

Minutes of Fairgrounds Meeting Nov 21, 2023

Present: Jerry, Steve, Greg L. Greg D. Andy, Rob, Kathy, Sean, Hannah, Deb, Jackie, Elaine

On Zoom: Howard, Don and Aryan Rai (reporter from KJ) Guest: Bruce Hunter

Agenda:

- I. Minutes of 11/2/23 meeting Approved as is
- II. Consensus on siting the Basketball Court – to be called Basketball-Sports Court going forward. Jerry reviewed the conversation held with the RSU Facilities committee – bottom line, RSU does not want to lose access to the parking lot behind the middle school for a variety of reasons – parking for sporting events, a place for spectators. Consensus was achieved with the Conservation Commission agreeing to live with the decision to place it in the woods between the current trail and cemetery.
- III. Presentation to Public at a meeting scheduled for Jan 17, 2024
Regina Leonard will work on a revised concept plan with the following items that are to be included:
 - Expanded parking lot that adds 10 spots; 2 accessible spots
 - Support for paving the parking lot; at a minimum the accessible spots will be paved
 - 250 foot softball field
 - If possible, a row of trees down the middle of parking lot
 - Electrical service – underground
 - Potable water from the water district if cost-effective (Eric will contact)
 - Pollinator path/garden, ADA accessible, with benches
 - Barrier at the entrance to the parking lot
 - 2 Trail kiosks
 - 2 Porta-pottys; one of which ADA accessible
 - Access road for vehicle
 - Meadow habitats preserved

What is not included in the current concept plan:

- Concession stand
- Playground
- Dog park

IV. Other

Jerry met with Eric who will contact Main-Land Development to get a cost estimate for this project. Greg suggested that the estimate separate out the material costs from the labor.

Regina will be visiting the site on Dec. 1st. at 1 pm.

Next Fairgrounds meeting will be Monday Dec. 18, 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine