

**Lincoln Public Schools
School Building Committee
Site Planning Subcommittee
Open Session
June 6, 2019, 1:00pm
Hartwell Multipurpose Room**

Present: Ken Bassett; Kim Bodnar; Sarah Collmer; Buck Creel; Jennifer Glass; Michael Haines; Becky McFall; Dan Pereira; Ginger Reiner; Ian Spencer; Peter von Mertens; Shane Nolan, Daedalus; Peter Lukacic, SMMA; Jennifer Soucy, SMMA.

Kim Bodnar brought the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

Courtyard Development: Peter Lukacic, Landscape Architect, SMMA, provided an update.

- The reclaimed granite pieces located in Lincoln's "granite dump" have been added to the site plan.
- They are continuing to refine the concrete patterning in the courtyard.
- There will be access to wood from two large oaks that need to be removed from the front of Brooks. Before determining how they might be used, they will need to see if they are solid or hollow. If solid, it is possible that they could be used for benches.
- Ms. Bodnar broached resident Andy Payne's idea of taking a slice of the large trees, counting the rings, and identifying growth rings that correspond to town/world events.
- Courtyard Lighting: Lighting under the canopies will provide down-lighting. They could also look into incorporating lighting into the benches.

Northwest Playground:

- They are proposing to move the location a bit to the south of the current "green playground."
- The current play structure is one, interlocked piece, making it difficult to salvage individual elements of the structure.
- SMMA is proposing installation of a new structure.
- There needs to be a decision about where the swings could be relocated. Peter von Mertens suggested that the Conservation Commission would consider approving their location on the western side of the access road. Swings would have a lower impact on the wetlands buffer than a full play structures.
- Mr. Lukacic said that the admin team will need to think about the desired components of the playground. There will be an opportunity to review different possibilities.
- There is a dedication bench associated with the current playground. The SBC may want to consider a rededication ceremony once the work is complete.

Rear Access Road Development: Mr. Lukacic said they are considering several different surfaces for the access road to the north/west of the school: asphalt seeding; colored asphalt, or plain asphalt that can be painted. He noted that some areas could be professionally painted while others are left for students to paint.

- The group liked the colored asphalt, but cost may be an issue. There are also issues with matching colors in case of repair.
- There was discussion about whether there is a "less seeded" version of seeded asphalt that is more stable.
- Sarah Collmer, K-4 Principal, was of the opinion that being able to paint the access road gives the students a lot of possibilities for creativity and play.

- There was general agreement that for purposes of cost and future upkeep and flexibility, using plain black asphalt makes the most sense.

Roadway Considerations: Mr. Lukacic said that there are tall condensers that will be on the ground, against blank walls, to the west of the building. This results in a need to kick the roadway out from the building in a couple of places. The roadway will be 8' wide, except for the section extending from the Smith parking lot to the CASE drop off, which will be 12' wide.

- Dr. McFall noted that they are working with CASE to schedule a slightly later drop-off time.
- The baseball diamond near the Smith playground will need to be rebuilt. This incurs cost.
- There was discussion about the location of the construction trailers. A current plan to locate the construction trailers in different places for each phase of construction seems to be the best option. The previous option that had them to the northwest of the building infringes on the 50' wetland boundary.
- Dan Pereira, Director of Parks & Recreation, asked about how much of the Brooks Gym parking will be unavailable. There was discussion about closing all of Brooks off during the day, but making parking available after school hours. This conversation is ongoing.

Advancement of Landscape Plantings:

- Mr. Lukacic showed an updated planting schedule.
- There was reiterated agreement that tall trees such as oaks and maples should stay on the inside of the roadway loop. Shorter, flowering trees are better closer to the building.
- It is important to ensure that we are not planting tall trees that will eventually shade the PV panels.

Tree Protection:

- Mr. Lukacic reviewed a site plan showing the location of the modular classrooms and the trees that will be protected. Each of the trees was depicted with actual canopy diameters.

Graphic Signage Package: There is a set of required signs for the campus. Mr. Lukacic said that they try to minimize the number of signs, ensure that they are not next to light poles, and ensure visual regularity and quality.

Minutes from April 22nd: Mr. von Mertens made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haines, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of other topics

- Next Meeting: Another meeting will be scheduled in the late summer at 60% CD.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Glass