

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
STEAP Grant Building Committee
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

**MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2024**

Attendees: Keith Antiuk, TJ Barresi, Marc Dlugolenski, Erika Fairlie, Patrick Gill, Rick Granger, Rosalie McKenney

1. Business from 4/3/24:

- A.** TJ Barresi design proposal has been received. Rosalie McKenney discussed questions to be reviewed with TJ.
- Barresi should have topographical map and soil testing already because of the home development work that was previously done. These pieces may not need to be redone.
 - Erika mentioned that soil borings may not have been in our specific location which is maybe why TJ is including new soil boring tests in his proposal, but we should question TJ about this item.
 - We will need to go through the wetlands application but should not pay for TJ to do the P&Z application. The committee can present the map to the town.
 - i. TJ Barresi confirmed that he does have the topo, but it is old. We could go with what he has in his computer but be at risk if it is not what is currently out on site when we find out during construction confirmation of locations/heights. TJ suggested just doing spot grades.
 1. Rick Granger and Erika Fairlie agree this is the right approach instead of doing the entire topography survey for \$4,000 to see if we are close to the existing topography information.
 2. Keith Antiuk stated it is important to know where the water level is. Rick Granger suggested that we have Ed Hubbard dig test holes to determine soil and water level instead of paying Barresi to do the soil borings. Patrick Gill agrees and thinks it is a good idea to use our own Town DPW. DPW already agreed to do some work for the project.
 - a. Post Meeting Note: Alicia Van Neil emailed Ed to keep track of hours, time spent, and cost for the State Records.
- B.** Funding for Barresi Associates design work will be phased and paid for under APRA funds. There is \$20,000 available under ARPA funds for design fees this year.
- Post meeting note: Formal submission needs to be made to the BOS for approval. Eden Wimpfheimer, East Granby First Selectwomen is aware that we plan to request these funds. New APRA funds will become available July 1st 2024. We need to know amount of additional funds needed when we apply for this years funds.
- C.** Rosalie mentioned that an idea was to have Monrovia donate trees, but they are in the process of leaving, so this would have to be done prior to them leaving. If needed East Ganby can receive the trees and DPW can take care of them until the ground/project is ready for them
- D.** Keith Antiuk is concerned about the amount of fill that will be required for the existing farming site. The budget may not include enough.
- E.** Fencing currently is not included in the budget. Total Fencing cost is \$51,304. Marc Dlugolenski states that fencing is essential for the pickleball courts, but not necessary for basketball. Fencing cost for pickleball is \$24,368.
- F.** The courts and fencing budgets are from 4-6-2022. STEAP committee would like to get updated budgets.

- There is some confusion over how many pickleball courts are in the budget. The quote lists two 60x60 areas. Is it two courts in one 60x60 area or four courts in two 60x60 areas?
 - Marc Dlugolenski will go back to Ultimate Sports for an updated quote and confirm courts.
 - Marc offered to have Ultimate Sports come to one of our meetings to discuss what they can do and provide.
 - i. The STEAP committee agrees it would be a good idea to meet with them. Keith asked if they prep the site with any gravel. It would be good to know how much.
- G.** Rick Granger asked if we could have a gravel driveway instead of pavement to save costs. A discussion regarding this decision occurred and everyone agreed that it is a good idea.
- TJ Barressi would like the handicap area to stay pavement and asked about the walkway path. Keith Antiuk said for handicap it is a good idea to keep the path pavement.
- H.** Perhaps we put Pea gravel between the courts instead of grass.
- I.** Lighting: Do we need it? Rosalie states that yes we do for security. Lighting around the basketball court would be nice but not necessary.
- J.** TJ questioned if we need this much parking. He thinks that we maybe able to cut it in half to save costs. The STEAP committee will meet regarding parking numbers and get back to TJ.
- K.** We will cut down on amount of trees, perhaps use a pergola for shade.
- L.** TJ Barressi to update his proposal based on the decreased amount of work.
- Update Existing Conditions to spot grades
 - Remove soil tests, septic system design, reduce storm water design with reduced parking lot,
 - Remove Zone change application, STEAP committee will go in front of the town.
 - Wetlands application is required.
 - DEEP application is required.
- M.** Next Meeting.
- STEAP Committee will meet on 4/12 at 8am at East Granby Farms. Alicia confirmed the building is free at this time.