



**New Hope-Solebury School District**  
**Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**  
**District Office Conference Room**

**Attendance**

- **School Board** – John Capriotti(Chair), Mark Cowell, Maria Povacz
- **Administration** – Andrew Lechman, Dave Hansel, Peter Rivera, Steve Seier
- **Committee Members** – John Adar, John Singer, Stan Marcus, Dudley Rice
- **Presenters** – Chris Haller – D'HUY Engineering
- **Public** – Mel Band, Ed Duffy, Alison Kingsley, Lisa Menz, Glenn Preiss, Shelia Elser

The meeting was called to order by John Capriotti at 6:05 p.m.

**Old Business**

- Mr. Lechman reported that the Leadership Team met to discuss the project and presentation.
- Mr. Haller from D'Huy Engineering conducted the presentation for the July 25 Board meeting. Mr. Capriotti asked about the move and if it was included in the soft cost and Mr. Haller confirmed and explained soft costs to the committee. There was a discussion on contingency and how it is calculated and what is appropriate or expected amount for a project.
- Mr. Adar asked if we were giving up new construction to take care of items that should've been done in the past. Mr. Lechman explained how the Leadership Team made its decision.
- Mr. Cowell, Mr. Capriotti, Mr. Dougherty had a discussion on several items from the presentation: asked about Item #1 – courtyard, how the contingency was reached and drainage concerns; Mr. Haller elaborated on the items.
- Mr. Capriotti stated that the contingency was not enough and would like to take out Items #12 and #13. Mr. Adar seconded Mr. Capriotti's recommendation. Mr. Dougherty stated to wait until the end of the project and see the numbers. Mr. Adar stated in making Items #12 and #13 deduct and add their value to the contingency. Mr. Hansel stated that he could do the work for less. Mr. Dougherty stated that we should wait until December and was in support of losing the LGI.
- Mr. Godshall informed the committee that he has to prepare PlanCon.

- Community members asked about the weight room. Mr. Seier explained that the weight room is part of the education program. Mr. Adar supported the comment and Mr. Cowell pointed out that the weight room is part of the project.
- Lisa Menz spoke about having more interaction and the importance of the LGI.

### **New Business**

- Mr. Hansel elaborated on the facility use fee and increases which need to be approved by the Board. Mr. Capriotti asked Mr. Hansel to have the spreadsheet for the next meeting. Mr. Cowell asked about our current fees.
- Mr. Hansel spoke about the use of Field #9 for the auto show and explained how the field would eventually be prepped for the construction staging area and that the field would not be affected by the auto show. Mr. Capriotti did not have any issues with this item.
- Mr. Hansel spoke about the proposed batting cage and reported on the history and donations. He described the project and would be asking the Board to accept donations based on policy. He reported that the district would contribute \$2,000 towards the project and that the money would come out of his operations budget. Mr. Hansel also explained about its location and plans to have it completed by the end of August.

### **Public comment:**

- Mr. Marchok spoke about the batting cage project, his interest, and the amount of money the booster club had raised. Mr. Capriotti commented on its location and Mr. Hansel explained that he had looked at other locations.

John Capriotti adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Rivera  
Director of Custodial Services