

PITA COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 28, 2004
6:30 PM

Members present: Mayor Stephen Repasch, Mr. Randy Soriano, Mr. Fred Capuano, Mr. Bob Hercik, Sr., Ms. Diane Markovic, Ms. Karen Redding, Mr. Joe Cosenza, Ms. Kathy Roth, Mr. Bob Barnes, Mr. Len Policelli.

Mr. Policelli give a brief overview of the work completed for Phase V, Dodson Street Ballfield Amenity Building. Mr. Policelli noted that the Borough is holding a 5% retainer and the final inspection is expected next week. Mr. Policelli noted that the Borough is still negotiating some minor change orders with Grace Industries and Ace Electrical dealing with hand dryers and electrical conduits. Mr. Policelli noted that one item the Borough needs to pick up is the DCNR sign, which is required by the Grant. Mayor Repasch noted that the Borough could use the same vendor that was used for the St. Luke's sign. Mr. Hercik, Sr. noted that the price was around \$200. Mayor Repasch noted that the money could come from the Playground account. Ms. Redding asked about the overhang for the building at Dodson Street. Mr. Policelli noted that this was not part of Phase V because the bids came over budget, but the Borough could include this item with the next phase is done to improve the baseball field.

Mr. Policelli noted that he is working on getting information on the cost to convert the Master Site Plan into an Open Space Plan. Mr. Soriano noted that this is a pre-requisite in order to apply for the County Growing Greener funds that have been allocated over a 10-year period. Mr. Soriano noted that the County has set aside \$226,000 to be used for recreation needs.

Mr. Soriano noted that the latest Phase to be developed is Phase IX. Mr. Soriano noted that Len Policelli, URDC has been retained as the consultant and is here to kick off the planning of the phase. Mr. Soriano noted that the Borough has received a State Grant of \$38,000, which will be matched by \$20,000 from St. Luke's Hospital. Mr. Policelli distributed a sketch plan and associated preliminary estimates for the repositioning of the softball field and construction of additional pathways that would start from the existing arbor and extend up to the nature trail, completing the circular path. A brief discussion ensued on the existing drainage around the field. Mr. Hercik, Sr. noted that there is a french drain, but does not know the size of the pipe. Mr. Hercik, Sr. noted that he will try to get this information to Len. Mr. Policelli noted that the Borough could use the same design that was used for the inlet around the basketball court. Mr. Policelli noted that the backstop will be moved away from the street and the Little League field by approximately 30 feet. Mr. Policelli noted that a new backstop and fencing will be provided. The Committee discussed retaining a similar backstop design. Mr. Policelli noted that the measurements of the baseball field will not change. The Committee discussed whether the existing fencing could be reused. Mr. Policelli noted that the shifting of the field away from Stanley Avenue will create room for the pathway and the Borough also expects to plant several additional trees. A discussion ensued on the realignment of Stanley Avenue. Mr. Policelli noted that the Borough should consider this under future streets projects. The Committee also discussed the impact that the shift of the field will have on the adjoining play area next to the basketball courts. Ms. Redding noted that she does not anticipate this to be a problem. The Committee discussed a timetable to perform the work. A tentative schedule was discussed: August to November-Design and Bid Specifications; December to February-Bidding; July-October (2005)-Construction. Mr. Policelli noted that he will "fine tune" the estimates and start working on the design. Mayor Repasch noted that the Committee should meet again in September to discuss this matter and other fundraising issues, such as the calendars. Mayor Repasch noted that the Hose Company has agreed to sponsor the calendar fundraiser.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.