

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
7/29/2009

Committee Chair Sue Moore called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kelly Jowett

Other Board Members Present: Gary Johnson, Tom Davis

Also Attending: Dr. Vincent Cotter, Superintendent; Dr. Maryellen Gorodetzer, Assistant Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

An update was provided on potential resolutions to a traffic concern that exists at the Whitmarsh Elementary School. Mr. Yemm provided a drawing that included an additional exit lane along with a revised configuration for parents to use for pick-up and drop-off of the students. The revised plan will utilize the existing parking lot for stacking of cars while waiting for pick-up or drop-off and install a "right turn only" exit lane to Joshua Road. The intent is to utilize enough space in the existing parking so that there will be no need for cars to use the shoulder of Joshua Road. This plan was discussed with the Traffic Safety Unit and Engineer of Whitmarsh Township on July 9, 2009. All agreed conceptually and felt that the proposed plan warranted further consideration.

Details of the status of the development of the farmhouse at 548 Flourtown Road were provided for Committee review. Any/all plans that the District has for the farmhouse must be approved by the Erdenheim Farm Review Committee. (EFRC) The EFRC is comprised of representatives from the Whitmarsh Foundation, Montgomery County, Whitmarsh Township and the District. A meeting for the EFRC is scheduled for July 29, 2009. Mr. Yemm will provide all necessary information regarding the District's plans for the farmhouse to the EFRC. In addition, a long range construction/renovation plan will be developed for the farmhouse and provided to the Committee at future meetings.

Information was provided on the request from the Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD) to host the 3rd annual Children's Safety Fair in the spring of 2010. The MCHD will provide interactive displays on weather safety, school bus safety, self-defense, sun, bike and pedestrian safety, fireworks safety and a search and rescue dog demonstration. A facilities use form has been submitted and approved and the event is scheduled for April 10, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Colonial Elementary School.

Mr. Yemm provided an update on the approval process for the proposed installation of the athletic field lighting planned for Victory Fields. On Wednesday June 3, 2009, the

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) of Whitmarsh Township voted in favor of our request for a special exception to the zoning ordinance to allow the installation of athletic field lighting on Victory Fields #1 and #3. Based on testimony presented at the hearing and the request for conditions by the BOS, the ZHB did recommend that certain conditions be included with the recommendation. The most significant condition was the request for the installation of a permanent restroom facility for the Victory Fields complex. Accordingly, the District will now move forward with attempting to obtain the necessary approvals and permits to install the lights.

Updates were provided on the status of various construction projects;

- The underground fuel tank was removed at the Conshohocken Elementary School during the week of July 20, 2009. The new tank will be installed on or before Friday July 31, 2009. The soil excavated from the tank area was sent out for testing to determine if it was contaminated with fuel. The initial tests on the soil did not show any signs of contamination. In addition it was determined that the existing tank base pad can be used to secure the new tank.
- The District solicitor is working on the necessary steps to secure an easement on a property on Schoolhouse Lane adjacent to the detention basin on the west side of PW field #7. The outlet pipe of the detention basin is located in the backyard of the property. The District will be required to bury this pipe underground and extend the outlet to the street. Once the easement is finalized the District will be able to proceed with gaining final approvals and permits for the construction of the proposed baseball field behind the Colonial Elementary School.
- The demolition of the boilers and domestic water system equipment is complete at the Colonial Middle School. The results of environmental testing required the removal of bulk materials used to insulate the old boilers. Once the material was removed the boilers were demolished and removed from the property. The installation of the new boilers and domestic water system equipment will be completed prior to the heating season this fall.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations