

Conceptual Rendering for Discussion

Relocation of Little League Ball Fields to Stephen Hands Path

Town Board Work Session
October 20, 2020

Relocation of Little League Ball Fields to Stephen Hands Path

- The purpose of today's presentation is to:
 1. Reacquaint the Town Board and Community with the Project
 2. Reaffirm Stephen Hands Path as the Site for the New Ball Fields
 3. Reaffirm the Conceptual Design of the New Ball Fields
 4. Agree to Hire LKMA to Design the Project
 - Design Phase: \$76,500
 - Construction Inspection/Administration Phase: \$56,000

Project Background

- In an effort to serve the medical needs of our community and avoid excessive travel times to the hospital in Southampton for residents and our EMS corps, the Town Board by Resolution 2016-1482 designated 400 Pantigo Place as the preferred site for a Free-Standing Emergency Department (FSED).
- Also by Resolution 2018-144, the Town Board approved a lease with Southampton Hospital Association to construct the FSED.
- According to the lease, Southampton Hospital Association (SHA) shall be responsible for the removal and demolition of the existing Little League Ball Fields as well as the construction of the new Little League Ball Fields at a new location.

Project Background (cont'd)

- The new Little League Ball Fields shall contain all existing amenities found at 400 Pantigo, including but not limited to:
 - Two Little League Ball Fields with Appropriate Markings
 - Dugouts
 - Scoreboards
 - Restrooms
 - Lighting
 - Bleachers
 - Parking
- Southampton Hospital Association would be responsible for raising funds for the construction of the two relocated ball fields, not to exceed \$1.75 million
- The project must be completed before breaking ground on the FSED

Project Background (cont'd)

- Given the community's desire to site a Free-Standing Emergency Department and imaging and diagnostic center here in East Hampton, a Town Advisory Committee was formed to assist the Town in relocating the two Little League Ball Fields from 400 Pantigo Place to a new location
- The Little League Ball Field Relocation Committee was appointed by Resolution 2018-303 to help identify and evaluate potential sites, design the fields and amenities, and oversee construction of the new Little League Ball Fields
- The majority of the committee members have coached, umpired and served on the Board of the East Hampton Little League
- Ex-Officio members include John Rooney, Superintendent of Recreation as well as Co-Town Board Liaisons Councilwoman Kathee Burke-Gonzalez and Councilman David Lys

Project Background (cont'd)

- Committee members include:
 - Vinnie Alversa – Coach, EHHS Varsity Baseball Team
 - Eric Bock – Member of LL Board, parent of travel team players
 - Larry Cantwell – Former LL Coach, grandparent of travel team players
 - Nicole Dickinson – Former Member of LL Board, parent of travel team players
 - Tim Garneau, Chair – Former Member of LL Board, Former Coach
 - Bob Pucci – Former President of LL Board, Former Coach
 - Mike Ruddy – Former Member of LL Board, parent of travel team players
 - Dave Rutkowski – Former President, current Member of LL Board, Former Coach
 - Lara Siska – President of LL Board, Former Coach, parent of travel team players
 - Richard Swanson – Former Member of LL Board, Former Coach
 - Alex Walter – Former LL Coach, Former LL Umpire

Considerations for New Ball Field Site

- The Committee considered property which met certain criteria for potential ball field relocation
- Development factors for the relocation included:
 - Town-Owned properties
 - Undeveloped properties
 - Sites over 7 acres
 - CPF purchased lands for recreation
- Other Factors included:
 - Ability to utilize existing infrastructure
 - Accessibility for Little League families
 - Proximity to neighbors

Prime Site Candidate Schematic Site Design

- The committee then requested LKMA provide draft schematics of where on the potential property they would situate the ball fields, restrooms, batting cage, and parking fields along with other amenities.
- The committee also requested installation charges for the potential fields
- The committee also looked at the long term management and maintenance cost of any new fields.

Committee Recommendation: 110 Stephen Hands Path



Committee Recommendation: 110 Stephens Hands Path

- Basic property information includes:
 - SCTM# 300-193-1-3, 300-192-3-30, 300-193-2-1, 300-192-3-29, 300-193-2-2
 - Approximately 51 acres
 - A5 Residential Zoning District
 - Water Recharge Overlay District
 - Approximately 35% cleared
 - Additional clearing for project will be approximately 133,000sf
 - Total clearing would increase by approx. 5% and be approx. 40.1% of total site
 - 200ft vegetative buffer would remain on SHP road for vista and runoff retention

Committee Recommendation: 110 Stephen Hands Path

- Last Fall the Committee recommended to the Town Board that the ball fields be relocated to 110 Stephen Hands Path, Wainscott. The recommendation met with unanimous support of the Town Board.
- The site has ample room for proposed fields and needed additional parking
- Multiple recreational fields are already built and in use on the site
- The existing infrastructure -- comfort station and parking field -- can be upgraded and expanded to offset costs and allow for additional amenities
- The site will provide a small recreational campus that will serve all of East Hampton's residents, particularly the youth
- Given the playing fields, playground and future community use for the CDCH property, the site is ideally situated to serve the families of our community



Conceptual Rendering for Discussion

Committee Recommendation: 110 Stephens Hands Path

- The site is currently developed with...
 - Two Soccer Fields
 - Two Volleyball Courts
 - Walking Path
 - Comfort Station
 - Former CDCH Building & Playground
 - Approximately 120 Parking Spaces + 60 CDCH Parking Spaces

Considerations for New Ball Field Design

- The Committee considered the current and future needs of the baseball and softball Little League community
- It should be noted that the Pantigo Ball Fields are woefully inadequate given the state of Little League play in 2020
- In 2019
 - Little League had 320 players
 - 250 distinct families participated from the entire township
 - Both girls and boys participated from the ages of 6-12 years old
 - Season ran from the end of March thru mid-June
 - All-Star program started in mid-July
- In 2020
 - There are 4-5 travel teams playing throughout the summer and fall

Considerations for New Ball Field Design

- The Committee held discussions with parks and recreation managers in other townships
- Site visits were done by committee members to other playing field complexes within Suffolk County
- L.K. McLean Associates (LKMA) was retained for professional engineering services as they have assisted other municipalities in design and construction of baseball and softball playing fields, particularly in the Town of Brookhaven

Little League Ball Field in Brookhaven



Little League Ball Field in Brookhaven



Little League Ball Field in Brookhaven



Little League Ball Field in Brookhaven



Ball Field Design Recommendation

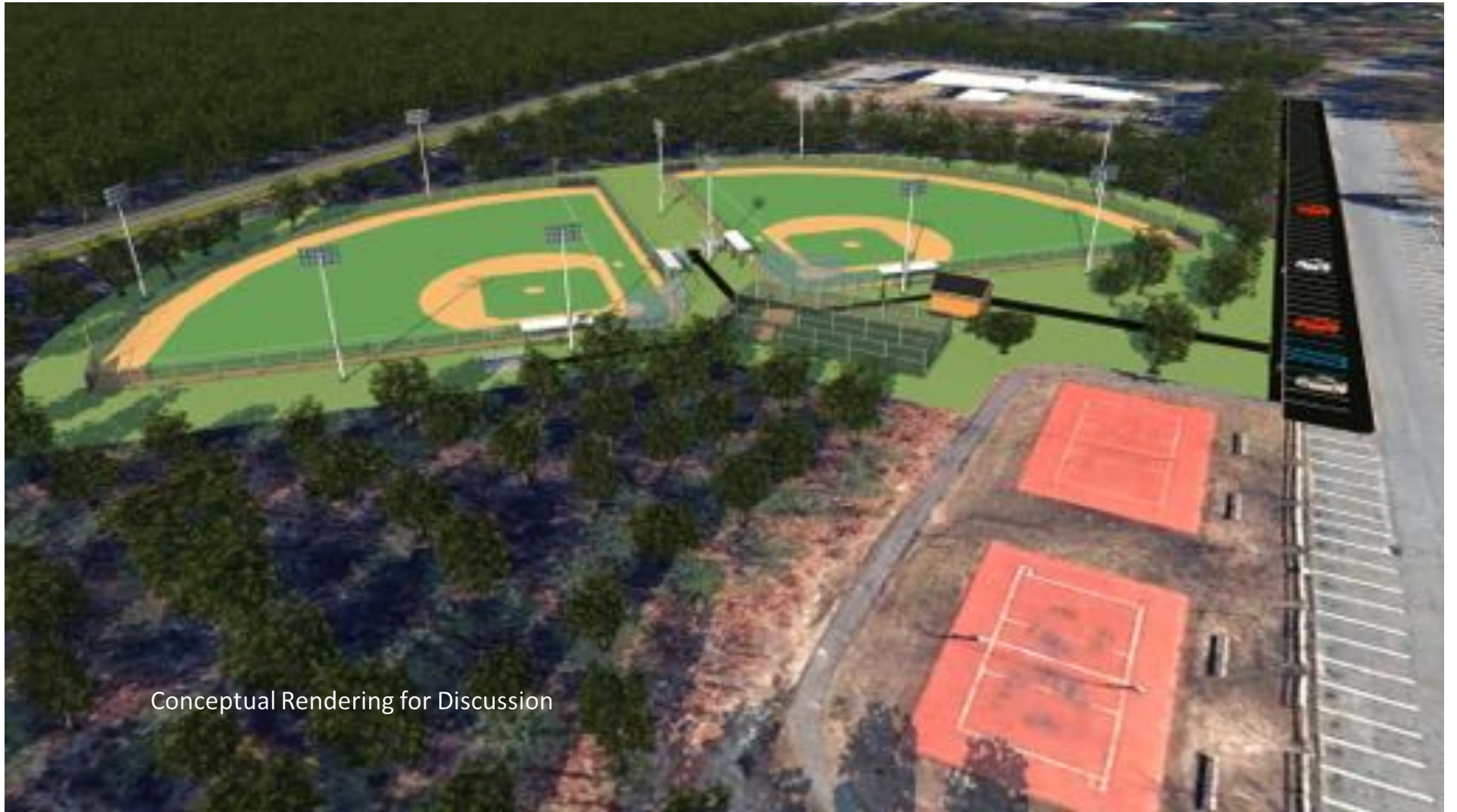
- Field design is for multi distance base lengths to accommodate different age play of the Little League Youth
- Field design will be built with a synthetic field turf
 - To reduce maintenance and reinstallation costs in the long run, synthetic fields are favored over natural fields in the construction for the new ball fields
 - Aside from monetary factors, synthetic fields allow for greater duration of play, virtually doubling time on the field, as well as having been shown to reduce injuries on the field.
 - No use of fertilizers on town properties is a town policy
- Field lights from Pantigo Place will be repurposed for use at the recommended site
- Dug outs, batting cages, bleachers and a storage shed will also be built

Ball Field Design Recommendation (cont'd)

- Location of Ball Fields were position to be the furthest away from any wetlands on the property
- Fields are located over 425' from the nearest neighbors
- Fields were sited to maintain minimal sun glare during play
- Current comfort station septic system will be updated to an New Innovative Alternative nitrogen reducing system
- Current parking field will be adapted to add an additional 70 parking stalls, decreasing the overall need for additional clearing

Ball Field Design Recommendation (cont'd)

- Little League field with full artificial turf infield and outfield with 200 foot fence all around (duplicate the Atlantic Avenue LL Field in Brookhaven that McLean built).
- Second Little League all artificial turf field with multi-use bases for 60, 65, 70 and 75 feet to accommodate several levels of play
 - (46/60 and 51/75 baseball plus slow pitch and fast pitch softball) with outfield fences at 210 feet in left, 225 feet in center, 210 feet in right.
- Dugouts, two Batting cages, bullpens (extend off of each dugout), repurpose lights, maintenance/equipment shed, bleacher pads/bleachers, extra parking spaces.



Conceptual Rendering for Discussion

Conceptual Rendering for Discussion



Next Steps

- Town Board Reaffirms Stephen Hands Path Site October 20, 2020
- Town Board Hires LKMA to Begin Design Phase November 5, 2020
- Town Board Bonds \$80,000 for Design Phase* November 5, 2020
- Engineering/Site Plan/Permitting Process Winter 2020/Spring 2021
- Ball Field Construction Summer/Fall 2021
- Opening Day of Little League on New Fields Spring 2022

* Funds to be reimbursed by Southampton Hospital Association

Appendix

400 Pantigo Place Ball Fields



400 Pantigo Place Ball Fields

