other old business?

Adjournment

Mr. McKenney: Where is McIntyre?

Mr. Behrend: I move we adjourn.

Mr. McKenney: Out of here in less than an hour and a half Jeff. Moved and seconded to adjourn all in favor signify by saying aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. McKenney: All opposed, abstentions, none, none, motion carries.