Call to Order

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:00 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Kenneth Olin - present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Eric McPherson - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti - present

There was a quorum present.

1. FUNDING FOR LONG HILL SCHOOL ALL PURPOSE FIELD

Alderman Papa MOVED to add construction of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Long Hill School All Purpose Field to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $160,000 to come from LOCIP. Further move to appropriate a sum of $301,100 for the construction of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Long Hill School All Purpose Field with funding to be provided by bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter. Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate said agreement. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace asked, is there any discussion?

Alderman Anglace stated, everybody is aware of how this started, that the board authorized the movement and so forth. That background is all there. We’re going to spread it out but we’re trying to get it so you can play on it this year.

Alderman Kudej replied, it’s not going to be the complete project.

Alderman Papa stated, Stan, why don’t you tell them what we have to do other than what we voted on.
Alderman Kudej stated, the first thing we have to do is the excavation to get the field prepped, that’s the earthworks contract. They are putting in some of the drainage. Second step is going to be the Aqua Turf Irrigation that you have on your sheet there. They will come in and finish off the field, finish off the drainage, and the $62,000 is for sodding and the irrigation is going to be put in at that time too. That’s where we will stop. Fencing and all that stuff will come next year.

Alderman Anglace stated, Jim Tate is the coordinator and here is how I understood it. The earthwork will be done now for $195,000, the field work will be done now for $220,000. You are talking roughly $415,000 plus irrigation at $45,000 and the field will be sodded, so it will be playable this year. Interesting note on the sod versus grass. The grass is risky, whether or not it will come in, weather conditions, etc. but the sod will be there, roll it out, and water and irrigation will be in and it will be playable. Next spring or thereafter, we are going to have to do the fencing, the backstop and anything else that has to be done, roughly we are looking at another $65,000. So we are talking roughly in the neighborhood of a $525,000 project. I think the earlier estimate was somewhere in the vicinity of $550,000, initially, as I recall.

Alderman Papa stated, the first quote we got was much higher.

Alderman Kudej stated, when we went out to bid the bids ranged from $800,000 to over a million.

Alderman Papa stated, so I thought what was good was that the committee went out and took each separate package and bid it out to try and get a better price and this is what happened. We got a better price and we got almost everything that we needed. It’s a win-win for the city and for the Little League.

Alderman Anglace stated, remember, this is going to be an all-purpose field. Nobody is going to take ownership. It’s going to be used for various things.

Alderman Simonetti stated, a Parks & Recreation field. So, we are going to have two diamonds on there I believe, and in the middle a soccer/football/lacrosse field.

Alderman Papa stated, lacrosse, soccer, anything that we could get there.

Alderman Anglace stated, and of course, tell them the part about the school.

Alderman Kudej stated, the school is going to be able to use it during school hours.

Alderman Papa stated, and also the construction of this is going to be good because school is out. It’s not going to affect anybody that is in school, the kids that are in class. Because when they come back to school in September, it should be all done.

Alderman Kudej stated, not quite.
Alderman Papa replied, close.

Alderman Kudej stated, I would say pretty close to 50 percent done. Target date is November.

Alderman Papa stated, but I’m saying all the excavation will be done before school starts. So, all they are going to do is put the grass in, etc.

Alderman Anglace stated, he said this year’s work he anticipated completion by November 15th.

Alderman Simonetti asked, the access out to the field will be by vehicle, walking, steps? I know that’s always been a problem.

Alderman Kudej replied, there’s a pathway right now, that has to be addressed. That hasn’t been finalized yet. That will be a city project.

Alderman Simonetti stated, you are going to take care of the swamp/bug issues.

Alderman Papa stated, you know another thing we have to address is, and Stan brought it up in the parking lot in back of the school, we have to put in curbing. We will address that water coming down from that driveway which runs right down that slope onto the field. If we put curbing in there we can bring it right to the storm drain that’s off the parking lot and if we can curb it right to that drain. That’s something the city can do in-house, once the field is ready.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Adcox, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ________________ BY: ______________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton