

AGENDA

ITEM

SUBJECT: Consider approval of Paragon Sports to replace the turf on Newton Field and make track repairs.

RATIONALE:

The artificial turf surface on Newton Field is ten years old. We have dialogued about the need to replace the turf within the next year. Funds from the district fund balance have been designated for this purpose. Due to these facts, we had an athletic field and track consultant evaluate our turf and track. A portion of this evaluation included a review of the G-Max data for the turf surface. G-Max is the 355 test of a torpedo being dropped from a height of 24" inches. It rebounds and gives you a number of hardness. A new field will G-Max under 130. Over the life of a field it naturally gets harder and harder. The national standard for artificial fields calls for a 200 G-Max limit. The consultant recommends anything over 175 to be fixed or replaced.

In August 2015, Champion Track and Turf Repair performed the G-Max test on Newton Field. The G-Max results for our field indicate ranges from 151 to 201 with an average of 174.5. Having the field "fluffed" and swept can reduce the G-Max number. This is a short term solution.

Regarding the track surface, the consultant recommended making some minor repairs and coating the track with a structural spray. This should extend the life of the track surface an additional 5 plus years.

During our meeting with Paragon Sports, they indicated it would take 10-12 days to replace the surface. Paragon will be provided us with pricing by Monday of this week. After reviewing the pricing and timeline, I will be prepared to make a recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

TBD

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