

Field Fees Committee Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024 4:00 PM

Meeting Access: Field Fees Committee (3/11/24 at 4 p.m.) Web:

<https://zoom.us/j/94127836555> Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 941 2783 6555, 3 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II.A. February 12, 2024

III. ACTION ITEMS

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV.A. Discuss and Review of Turf and Track Quotes and Review of FY24-25 Budget Status

IV.B. Discuss and Review the Current Field Fees Structure

V. OTHER

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**FIELD FEES COMMITTEE
NEW FAIRFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**

MINUTES – February 12, 2024 Meeting

Members Present (6 voting members): Ed Sbordone (chair), Ken Craw, Dominic Cipollone, Ken Bennett, Jim Keller, Sean Loughran,

Member Absent:

Also Present: Carrie DePuy, Phil Ross, Mark Ottusch

Minutes submitted by: Ken Craw

Meeting Location: New Fairfield Community Room, 33 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Motion: To add *Public Comment* to the agenda under V. Other

Made by: Ed Sbordone

Seconded by: Dom Cipollone

Recording of vote: All in favor

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 19, 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of September 19, 2023, as presented

Made by: Jim Keller

Seconded by: Sean Loughran

Recording of vote: All in favor

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Five-Year Capital Plan - Phil Ross explained that the five-year capital improvement plan contains \$600,000 to cover the cost of the field and track replacement. He gave an update on the field conditions. G-Max testing confirms that the field is deteriorating. Upon visual inspection of the track, one can see cracks and large parts of the rubberized surface are loose, indicating that the track needs to be repaired or replaced. When you are replacing a field inside a track, it makes sense to replace both at the same time, but that would require an additional \$600,000 to achieve. During year 2026-27 of the 5-year plan, the target is to replace the stadium lighting, which would cost \$440,000. The present lighting was installed during the construction of the original NFHS, and would be replaced by LED lights, which would result in a better lit field. The fields are used by school and community groups.

B. Condition of the Track - Jim Keller reported on the condition of the track. The track is not in good shape. It can be patched, but the patches are a temporary fix. Certain lanes get more use than others. The present track replaced the track that was originally installed 30 years ago. The high jump area is not safe. Machines used to replace the turf field will further damage the track. Testing reports are not available.

C. Review of Turf and Track Quotes – Updated quotes have been received. Mark Ottusch reviewed details of the updated quotes from Sprinturf, FieldTurf and Rekortan. The original turf field was replaced under warranty.

D. Field Fees Update – Per participant field fees that are collected fall short of the funds needed to replace the turf field and track. Field replacement cannot rely on fees collected. The five-year Capital Plan contains \$600,000 to cover the shortfall.

IV. ACTION ITEMS - None

V. OTHER - *Public Comment*

Various members of the public spoke of the following: in favor of replacement of the stadium turf field and track; upkeep of all facilities as a town responsibility; per participant field fees that are charged athletes who do not use the turf fields; users who do not pay usage fees; clarification of school, town and club usage of the facilities. It was agreed that the Field Fees Committee needs to meet more often.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Made by: Ed Sbordone

Recording of vote: All in favor

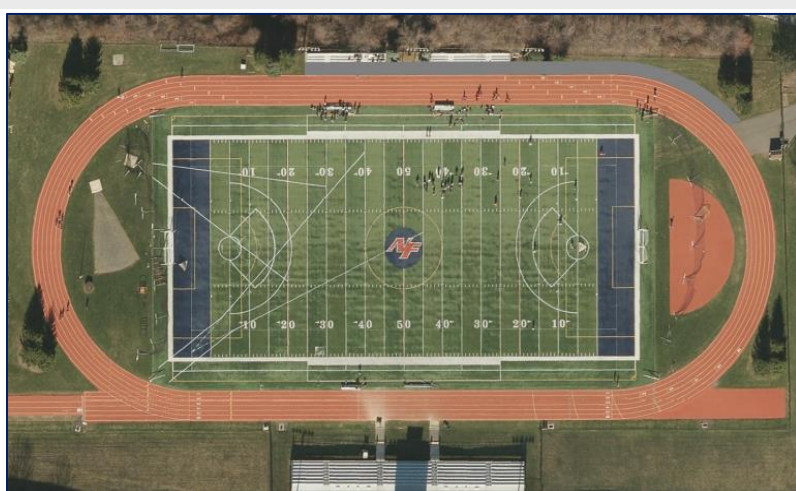
Seconded by: Ken Bennett

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

PROJECT BUDGET

NEW FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

NOV. 17, 2023



Existing Site



Concept Layout Plan

Prepared For: **Patty Mota – Purchasing Agent**

Prepared By: Andrew Dyjak – Regional Vice President, New England
Chris Hulk, PE – Director of Design and Construction, New England

Address: New Fairfield High School – Stadium Field Improvements

FieldTurf USA, Inc. is pleased to present the following budget proposal. FieldTurf pricing is based on the Capital Region Education Council (CREC) program. CREC is a member of The Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA) program. The AEPA is a purchasing co-op that provides member schools with pre-determined preferential pricing by approved vendors. Since the product has already been bid at the national level, individual schools do not have to duplicate the formal bid process. AEPA IFB #020.



Click on the following AEPA hyperlink for more information: [AEPA IFB #20](#)

Project Description:

This project proposes to reconstruct the existing track and field in the general location that it currently exists. This pricing anticipates maintaining a 6 lane track and replacement of the synthetic turf field in kind. Additionally, several suggested improvements have been included with associated pricing. The suggested improvements include replacing the existing turf anchor curbing and rebuilding the existing d-zones to be both turf and track surfacing. Based on review of the existing site conditions, both of these improvements would be highly suggested for consideration. Lastly, various alternates have been included for pricing as well. These items include upgrades for aesthetics, access, safety, etc...

PROJECT BUDGET

The project is anticipated to be constructed in a 3-4 month timeframe, depending on final scope. It is also anticipated that access and staging areas will be available adjacent to the field. Additional discussions, review and programming will be required to refine the scope prior to construction.

FieldTurf assumes that the lighting improvements to the facility will be coordinated directly by the Town with Musco. FieldTurf will need to be kept in the loop for the timeline of those improvements to be able to allow access for the lighting install. If the Town would like to maintain all contracts within the FieldTurf scope of work and require all coordination to be done by FieldTurf, we are happy to do so. No pricing has been included for the lighting system.

PROJECT SCOPE:

➤ **Synthetic Turf (+/- 82,000 s.f.)** \$625,000 - \$675,000

- Remove and dispose of existing synthetic turf
- Supplement existing stone base with new topping stone and fine grade
- Furnish and install synthetic turf for field
- Synthetic Turf with SBR Rubber and Sand Infill
- Center Logo
- Post installation GMax field testing
- *Assumes existing curbing and field stone base is adequate for reuse*
 - *Visual inspection of existing curbing indicated that it should be replaced (see recommended improvements below)*

➤ **Resurfacing of Existing Track (+/- 36,000 s.f.)** \$525,000 - \$575,000

- Remove and dispose of existing track surfacing
- Partially mill track for planarity
- Repave 1.5" of asphalt on existing track
- Install new track surfacing on existing track layout. Color: Red
- Match existing track striping

BASE PROJECT TOTAL **\$1,150,000 – \$1,250,000**

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

➤ **Replace Existing Curbing** \$125,000 - \$150,000

- *Removal of existing topsoil and jumping events*
- *Fine grade subgrade and install drainage and aco drains*

➤ **Rebuild D-Zones as Synthetic Track and Turf** \$425,000 - \$475,000

- *Removal of existing topsoil and jumping events*
- *Fine grade subgrade and install drainage and aco drains*
- *Install pavement section including gravel, processed base and pavement*
- *Furnish and install drainage stone for turf*
- *Furnish and install new discuss cage*
- *Furnish and install new shot put sector outside of field area*
- *Furnish and install synthetic track surfacing, jumping events and turf*

SUGGESTED PROJECT TOTAL **\$1,700,000 - \$1,875,000**

PROJECT BUDGET

ALTERNATES:

- **Alternate 1: Endzone Lettering** **\$15,000**
 - Furnish and install 1 color endzone lettering 'Rebels' in each endzone

- **Alternate 2: Colored Exchange Zones** **\$30,000 - \$38,000**
 - Furnish and install colored exchange zones in 3 exchange zones or track
 - Color: TBD. Assumed Gray or Blue

- **Alternate 3: Ball Safety Netting** **\$90,000 - \$105,000**
 - Furnish and install ball safety netting sleeves along each endzone
 - Furnish and install 20' tall ball safety netting poles, hardware and netting

- **Alternate 4: Replace Football Goal Posts** **\$30,000 - \$40,000**
 - Remove and dispose of existing football goal posts
 - Furnish and install ball safety netting sleeves along each endzone

- **Alternate 5: Walkway with Fencing** **\$130,000 - \$160,000**
 - Excavate and remove existing materials
 - Furnish and install adequate subbase materials
 - Furnish and install new fencing past visitor bleachers (4' ht.)
 - Furnish and install new walkway to and in front of visiting bleachers
 - Sawcut clean edge along track

- **Alternate 6: Upgrade to Multi-Use Scoreboard** **\$95,000 - \$125,000**
 - Remove and dispose of existing scoreboards
 - Extend power to new location of scoreboard
 - Furnish and install new multi use scoreboard with fully programable digits

PROJECT TOTAL **\$1,995,000 - \$2,233,000**

- **Contingency**
 - A typical project of this type and scope we would suggest a contingency for design, general conditions and construction of 7% - 10%. This contingency would provide the School a level of safety for unknown site conditions such as rock removal, unsuitable soils, etc...

PROJECT BUDGET

EXCLUSIONS:

- *Any costs associated with necessary charges relating to the delineation of the field*
- *The supply of manholes or clean-outs or grates, or supply of the manhole covers*
- *Any alteration or deviation from specifications involving extra costs, which alteration or deviation will be provided only upon executed change orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the offered price*
- *Soil stabilization or remediation of any type*
- *Mass Excavation as required to achieve subgrade outside of dzones*
- *Rock excavation*
- *Offsite disposal of generated spoils*
- *Excavation or disposal of unsuitable or contaminated soils*
- *Once subgrade has been established, a proof roll will be performed to ensure structural stability of the soils; in the event that unsuitable soils are encountered, a price to remedy these areas can be negotiated based on recommended methods*
- *Testing or Inspection Fees*
- *Site restoration, sodding, landscaping or grow-in beyond disturbed areas*
- *Repair or resurfacing existing asphalt parking lot if damaged by truck traffic*
- *All union labor*
- *Bond fees, permit fees and permits*
- *Any work not listed in the inclusions*
- *Site security and security fencing*

Please feel free to reach out to any member of our project team with questions about our offer:

Andrew Dyjak

Regional Vice President

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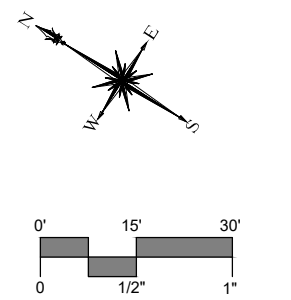
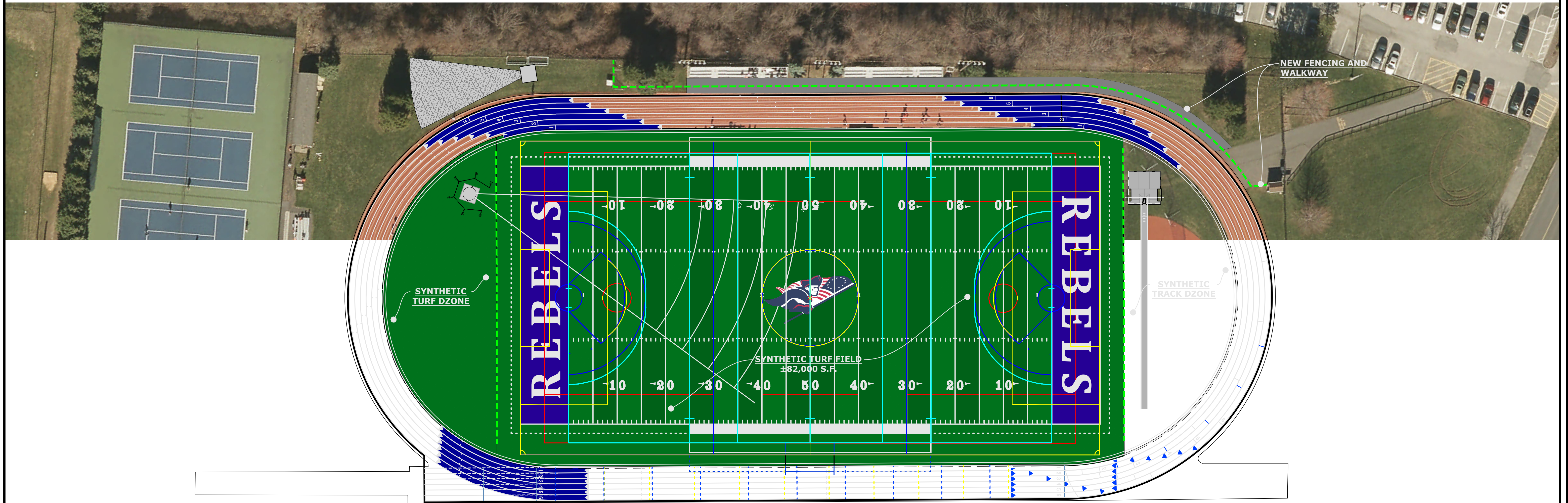
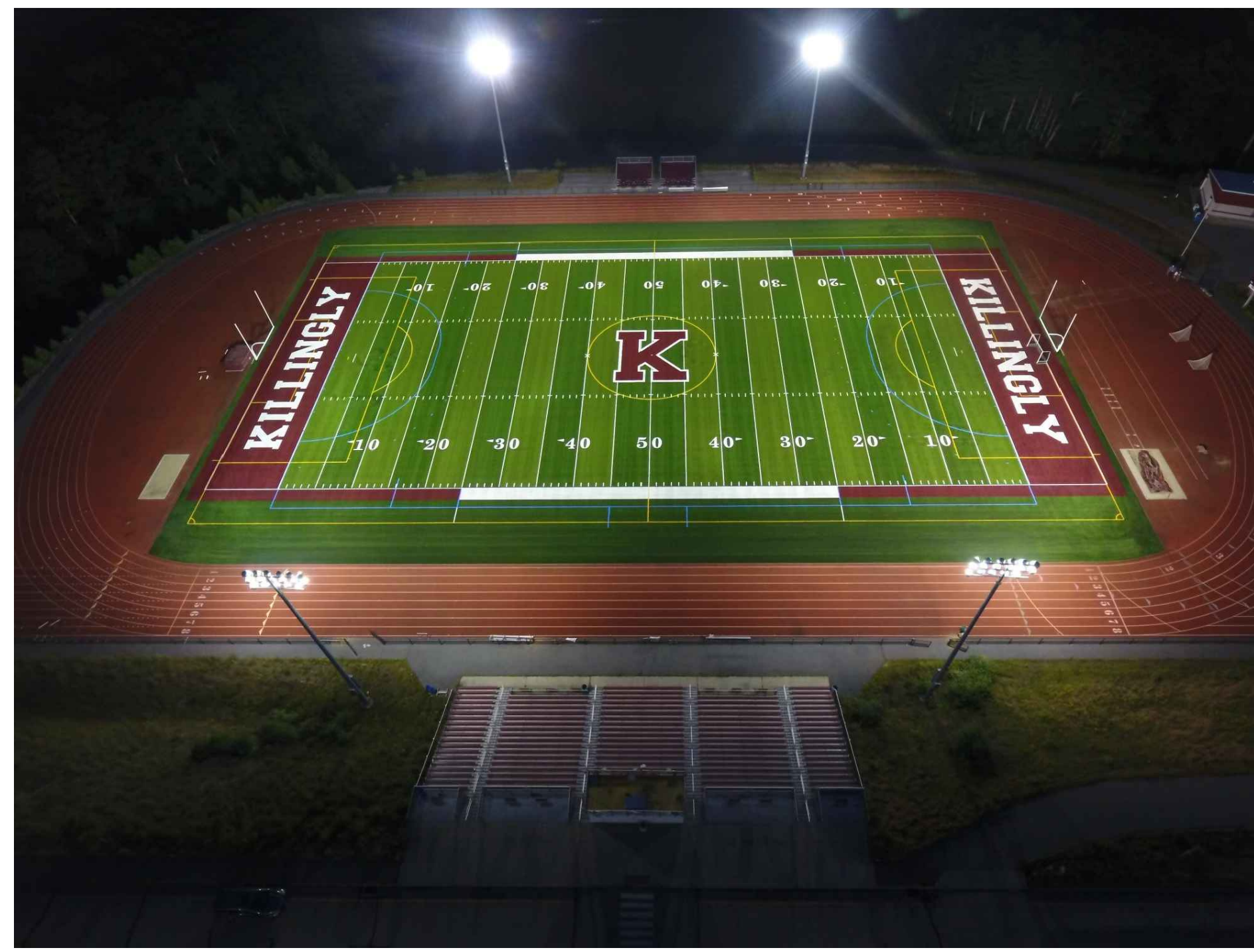
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DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY

CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT PLAN
 ATHLETIC FACILITY UPGRADES
 NEW FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
 NEW FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

CEH DESIGNED
 CEH DRAWN
 SCALE: 1"=30'

DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2023

NOTES:
 1. ALL INFORMATION SHOWN IS BASED ON AVAILABLE MAPPING AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED APPROXIMATE.

