

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
8/17 /2015 – 7:30 AM

Board Committee Liaison and School Board Member Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:20 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kathy Oxberry, Bernie Brady

Other Board Members Present: Sue Moore, Leslie Finegold, Christine Frangiosa-(Via telephone)

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Dave Sherman, Community Relations, Tim McDonald; District Safety Officer

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

An update was provided to the committee on the status of the renovation at the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. The committee reviewed a power point presentation of pictures of various aspects of the project. Included were pictures of utility trenches, footings, corridors, the construction staging area and several views of the construction of the cafeteria. The UV filtration system for the swimming pool has been installed and functioning properly. A diagram of the PW campus was provided for committee review. The diagram was used to show the committee the proposed traffic flow for student drop-off, the temporary parking lots that will be used during the construction process, the contractor staging areas and the location for the detention basin on the west side of the campus. Mr. McDonald also explained many of the safety measures in place for the students in September.

Information was provided on the synthetic turf project. Included was a copy of the 2010 resolution for the Victory Fields lighting project. There were 18 items identified in the resolution. The district is compliant with 16 of the 18 items. There were two only two items that the district was not compliant with. Mr. Yemm expressed a concern that the perception portrayed at township meetings is that the district is not compliant with a majority of the items. A brief discussion took place regarding a concern that some of the information provided at the township meetings may be misinterpreted by members of the community, and this perception is extremely difficult to change. The district will be meeting with township administration on Tuesday August 18th to review some of the items provided in the resolution adopted in July. A sample of the proposed fence for colonial drive and bike path was provided for review. The proposed fence is a solid heavy duty plastic product that you cannot see through. The committee, while supportive of the idea of installing a fence, requested that facilities management obtain pricing on a

fence that can be seen through. Prices will be obtained and provided for committee consideration as soon as possible.

A brief status report was provided on two projects. The Facilities Management Department is completing the construction of a room that will be used as a computer lab on the first floor of the Plymouth elementary school library. This new lab will take the place of the lab that was previously housed in room #104. Room #104 will be used for the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) program. The work will be completed and ready for use for the start of school in September. The interior walls and offices of the CMS library have been demolished. The room is being converted into a large group instruction and large group computer testing center. This work will be completed in mid September.

The Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board (VFTCB) has been helpful in orchestrating a few of the events that have been held on the high school campus. One of the larger events was the Adrenaline Lacrosse Tournament that was held in June. The VFTCB provided an "Event Impact Summary" that provided the financial impact on the community as a result of the lacrosse tournament. The document provided the total dollars spent for lodging, transportation, food and beverage, retail sales and recreation that is directly attributed to the lacrosse tournament. A suggestion was made to provide this information to the municipalities. Accordingly, this information will be provided to the township managers of Conshohocken Borough, Plymouth Township and Whitemarsh Township.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations