

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR
CALERA PARK BOARD
MAY, 6, 2010**

MEMBER PRESENT: David Downs, Robert Wade, Greg Haynes, Mike Roberson, Candace Roberson, Bill Davis, Hank Lucas, Ken Mobley, Bobby Joe Phillips

GUEST: Ed Gentry (City Council Representative) Stevie Edwards (Park Supervisor), Connie Payton (City Clerk), Richard Bishop (Calera High School Principal), Michael Cain (Calera Band Booster President), Barbara Gray (Calera Athletic Booster President), Leroy Cole, Mrs. Harrell, Scott Martin, Guinn (Turf Company Representative) Coach Robert Burdette (Calera High School Athletic Director)

Special meeting was called to order by President of the Park Board, David Downs. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Richard Bishop (Calera High School Principal) and representatives of Artificial Turf Company. A power point presentation was given to try and convince the Park Board to remove the multi-purpose field for football/soccer with track facilities from the new park plan and replace with upgrades to our existing field, being the following:

1. Artificial turf installed on the existing football field (Ricky Cairns field).
2. Resurfacing of the track facility to add a cork like substance to our track and expand the track to meet state requirements to host track events.
3. Replacing fencing around the track and field area.
4. Completion of a new concession stand with bathrooms.
5. Upgrading the visitors side bleachers.

The price breakdown:

turf	631,000.00
track resurfacing	103,000.00
concession stand	239,000.00
bleachers	227,000.00
TOTAL	1,200,000.00

Prices of concrete walkways and fencing were not included. However, later in the meeting the Turf Company representative agreed to pour concrete for the visitors side bleachers access.

Guinn, Turf Company Representative spoke briefly about warranties and installation process. The warranty for the field provided by his company is 6 years. However, he said most surfaces of this type last well over 8-10. We discussed the condition of Vestavia High Schools turf. Questions were posed to Guinn about the cost of replacement or repairs. Replacement cost would be 1/2 price of the original installment, at the current quote at that time. Repair cost would be on a project to project basis. Advertising was suggested in the presentation. A company could purchase a square of turf with their company logo for advertisement. Many questions were proposed by Park Board members and other quest about the presentation.

1. ADVERTISEMENT: What if the company decides not to renew the add? Guinn, Turf Representative said the company would remove that portion of turf and replace with grass for free the first year.

2. ADVERTISEMENT: Who would benefit from the money? Richard Bishop stated the money received from sponsors would off set the cost of the turf.

3. ADVERSTISEMENT: Would this money be held by the City or Calera High School? This question was not resolved.

4. ADVERSTISEMENT: What about our Federal Land Grant requirements on our park concerning advertisement? Stevie Edwards (Park Director) and Connie Payton (City Clerk) said requirements prohibited advertising on the field and fencing around the football facility. See attached document I have on the Federal requirements.

5. TIME FRAME: Who long does the project take? 8 weeks with good weather to complete field and track. Not including bleachers and concession stand.

6. PRICE QUOTE: How long does this price quote last? The turf representative, said until June 1st. Later with conversations with Richard Bishop, the representative said until July 1st.

7. MAINTENANCE: Can City equipment be used on the field, what type of maintenance is required and what is the cost associated with this? Gators and lawn tractors can be used on the surface, a disinfecting and cleaning process is recommended twice a year. The first year is covered, each additional year will cost around 1,500.00. A rake attached can be purchased to attached to lawn tractor to clean and disinfect.

8. MAINTENANCE: Would Calera High School agree to help fund the maintence on the field per year through the Athletic Association money? This question was not resolved.

9. SCOREBOARDS: Would the existing scoreboards remain and what about the underground cables, etc.? This would be part of the pricing, replacement of these items.

10. FIELD USE: How are the High School football and Little League football all practice on this field? Should the other field in the new park still be built? What about soccer? If fencing is placed on the outside of the track, can it still open to the public? The park will be open all. Practice places was not decided.

11. GRANTS: Can we write grants for this project? Richard Bishop and Stevie Edwards talked about grants available.

12. EVENTS: Can Relay for Life, Graduation, Concerts and other events of this type be held on the new surface? Tents as used in Relay for Life cannot be used on the surface, special chairs have to be purchased for graduation. Stages cannot be used either, unless special requirements are met. Does this limit our use of field activities?

Meeting came to close with David Downs (Park Board President) recommending another special meeting for the Park Board on May 17, 2010 at 5:30 to discuss the presentation given and order of importance for the new park to be presented at the City Council meeting May 18, 2010 at 7:00. Meeting adjourned.