

2023 CIP - Phase II - Schematic Design: Meeting #3

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: Akron Central School District – 2023 Capital Improvements Project Phase II

CPL PROJECT NO.: R21.13091.12

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2024 (12:00p.m. EST)

PERSONS PRESENT:

Akron CSD

Andrea Kersten, Superintendent
Kristy Pingitorre, Board of Education Trustee
Steve Dimitroff, High School Principal
Joe Caprio, Middle School Principal
Paul Kowalski, Technology Director
Andy Clouse, Football Head Coach
Daric Brege, Track Head Coach

Village of Akron

Peter Forrestel, Village Board Trustee

The Seneca Nation

Roger Hill, Tonawanda Seneca Nation Chief

Akron Little League Football

Rick Dojnik, Coach

CPL

Jason Benfante, Vice President
Brady Morrison, Senior Architectural Designer
Austin Genberg, Architectural Designer

Buffalo Engineering

Phil Brown, Electrical Engineer

Campus Construction Management Group

Megan Sykes, Senior Project Manager

DISCUSSION:

A general discussion was conducted in effort to finalize schematic design for the project to gather information.

Specific topics discussed were as follows:



I. Track Events

- A. The district is concerned that the current layout of the pole vault and long jump events will not accommodate the events being held simultaneously or the anticipated number of spectating/queuing athletes for these events.
 - i. Two potential solutions were presented:
 - 1. Relocate one of the two events on the opposite side of the visitors' bleachers area. The district is more favorable to this option if achievable. This will limit the use of that space in a future project.
 - 2. Provide more space between the event areas. (would involve extending this area in the direction of the baseball/softball fields)
- B. The district requested that hardscape standing room be provided around the discus and shotput throwing areas.
- C. The pole vault and long jump areas will not be required to be artificially illuminated.
 - i. The district does not anticipate holding nighttime track events.

II. Field Branding and Markings

- A. The district presented a concern about using grey field markings regarding the potential for visibility issues.
- B. The district gravitated toward the option 1 field branding with the center field logo.
- C. The track surface will remain grey as shown.

III. Team Rooms

- A. *NOTE: A new building for Team Rooms will not receive State Aid and for this reason will likely not be financially achievable in the current phase of the project.*
- B. The district is concerned about not having designated team/locker rooms near the field.
 - i. In the current concept, the closest locker rooms would be the existing elementary school gym locker rooms. The district feels that this distance would greatly increase the chance of an athlete slipping and falling from walking on concrete/pavement in cleats.
 - ii. It was proposed that the storage area in the concessions building be converted into team rooms, but this option is not feasible due to insufficient area. This space could potentially work for one team room only.



IV. Plaza

- A. The district requested that the greenspace within the complex be changed to hardscape.
 - i. The district is concerned that green space within the complex would welcome younger athletes to engage in unsolicited football games.
 - ii. The district also indicated that part of the proposed green space would impede on prime spectating real-estate for track events.
- B. The district will review their current and potential storage needs and share their findings with CPL.

V. Athletics Complex Entrance

- A. Most district members present gravitated toward the second entrance option. (A More Modern design approach)
- B. The district liked how the first option subtly but intentionally paid homage to the five nations of the Iroquois tribe.
 - i. The district requested that CPL explore incorporating something similar in the second option.
- C. The district liked the dark panelized cladding system shown in the second option.
 - i. The consensus was that CPL should consider applying the same cladding system to the existing concessions building, aiming for a unified appearance throughout the complex.
 - The completion of the schematic design estimate will better help define the extent of work plausible at the existing concessions building.

VI. Front Sign

- A. The front sign will convey a similar aesthetic to the Athletics Complex Entrance.
- B. The sill and top banding elements should be Akron orange per the district's request.
 - i. The base (below the sill) will remain as shown.

VII. Concessions Building

- A. The existing concessions building is primarily used for storage at this time.
- B. There is currently no cooking equipment housed in the building.



- i. The district does not believe that there is currently a need for new cooking equipment.
- C. It was proposed that the district consider replacing the existing shingle roof with a metal roof system (Upfront costs Vs. long-term maintenance/replacement costs). This would be a standing seam system.

VIII. Misc.

- A. Due to the existing topography and the proposed location/orientation of the athletics complex, a retaining wall will be required.
 - i. A railing shall be provided at the top of the retaining wall to prevent falls.

The foregoing constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. If there are any errors or omissions in the basic discussion, please notify the Author within seven days.

Respectfully submitted,

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