

**COVENTRY SOFTBALL FIELDS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Members Present:** Jennifer Rodgers (Chair), Matt Hunt, Ashley Gagnon, Bonnie Edmondson

Others: Matt O'Brien, Wendy Rubin, Lisa Thomas, Jon Hand

**Jen Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Meeting was conducted through a Town Zoom account.**

**Current Topics:**

**Numbers**

- At first 550k for Football field , Came back at around 700k
- Not comparable numbers to gravel pit field
- Seems to have bare bones prices
- Can we have permanent fence there? How far do we need to go down for caps?
- Are we able to have concrete sidewalks?
  - Are they necessary at DPW in-between fields?
- Back to Anchor Engineering for more information
  - Todd to ask Anchor what it would take just to get the girls playing on the field
  - Everything else can be phased in later

**Other**

- This is what it costs for (2) fields at this place
- We need basic package and amenities separate.
  - Accurate comparison on each location
- Need bottom line comparisons – numbers keep changing
- Matt O'Brien asked about other open spaces
  - We went over all open areas with Eric Trott

**Anchor report on Landfill Health & Safety Concerns**

- Still don't have answers
- Smell, nauseous, asthmatics would possibly have trouble,
- Gas wasn't detected above 3 feet, small kids are under 3 feet
- Needed routine, ongoing maintenance (what comprises this maintenance?)
  - If its related to gas, it should be taken care of by COVRA
- Potential for more cracks
  - Will this prevent playing? More maintenance on the field?
- More research on other fields that are built on landfills
- Football played but had to stop, not because of a leak solely. Concussion concerns have reduced numbers, inner turmoil with league
  - It was capped but not vented properly – grant money is helping with this
- Monitoring of field and testing of gas for next 2 years
  - Does that mean we have to wait after years of testing is done?
  - Or do we take the risk?
- What is the well situation?
  - Will there be leakage into the water

### **Review of Timeline**

- Snapshot of what we have done and progress
- Will be available on our website

### **Needs to go forward**

- Updated accurate field comparisons from Anchor Engineering
  - The basics (what will we need just to get the girls playing on the fields)
- Review of this information and a decision from the committee
- Present decision and findings to Finance Committee and Town Council

### **Actions:**

- Jen to meet with Todd on what we need from Anchor Engineering
  - Possible spreadsheet comparison
- Presentation to the Town Council
- List out properties of what we looked at (summary)
- Feedback from other landfill fields

**Adjournment:** With no other business to discuss, the portion of the Softball Field Committee meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Gagnon

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