

SAINT CATHARINE ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING

JULY 14, 2009 7:00 P.M.

SCHOOL GYM

In Attendance Trevor Cooke, Mike Mueller, Ed Macioce, Steve Zahala, Katie Renard, Rita Long, John Mackessy, Beth Sweeny, Tony Phillips, Albert Vautour.

Purpose: Meeting to review proposals from two vendors on repairing the football field to make it safe for fall sports.

1. Mark Beggrow of Mark of Diamonds presented his proposal

PLAYING FIELD

JOB DESCRIPTION:

1. SUPPLY 80 TONS OF TOPSOIL/SAND MIX
2. TOPDRESS FIELDS WITH TOPDRESSING MACHINE AND GRADE

MATERIALS: \$1800.00

LABOR: \$1000.00

TOTAL: \$2800.00

Mark confirmed his proposal would cover the entire grass area of the field, not just football field.

Using a tractor and various implements Mark would throw 3/8 inch of a sand topsoil mix across the field.

When asked about timing Mark agreed this may not be the best time to start this work, Mark's goal was to provide a quote to make the fields 'safe'. Mark recommended April or early May or in early to mid October is the best time to perform the work, but this proposal would ensure a level playing field.

On timing Mark commented that October is a good time to start the allowing turn to establish itself. Spring is good also but unpredictable weather could delay work if it is too wet.

Mark stated he could not guarantee his plan would prevent any injuries but would ensure a level playing surface.

Concerns about dust problems were raised, we have dust kickups during this time anyway and thoughts are this would be made worse with the plan since grass may not grow well until fall during the hot dry summer months.

Overall mark suggested that Top dressing should be done 2x yearly until field condition improves.

Mark also commented that he could provide references for other services such as fertilizer irrigation if requested.

Mark commented we would need to develop an overall maintenance plan and perform work over time to get desired results. He stated he could help with this plan.

2. Mike Montgomery of Montgomery Field Repair presented his proposal

Quote being discussed:

Multi Use Fields

1. Water
2. Treat Fields to eliminate weeds and give fescue a chance to spread.
3. Aerate – drag – top dress with sand – over seed
4. Fill Ruts with topsoil.
Materials : \$3000
Labor: 800

Mike recommends

Watering (he would provide the hoses and sprinkler, and labor) We would need to provide water. Watering required for 1 week prior Aeration.

Aeration – he would sub this out to True Green

Seed with Fescue – this is not a slit seed, but throwing seed out. Slit Seeding Extra

Weed and Feed - Fertilize

Top Dress with Sand

Concerns were raised that if the weeds are killed we would have a lot of dirt.

Grass seeding could take hold in 7-10 days. As long as watering plan is implemented

Mike is checking with a local firehouse to see if they could open the hydrants and water the fields for a one time event. .

Steve Z. stated water spigot on back of concession stand could be used. Not sure if it would provide enough pressure for the larger sprinklers that might be available to water such a large field

Mike recommended in lieu of a separate water meter to eliminate sewer costs we might be able to negotiate with the city if we present our plan for the increased water use.

Mike stated seeding in August is not the best time but could be done and we might get lucky. It all depends on the watering.

Mike's Quote is for the Football field only, other areas were not included, but Mike did state he would fill in the ruts located outside the Football field. Asked about doing the work across the entire field he stated quote would go to 6000 for materials, labor would remain at 800.

Timing of Fall sports was discussed. Fall sports teams will begin using the field in August - Football team will begin using the field in Mid August, same with Field Hockey. (note: Based on previous emails Soccer will begin games August 9th- this was not discussed during meeting).

Grass Cutting was discussed, Our current vendor is Yard Barbers they cut grass during the growing season at a cost of 1500 to 1700 paid over the course of the year.

Trevor Commented he think slit seeding is the best option over throwing seed.

Mike M. commented spring is the best tie for the work, he also commented we are not going to see immediate results, we would need to develop an overall maintenance plan and perform work over time to get desired results.

3. Open Discussion

It was stated the field was Aerated 2-3 years ago, by a volunteer who rented a machine from Murray's.

We need to water to aerate, the field is too hard right now.

The board brought the discussion back to what is most important now, and we agreed that safety is the most important thing and that involves filling the ruts left by the Funfest.

The board discussed that we did not think trying to rush to do top dressing of fields before the Fall sports season would not provide the improved safety we desired, and may cause problems of added dust, or increased bare spots, because grass may not have time to establish itself. Also, the added cost of watering etc may not be the best use of our money at this time. Instead we agreed that waiting until after the fall sports are done and beginning work then or in the spring we would see the most benefit over time for the money invested.

John M proposed asking Mike M to provide a quote to just fill the ruts and plant some seed over those areas filled in.

The members in attendance voted unanimously (one member abstained from vote) to have John move forward with requesting a quote to have Mike M provide the quote.. John M will send quote out to board via email, this can be discussed again during the next meeting July 29th.

The board agreed to this course of action with the intent of having the field's improvements done after additional discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.