

MOTIONS

Findings (All findings were adopted by a 9-0 vote):

The High School Stadium Task Force finds that there is a shortage of playing fields currently available in Wellesley.

The Task Force finds that there are a growing number of teams needing field space in Wellesley.

The Task Force finds that the stadium field is poorly configured for multiple sports.

The Task Force finds that the stadium field is in poor condition.

The Task Force finds that the current landscaping and fencing surrounding the stadium is outdated, unattractive and beyond repair.

Recommendations:

1. The Task Force recommends that protocols be put in place and neighborhood impacts monitored to limit the impacts of any of the improvements to the facility on the abutting neighborhood. (This recommendation was adopted by a 9-0 vote.)
2. The Task Force recommends that the School Committee begin the process of reconfiguring the elements of the HS Stadium to allow for the installation of a synthetic turf field (to the same or better standard than Sprague), and that said field be wide enough to accommodate football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and track. It is further recommended that the final design conform with Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Best Management Practices and that any design will not increase the peak flow of stormwater to any abutting property. (This recommendation was adopted by a 9-0 vote.)
3. The Task Force recommends to the School Committee that as part of the above process, the following elements be added to the design: new and attractive fencing, landscaping that is more attractive and acts as a screen for the neighbors, new sidewalks and curbing, new permanent sound system, permanent restrooms and a parking plan. (This recommendation was adopted by a 9-0 vote.)
4. The Task Force recommends that as part of the above process sport field lighting be added to the design. The Task Force acknowledges that evening use will bring new activity and associated issues (like noise and additional car trips) to the neighborhood, which should be addressed pursuant to

recommendation number 1. (This recommendation was adopted by a 7-2 vote.)