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## Abington Frolio Middle School Project Working Session #15

Notes for Session: 7:30 AM, February 28, 2014

Attendees: Richard Testa, Peter Schafer, Felicia Moschella, Jason Linn, Jessica Sullivan, Peter Serino, Nicole Rich, Jannette Leary, Kathy Bailey, Shawn Reilly, David Drew, Roger Boddie, Craig Olsen, Troy Randall, Scott Dunlap, Andrew Chagnon, Arthur Eddy, Mary Mahoney

Items:

1. Ai3 introduces team representatives, Andrew Chagnon, PARE Corporation, civil engineers, and Arthur Eddy, Birchwood Design Group, landscape architects and explains their roll on the project.
2. Ai3 recapped some of the comments regarding vehicular access, parking, bud queue, separation of school entry and drop-offs offered by the Working Group during the last meeting and adjustments to the site plan to incorporate the ideas. The plan will continue to advance once site survey and geotechnical test pits are performed and observation information assembled.
3. PARE Corp. reports that a base plan survey is expected today. The survey will be critical in establishing wetland boundaries based on scientist investigations on site and information expected in the based survey plan. Test pits will be performed in the next few weeks. Test pits will provide preliminary information on soil composition, soil bearing capacity, and water table. General discussions ensued regarding design advancement and cost implications associated with soil conditions and site topography including items such as site cuts and fills, locating and construction of retaining walls, and buffers required for protected areas.
4. Noting the advancement of the site plan and the group asked about a timeline for considering the inclusion of a synthetic field in the project scope with Ai3 & KBA confirming that synthetic field inclusion needs to be decided during the present Schematic Design phase. Group discussion ensued regarding options to be considered for inclusion of a synthetic field, benefits of early field replacement offered in its construction, extended hours of use offered, need for flexibility in field layout, and requirements for access, security, and support facilities. Various field locations and configurations were discussed on the High School site and abutting Town property. Ai3 reported that a budget cost to include a synthetic field is approx. \$1.0 million, a regular grass field is approximately \$300,000 - \$400,000 depending on site conditions and proposed field use. The life expectancy of a synthetic field is 10-12 yrs. with field refurbishing at the end of life approximately \$300,000 - \$400,000.
  - **Ai3 was asked to provide a cost information for: (1) full size synthetic field and (2) side by side synthetic fields at the northeast corner of the high school site.**
  - Ai3 reminded the Group that synthetic field development is an ineligible cost for MSBA grant reimbursement.
5. Future field use was reviewed noting the current play provides all multi-purposes field with input from the athletic department, physical education department and Town Recreation Dept. the field design will advance to include designated field area for baseball, softball, etc.
6. **NEXT WORKING SESSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 AT 7:30 AM.**

To the best of my knowledge, these notes are a fair representation of the issues and items discussed at the meeting. Additional items or corrections should be brought to the attention of the writer.

Submitted by: M. Mahoney 3/3/14