

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF BERGEN
BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
PLANNING BOARD

IN RE:

MATTERS AND DECISIONS RENDERED

ON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015
(No Work Session Held in April, 2015)

APRIL 8, 2015
Municipal Bldg.
Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407
Commencing at 8:00 pm

B E F O R E:

THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD
PARK.

PRESENT:

RONALD P. VICARI, Chairman
HARRY DECKER, Vice Chairman
JOHN ADAMO, Bd. Secty.
RICHARD MOLA, Mayor/Member
JOSEPH ABRAMO, Member
FRANK CARAMAGNA, Member
EUGENE LEONE, Member
JOHN VIVIANI, Member
ANTHONY CHIRDO, Alternate
NORDAN MURPHY, Alaimo Group
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THE CHAIRMAN: The regular public meeting of the Elmwood Park Planning Board is called to order.

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Whereupon roll call is taken.

Roll call: Present were Members Adamo, Caramagna, Decker, Leone, Mayor Mola, Vicari, Viviani, Chirido and Abramo; Mr. Kaplan was absent.

Mr. Leone made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Decker.

Roll call vote: Voting in favor of motion were Members Leone, Decker, Vicari, Adamo, Mayor Mola, Abramo, Carmagna and Chirido.

The record notes the self-recusal of John Adamo and sitting in his place is Mr. Chirido; Mr. Abramo will sit in for Mr. Kaplan.

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RICHARD J. ANGOWSKI, JR., ESQ. appeared.

Mr. Angowski indicated he previously submitted plans to the Board. He stated this project is much different than the one he presented four years ago, i.e., they are seeking renovations to the field itself.

JEFFREY L. MORRIS, P.E., Boswell
Engineering, sworn.

Mr. Morris was qualified and testified as a licensed professional engineer in the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Morris described the current field and the condition of same. He testified they are going to re-grade the field and center it on the existing stands.

They are removing the existing visiting bleachers and replacing the scoreboard.

They also will install a complete drainage system under the field. Water will quickly drain from the field/track and discharge into an existing 30-inch culvert, and later be slowly released.

There will be a new 6-lane synthetic track, 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick rubberized surface over asphalt.

They are also proposing an 8 foot walking path out to Gilbert Avenue.

They are also providing new electric service to the field, i.e., 4 foundations and the conduits for the electric service for the lights.

He also testified although they are providing for new concession stands, same is not part of this application. Same applies to new stands.

There will also be a designated area for a high jump area, long pole, pole vault, javelin and shot put, and a disc circle. There will be new goal and soccer posts.

He testified every 4 weeks the field has to be groomed via a tractor pulling a groomer. He testified that the budget for this is 2.0 million dollars and the longevity is between 12-14 years. To actually replace only the turf is 3 hundred thousand dollars. He further testified the present bleachers are safe for people to sit on.

ANGELO DI SIMONE, State-Appointed Fiscal Monitor, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, sworn.

Mr. DiSimone testified the other ancillary proposed changes, which would be done at a future time, would have to be funded through the regular operating budget, although a referendum is an option.

Mr. Morris testified the ancillary items, to be completed, would be approximately 9 hundred thousand dollars.

After further questioning and discussion by the Board, the Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

JEFFREY FREITAG, 35 Hillman Drive, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, sworn.

Mr. Freitag questioned maintenance/grooming. He further questioned ADA compliance.

Mr. Freitag also questioned the Board's decision regarding these improvements and questioned where same is memorialized.

JEAN FREITAG, 35 Hillman Drive, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, sworn.

Ms. Freitag testified she is a member of the Board of Education, and that the plans being discussed were not provided to the Board of Education. She has no recollection of ever being told at a Board of Education meeting that these things were being eliminated. She

testified she only learned of this tonight.

She testified at previous meetings the discussion was centered on the fact this was condemned and the stands had to be replaced. She further questioned if this were done in the future, would they have to pay for new plans.

GLADYS GRYSKIEWICZ, 256 Fenscak Avenue, Elmwood Park, sworn.

Ms. Gryskiewicz expressed concern in regards to the rubber surface in extreme hot weather conditions.

She also indicated it is a surprise about what has been taken off the original plans. She testified she has papers at home indicating the bleachers are condemned.

She also expressed concern about drainage and how flooding occurs in this area.

DANIEL COLABEK, 44 Godwin Avenue, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, sworn.

Mr. Colabek testified he is a member of the Board of Education. He testified that regarding the expert's testimony that the Board of Education has decided not to go for the alternate bid, the Board of Education has never taken any such action.

He further testified that the plans he saw last week included the alternates, and the Board has not taken any formal action regarding same.

Mr. Murphy questioned the absence on the plans of the lighting intensities.

Hearing no one further, the Chairman closed the public portion.

After further questioning and discussion by the Board, Mr. Caramagna made a motion that this is a sound plan and the Board has no opinion to provide to the Board of Education. Mr Leone seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: All voted in favor of motion.

There being no further matters before the Board, Mr. Leone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Decker, and all members voting in favor, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

JOHN ADAMO, Board Secretary