

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2017

Members present:

Rosemary Pendergast
Nancy Smith
Ken Carberry

Mary Ann Shea
Beth Sosidka
Megan Wycoff

Also present: Ken Endersen, Hunterdon Soccer Club

Mr. Endersen reviewed with the Commission what the Hunterdon Soccer Club does in preparing the soccer fields at Hunts Mill. They line the fields, maintain the goals and prep the fields for Clinton Public School. They are part of the Mid NJ League and are a traveling club. Games are held on Saturday & Sunday and practices are held Monday through Thursday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. In the fall they have approximately 15 teams, in the spring up to 20 teams, in the fall the fields do not get as much use.

Mr. Endersen said that in general the two fields are not in good shape, especially the small field, it is dangerous for the teams to use.

What the soccer club would like to do is work on the “small” field at Hunts Mill this Fall. To do that we need a couple of things from the Town that can likely be covered in this email.

1. We require permission to do the work which we anticipate would start upon Town approval. Latest start date would be Mid-September.
2. We would like to use the Baseball outfield for practices which the small field is being worked on. We will line that area and move goals there so that pick-up games can be played there and discourage use of the small field while it is being repaired.
3. We give an annual donation of \$2,000 to the Town for use of Hunts Mill. We would ask that this payment be waived in 2018 as we will carry cost of field work this Fall.
4. If possible, we would like the Town to put up a small fence or rope off the field while it is growing this Fall. Maybe a sign could be placed there?

We have a quote from Garden State Landscapes in the amount of \$4,900.00 for Field Restoration on the small field (7 on 7 field) to do the following:

Aerate playing field to encourage deep root growth by allowing water, oxygen and proper nutrients to quickly reach the foot zone.

Fine grade all disturbed areas. Install screened topsoil to all disturbed turf areas. Prioritize all low spots on playing field utilizing approximately twenty-seven (27) cubic yards of organic topsoil. All stones larger than one inch in any dimension, sticks, and roots will be removed. All turf areas will be hand raked to a smooth, uniform surface plane with loose, uniformly fine texture. Slice seed the entire playing field with Team Mates plus Athletic Grass See Mix, 70% turf type fescue, 20% perennial ryegrass, and 10% Kentucky bluegrass, will be applied at a rate of 8 pounds per thousand square feet and pen mulch seed accelerator. Field will be rolled upon completion of work. Work area will be left clean and all debris will be removed offsite.

Discussion followed. Megan questioned the seed mixture. Mr. Endersen said it is the mixture used on all their fields, Hunts Mill, Foran and Deer Path, Union Township takes care of Finn Park. Ken Carberry questioned how many students are from Clinton Town and Mr. Endersen responded 10%.

Mr. Endersen commented that many of the students have moved to the big for-profit teams.

Megan commented that there is only one quote. Mr. Endersen said this outfit does all our work and will reseed in the spring at no charge.

Beth commented that the Soccer Club is not coming to us for funding,

Nancy Smith made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann Shea, to approve the renovation of the small soccer field by the Hunterdon Soccer Club and to forego one-half of the fees for 2018. Vote all ayes, motion carried.

The renovation is pending approval of the Town of Clinton Buildings and Grounds Committee who are meeting after this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Smith

Nancy E. Smith, Secretary