

LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
LITCHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 258 WEST STREET

Call to Order: Chairman Erich Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Erich Marriott, John Morosani, Amaechi Obi, Sean Fogarty, Donna Pace, Denise Raap, Mike Kostecki, and Alan Landau. Also present were Stacey Dionne, Brett Seamans, and Raz Alexe.

Approve Minutes

a) Regular 11/28/23: **Motion:** J. Morosani moved and S. Fogarty seconded a motion to table the approval of the 11/28/23 minutes until the next meeting. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Review Department Requests

a) **Park & Recreation:** Park & Rec Director Michael Lyn Cappello was present and introduced Park & Rec Commission Chairman Gianni Perugini and Commission member Ray Schmid. Brett Seamans, Assistant Supervisor of Public Works, also assisted in the presentation.

1. **Litchfield Town Beach Improvements:** Michael Lyn Cappello said this year they would like to do the rain garden, electrical service and roadway work, and trenching and backfilling for new electrical service, including drainage work. The rain garden has been identified by DEEP as necessary to gather runoff from the property. It will involve excavation with a sediment control system, piping and an outlet structure. The rain garden will be finished with soil, gravel mulch, and using erosion control matting and wetland plantings. Design and construction documents are available. They have \$62,000 left of ARPA funding after using it for building a master plan, having a survey and wetlands delineation done. The construction project is \$188,425, so they are looking for the balance of \$126,425 in additional funds. There is a potential for a grant from DEEP of \$53,040. B. Seamans indicated that this is the first phase of the master plan. M. L. Cappello said the second phase, planned for 2025-26, would be ADA walkways, a new pavilion and the furnishings (\$174,847). The third phase planned for 2026-27 is a new parking lot and pad for a dumpster (\$200,435). B. Seamans said they have been working in collaboration with the Litchfield Hills Rowing Club and want to make sure that any move they are making in the design of the master plan works for the Rowing Club as well. A conceptual plan shows the master plan for all phases. There have been no actual bids yet, as they are only in the conceptual phase now using only DOT numbers secured by Cardinal Engineering. When asked about resources from the Rowing Club, B. Seamans said they have been working with the Town and have continued to give their feedback. He is optimistic that they will continue to do this and perhaps tap into their resources. R. Schmid said that when they run the electrical service, the Rowing Club will be invited to connect, but will be asked to negotiate for the cost of the service.
2. **Community Field:** M. L. Cappello said they would like the tennis court completed in 2024/25. It will be an all-new construction, with a total request of \$85,100.

They also are planning an ADA accessible rubber playground surface and ADA accessible swing. They may do outside funding to add additional accessible elements to the playground. That

request is for \$284,200, for a total cost of the Community Field project at \$369,300. B. Seamans spoke about the playground surface and said the recommendation is the rubber surface, with a total cost of \$230,000 and good for 20 years. M. L. Capello said area young families have expressed interest in donating to handicapped-accessible equipment. She then outlined the field upgrade projects for the out years. J. Morosani suggested a repeater near the entrance to the field to enhance broadband coverage, which would require a minor amount of electricity installed.

b) Board of Education - Generator: John Morosani said they met with the contractor and found that the solar wiring is in the same small room where the generator wiring would be. It would be tough to only wire for emergency use and he was afraid of ruining other wiring networks. They came back with an estimate for a full energy replacement, 250-300 kw system, \$288,000 with at least a year lead time. Therefore, the Board of Ed has decided to put forward to Region 20 the \$125,000 they have and take this request from the table.

E. Marriott said that the next meeting is January 9, 2024, to finalize and recommend, with January 23rd available if needed. A. Obi said the total of all requests so far is \$3,157,021.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Morosani moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. and S. Fogarty seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Denise Raap, Secretary