

**Minutes from October 2, 2008 Stadium/Turf Committee Meeting
LGI Room Indiana Sr. High School**

Welcome

Meeting started at 7:12 p.m. Those in attendance were Joe Girardi, Walter Schroth, Diana Paccapaniccia, Alison Billon, Kathy Baker, Deb Clawson, Paula Daskivich, Joe Trimarchi, and Doug Steve.

Review from July 24 Meeting

Mr. Doug Steve reviewed what Mr. Pappal stated at the July 24 committee meeting that if the fields remain natural grass the football field is past due to be re-crowned and the soccer field pass due to be re-shaped. The cost of this would be \$80,000-\$100,000 for the football field and \$90,000-\$110,000 for the soccer field.

Mr. Pappal gave the man hours to work on the fields as 140 mowing hours and 334 labor hours on maintaining the fields.

2002 Feasibility Study and 2002 AFG Report

Mr. Steve reported that the 2002 Feasibility Study included a turf football field at a cost of \$1,000,000 and the AFG Report from Middle States stated that our outside fields are inadequate for the number of teams it supports.

Miss Devon Duffy, Sr. High English teacher and Key Club Advisor, wrote a letter stating how one of the objectives that needs to be met with the AFG report is increased student participation in school activities and Miss Duffy feels this can more easily be accomplished with both fields having turf.

WPIAL Info

Mr. Steve had statistics to show that 21/26 Quad A football teams and 21/27 Triple A football have turf. Statistically that means 79% of the Quad A and Triple A (teams with which Indiana plays) have turf fields.

It was also pointed out that the WPIAL does not automatically give soccer and football teams a home playoff field if they earn the spot. Field conditions are taken into consideration. All PIAA football and soccer playoff games are held on turf fields.

Recreation Dept.

It was noted by Mr. Steve that the Recreation Department would be able to add more activities and also some adult options if the fields had turf. It was reiterated by Mrs. Paula Daskivich that there would be many additional activity possibilities if the fields had turf.

Cost Analysis

Mr. Don Gardner will present a cost analysis at the October 13 Board Meeting.

Comments

Mr. Walter Schroth stated he would still like to see the committee look at all the different alternatives and options. Mr. Steve said that we would let Mr. Gardner give his cost analysis then proceed from there.

It was suggested that we contact Mr. Dana Henry of the Chamber of Commerce to see how other activities (i.e. Jr. Legion State Baseball Tournament) had an economical impact to this area.

Mrs. Alison Billon stated how so many schools that have more of a financial need are installing synthetic turf and sees no reason Indiana shouldn't be doing the same.

Mrs. Diana Paccipanicia wanted to clear up an article in the newspaper about MRSA which stated about a MRSA wound healing. She stated that MRSA wounds do NOT heal on their own.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted.

Doug Steve