

SPECIAL INVEST IN WILLMAR BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Approved 8-12-20

The Invest in Willmar Board met at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2020 via GoTo teleconference.

Members present were: Matt Dawson, Mary Sawatzky, Audrey Nelsen, Tony Amon, Jon Konold, Denis Anderson, Mayor Marv Calvin and City Administrator Brian Gramentz joined later.

Also present were: Council Member Julie Asmus, Recreation Director Rob Baumgarn, members of the Park and Recreation Board, Dana Hlebichuk, WSN Architect and Janell Sommers, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Dawson who introduced Mary Sawatzky, Chair of the Swansson Field Improvements Subcommittee who updated the board on their progress and turned the meeting over to Dana Hlebichuk of WSN Architects to present the Swansson Field Improvements to both boards.

Mr. Hlebickuk explained the process of looking at multiple layouts and eventually narrowing it down. They looked at enhancement for all the fields and considered rotating Blue Field. Some aspects considered were the sun, access, utilities, parking and costs. Through the design process they looked at schematic design, design development and are now into construction documents. The Construction Manager, Marcus Construction, put together a construction estimate at the end of each phase.

Mr. Hlebichuk touched on the enhancements for each field and the alternates which would enable keeping the project in budget. Each softball field would have the existing aglime removed on the infield and install new drain tile, aglime, dugouts and scoreboards. Between the three fields, Green Field has been identified as an alternate. The fence line will stay and the shape of the infields will remain. The dugouts are being expanded to the grass side of the field to save costs. Nothing will be done with the parking lots or access points for any part of this project.

Mr. Hlebichuk described enhancements to Blue Field as new grass infield, new bull pens on both sides, new dugouts and scoreboard with aglime on the infield. Part of this includes drainage on the infield as well. Klemmetson "Orange" Field will see most of the enhancements. Plans are to reshape the outfield fence and bring the outfield fence line in on first and third base. Outfield improvements include new drain tile and additional soil for drainage. Infield will be artificial turf that looks like clay but feels like grass. New dugouts for Klemmetson "Orange" Field on both sides and a berm on the third base side with a new 200 seat stadium on top with a canopy and in the back a new press box. Home field will have new dugouts and concessions and an alternate for restroom and additional storage.

He reviewed the timeline with bidding and construction to begin mid to late September and completion in the spring of 2021. He explained the site lines from the stadium and more details on improvements to Klemmetson "Orange" Field including restroom options. He explained that the base bid cost estimate is \$1.50 million with soft costs of \$500,000 with alternates costs estimated at

\$414,600 consisting of both adds and deducts. A new park shelter and playground site were identified and noted as an alternate as well as improvements to the brown building, sound systems, removing the artificial turf and replacing with grass on Klemmetson "Orange" Field as a deduct and the stadium seating options, along with increasing the run of the stadium. The brown building was discussed noting the existing building is not in good condition. A separate alternate includes remodeling the building with siding, roof and doors. An additional alternate would be adding restrooms. He walked through three proposed restroom options. In the end the goal is to make brown building look like a new building.

Following the presentation Mr. Hlebichuk answered of the board. Denis Anderson questioned how the decision of which alternatives to choose will be decided. It was noted this will be up to the Subcommittee after the bids are received and remaining within the budget they have to work with. The top priority is improving the playing surface.

Audrey Nelsen posed the question of why are Yellow and Red Fields not being bid as alternates using this as an opportunity to get Klemmetson "Orange" Field completed with restrooms, etc? Subcommittee member Rick Maursetter explained the majority of the money being spent is going to Klemmetson "Orange" Field as the improvements to the other two fields are mainly replacing aglime and drainage improvements that are easier to do at this time and some dugouts with scoreboard. Mayor Calvin questioned the occupancy at Klemmetson "Orange" Field which was answered by the Subcommittee members.

Following comments and questions, a motion was made by Denis Anderson, seconded by Tony Amon and passed to approve the Swansson Field Improvements as presented.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janell Sommers
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