

CITY OF RYE

NOTICE

There will be a joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye and the Rye City School District Board of Education on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Room of City Hall.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. Update on Rye City School District approved bond and next steps.
4. Update on the City of Rye proposed bond.
5. Discussion of Pedestrian Safety initiatives: improvement at Boston Post Road and Parsons Street.
6. Discussion of potential sharing of services: tax collection and viewing.
7. Discussion of a joint statement on mandate relief.
8. Review of fields and facilities management scheduling.
9. Adjournment.

The next regular meeting of the Rye City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.
The next regular meeting of the Rye City School District Board of Education will be held on
Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Agenda Item #4

Update on the City of Rye Proposed Bond

- See attached proposed schedule



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CITY OF RYE
Department of Finance
MEMO

TO: City Manager, Scott Pickup
FROM: Jean Gribbins, City Comptroller
DATE: March 16, 2012
RE: Timeline for November 2012 Bond Referendum

Scott –

I had presented a timeline for a November 2012 Bond Referendum at the November 30, 2011 Budget Workshop. I have adjusted it for the specific Council Meeting dates, excluding the July meeting below:

- April 2012 – identify projects that will be bonded for
- April 18th – set Public Hearing for May 9th regarding projects to be bonded for
- May 9th – open Public Hearing regarding the projects to be bonded for
- May 23rd – close Public Hearing regarding the projects to be bonded for
- May 24th – June 7th – City Staff to work with Bond Counsel on bonding resolution
- June 8th – Distribute Bond Resolution to Council for review prior to adoption
- June 13, 2012 – adopt bonding resolution by 60% including a yes vote by the Mayor
- August 2012 – send ballot information to Board of Elections (City Staff action only)
- November 2012 – General Election
- November 2012 – override levy cap for 2013 budget to pay debt
- November – December 2012 – borrow funds if referendum passes
- January 2013 – begin work on projects
- November 2013 – override levy cap for 2014 budget to pay debt
- December 2013 – first interest payment due
- June 2014 – second interest payment due
- December 2014 – first principal payment and third interest payments due

The original schedule I presented had the adoption of the bond resolution by Council at the July meeting, the Public Hearings during June, and the identification of bonded projects in May. Removing the July meeting condenses the schedule.

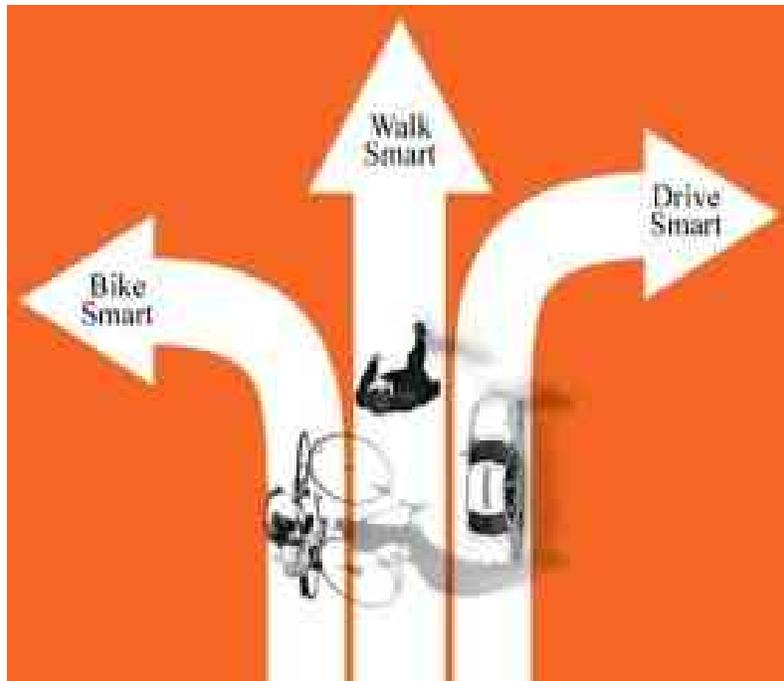
Jean Gribbins, CPA
City Comptroller

Agenda Item #5

Discussion of Pedestrian Safety Initiatives: improvement at Boston Post Road and Parsons Street

- See attached excerpt from the Rye Shared Roadways Committee: *A Blueprint for Rye*

* Note: full document is available on the City website at www.ryeny.gov under Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Initiatives



RYE SHARED ROADWAYS COMMITTEE

A Blueprint for Rye

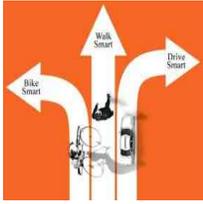
Interim Report

Presented to the Rye City Council
June 15, 2011



RYE HIGH SCHOOL / MIDDLE SCHOOL

<u>Observations</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is no crossing of BPR from the High school to the Nature Center for pedestrians. The north-bound turn from Parsons onto the BPR encourages speeding and creates a more difficult crossing for pedestrians.2. Motorists continue to drive through crosswalks, especially the one on Parsons directly in front of the school.3. Children living off of Forest Avenue closer to Grace Church Street use the Eve Lane cut through to arrive to Midland, where they then take the Rye Rec path to Milton where they are crossed by the Crossing guard.4. Children walking from town on BPR have to walk in front of many active driveways. Long curb cuts create awkward and dangerous car/pedestrian interfaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Add crosswalks and a pedestrian refuge island to improve the pedestrian/bike connection across BPR to the recommended sidewalk adjacent to the Nature Center.2. Restripe and resign crosswalk. Add portable traffic bollards where necessary. Paint zebra stripes and place signage indicating “students X-ing”3. Repave and repair steps at the Eve Lane cut through.4. Add a sidewalk on the east side of BPR from Central Avenue north to Parsons (along the Nature Center parallel to Blind Brook).
<p><u>Additional recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a formal path to the back door of the school for students who bicycle and walk from the intersection of Boston Post Road and Old Post Road.• Move bike racks to the front of the school by the MS benches.• Leave the gates open so that kids can cut through without climbing the fence.	



Rye Shared Roadways Committee

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Agenda Item #6

Discussion of potential sharing of services: tax collection and viewing

- See attached proposal overview

City of Rye/Rye City Schools Tax System Integration

Overview

Some years ago, principals from Rye City Schools and the City of Rye determined that Rye citizens would be best served if status on all their taxes (City, County, and Rye Neck or Rye City Schools) could be viewed in either tax office and on the Web. At that time the City of Rye maintained their collections (County, City, Rye Neck Schools) on a City of Rye server at City Hall, and Rye City Schools maintained their single collection (Rye City Schools) on a Rye City School server in the Rye District Administrative offices. No web visibility of tax collection status was in existence for any collections.

Once shared status was established as a desirable objective, network/software design work was done to determine how to consolidate all collections on a City of Rye server (ie one unified data base) with 'dial-in' connectivity from Rye City Schools. Once implemented this change resulted in:

- A. City of Rye continued their collection activities as before on a City of Rye server with the added feature of being able to view (but not update) the status of Rye City Schools collection activity for each parcel on a consolidated history screen. This consolidated history screen was and is also available to the public at the tax collection counter so that a taxpayer can get 'one-stop' shopping for status of all their taxes (ie Rye City Schools or Rye Neck Schools, County, and City taxes). Previously those tax payers in the Rye City School District had to call or travel to both sites (City Hall and Rye City Schools Administrative Offices) to get their complete status.
- B. Rye City Schools altered their collection process to dial-in to the City of Rye server each day to execute collection activities, with the added feature of being able to print back at the Rye City Schools Administrative Offices from the City of Rye server. The same 'one-stop' shopping advantages noted in 'A.' above applied to Rye City School staff and public walk-ins.
- C. This single unified data base design then allowed for a very efficient way to consolidate and display tax status on the City of Rye website for all ongoing collections, so this feature was also implemented.

To the best of my knowledge there have been no additional or ongoing costs to either party as a result of the above changes, other than the modest additional disk space occupied by the Rye City Schools tax collection data on the City of Rye Server.

Agenda Item #7

Discussion of a joint statement on mandate relief

- See attached joint statement

Joint Resolution of the Rye City School District and the City of Rye

Be it RESOLVED by the Rye City School District Board of Education and the Mayor and the Council of the City of Rye that meaningful mandate relief must be enacted by the cooperative efforts of the New York State Legislative and Executive branches in order to provide relief to jurisdictions that are in compliance with the limits of annual growth in the local property tax levy, and

WHEREAS, the joint Mandate Relief Council comprised of representatives of both the Legislative and Executive branch of New York State is currently tasked with reviewing and implementing mandate relief reforms as a part of comprehensive tax reforms for overburdened New York taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, both the provision of essential services and the quality of educational opportunities and City programs are being negatively impacted by the current 2% tax cap, and

WHEREAS, repealing State statutes such as the Triborough Amendment would immediately improve the ability of the School District and City to control costs, and

WHEREAS, the repeal of the Wicks Law would also provide immediate savings in the cost of capital improvements by reducing the requirements for multiple contractors on construction projects, and

WHEREAS, the costs of public employee pension contributions are increasing at a rate that is unsustainable with the current exclusion language in the tax cap levy, and should be limited so that the State-mandated employer contribution rates are capped at the same growth rate increase as is allowed under the current tax cap, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rye City School District Board of Education and the Mayor and Council of the City of Rye demand that the Mandate Relief Council in accordance with Article 24, Executive Law 666 act upon these specific items of concern, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the NY State Mandate Relief Council, Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, and Members of the State Senate and Assembly representing Rye.

Agenda Item #8

Review of fields and facilities management scheduling

- See attached 2012 Facility Report from Rye Recreation

2012 Facility Report

Rye Recreation



City Owned Facilities

- Recreation Park
 - 2 Adult Softball Fields/Youth Soccer Field/practice field for High School Baseball and Softball
 - Tennis Courts – High School Tennis Teams
- Disbrow Park Fields
 - Founders 1 & 2 – Youth Baseball/Middle School and High School Baseball
 - Grainger Field – Youth Baseball
 - Feeley Field – High School Baseball & Field Hockey/Babe Ruth Baseball
 - Sterling Field – Youth Soccer/Youth Lacrosse
 - Tennis Courts – High School Tennis Teams
- Nursery Field
 - RHS Soccer/Youth Soccer/Youth Lacrosse
- Gagliardo Field
 - Youth baseball

School District Facilities

- Midland School Field
 - Practice field only for Youth Soccer/Youth Lacrosse
- Osborn School Field
 - RHS Soccer/Lacrosse; Youth Soccer/Youth Lacrosse/Little League
- Milton School Field
 - RHS Field Hockey/Softball; Rye Girls Softball/Little League
- Rye High School Upper Field
 - RHS Football/Lacrosse; Youth Soccer/Youth Lacrosse
- Rye High School Turf Field
 - RHS Football/Soccer/Field Hockey/Lacrosse; Youth Soccer/Youth Lacrosse
- Rye High School Softball Field
 - RHS Softball; Adult Softball, Little League

How the fields are distributed

- Recreation maintains master field schedule and distributes fields EXCEPT for the Turf field at RHS
- Recreation works closely with the School District/Athletic Director as well as all user groups to effectively and fairly distribute available space
- Different fields support different sports and age groups
- Priority policy established through inter-municipal agreement and established policies

Recreation Surcharge

- \$15 fee assessed per participant per season to leagues who play on city owned fields; does not include school athletics
- A portion of the Surcharge is direct to an account which allows for rehabilitation projects on fields that are not funded through the operating budget.

Examples

Sterling Field Rehab – Summer 2006
Feeley Field infield – Fall 2008
Grainger Field infield – April 2009
Gagliardo Field – Fall 2009
Sterling Stairs – Summer 2010
Feeley Field Mound – April 2011
Grainger Field Infield – Summer 2011
Rec Softball & Baseball Field – Fall 2011



Other Current Field Projects & Initiatives

- Field Study with Woodard and Curran to identify potential improvements & possible location for an artificial turf field on City owned property
- Reconditioned RHS Softball Field – Spring 2012
- Reconditioned Osborn School Field – Spring 2012
- Reconditioned Milton School Field – Spring 2012
- Joint project with RCSD & Sport Turf Consultant – Field Evaluation for better maintenance practices and Soil testing
- Joint project with RCDS to seek out software for scheduling fields and gyms

Recreation Park



Rec Baseball

Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
65' & 90' bases no fence	Men's Softball	A	April – August
	Rye Rec Sport Camps	Y	June – August
	Picnics and Rentals	R	April – September
	RHS Varsity/JV/MS Soccer	S	September – November
	RYS Travel & Intramural	Y	April – June
	RYS Travel & Intramural	Y	September – November
	RHS Modified Softball	S	April – June
	Rye Rec Programs	Y	April – October
Rye Rec Summer Camp	Y	June - August	

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs

A = Adult programs; R = Resident

Recreation Park



Rec Softball/Multi-use

Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Soccer Dimensions 180' x 340'	Recreation Softball	A	April – August
	Picnics and Rentals	R	April – September
	Rye Rec Sport Camps	Y	June – August
	RHS Soccer	S	September - November
	RYS Travel & Intramurals	Y	April – June
	RYS Travel & Intramurals	S	September – November
	Resurrection & Rye	S	April – June &
	Country Day School	S	September – November

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs

A = Adult programs; R = Resident

Recreation Park



Tennis Courts

Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
	RHS Tennis Teams	S	September - November
	RHS Tennis Teams	S	April - June
	Permit Holders	R	Year round
	Rec Tennis Lessons	R	April - October
	Women's Tennis Team	A	April - June
	Rye Country Day School	S	April - June
	Resurrection School	S	April - June

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs

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Disbrow Park



Founders 1

Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Baseball LF- 320'; RF- 280'; CF- 320'	Rye Rec Flag	Y	September - November
	Football	A	April - August
	Women's Softball	Y	April - June
	Rye Girls Softball	Y	April - November
	Rye Little League	Y	September - October
	Rye Rec Flag	S	September- October
Outfield used for Flag Football & Field Hockey	Football RHS Field Hockey		

Founders 2

Baseball LF- 280'; RF- 300'; CF- 320'	RHS Mod Baseball	S	April - June
	Rye Babe Ruth	Y	April - November
	Rye Little League	Y	June - August
	Babe Ruth Tournament	Y	July

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs; A = Adult programs

Disbrow Park



Tennis Courts

Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
	RHS Tennis Teams	A	September - November
	RHS Tennis Teams	R	April – June
	Permit Holders	R	Year round

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs; A = Adult programs

Disbrow Park



Grainger Field

Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Baseball	Rye Little League	Y	April – October
LF- 169; CF- 190; RF- 173	Recreation Baseball Camps	Y	June – August
	Recreation Fall Programs	Y	September - October

Y = Youth programs
S = School programs

Disbrow Park

Feeley Field



Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Baseball LF- 330; CF- 362; RF- 301 Field Hockey 150' x 270'	Rye Babe Ruth League RHS Varsity/ JV Baseball RMS Modified Field Hockey Rye Rec Field Hockey Rye Babe Ruth Tournament	Y S S Y Y	April – October April – June August – November September – November June – July

Y = Youth programs
S = School programs

Disbrow Park

Sterling Field



Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Soccer/Lacrosse 210' X 120'	RYS Travel Program RHS Mod Soccer RYL Youth Lacrosse	Y S Y	April – June and September – November September – November April - June

Y = Youth programs
S = School programs

Nursery Field



Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Soccer 340' X 180'	RYS Travel/Intramural Programs	Y	April – June and September – November September – November June & August April – June and September – November August
	RHS Soccer	S	
	Soccer Camps	Y	
	Rye Youth Lacrosse	Y	
	Field Hockey Camp	Y	

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs

A = Adult programs

Gagliardo Park Field



Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Baseball LF-169; CF-190; RF-173	Rye Little League	Y	April – October
	Rye Little League Summer	Y	June – July
	Rye Recreation Baseball	Y	April – June and September - October

Y = Youth programs; S = School programs

A = Adult programs

School Owned Facilities

Field	Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Midland	LF- 211 CF- 300 RF- 250	Youth Sport Leagues	Y	March – June & Sept – Nov
		Rye Y Programs	Y	April - June
		Midland After School Sport	Y	September – June
		RYS and RYL	Y	March – June & Sept – Nov
Milton School	LF- 275 CF-238 RF- 171 245' X 130'	Rye Girls Sports	Y	April – June
		RHS Softball	S	April – June
		RHS Field Hockey	S	September – November
		Rye Little League	Y	April – June
Osborn School	LF- 236 LCF- 232 RCF- 232 RF- 230 240' X 150'	Rye Little League	Y	April – August
		Rye Youth Soccer	Y	April – June & Sept – Nov
		Rye Youth Lacrosse	S	April – June
		RHS Lacrosse	Y	April – June
		Osborn After School	Y	September– June
		RHS Mod Soccer	S	September – October
YMCA Summer Camp	Y	July – August		

School Owned Facilities

Field	Dimensions	User Group	Age	Summary of Use
Rye High School Softball	LF- 265 LCF- 280 CF- 265 (Field house)	RHS Varsity/JV Girls Softball	Y	April – June
		Woman's Softball	S	April – June
		Rye Little League	Y	April - June
Rye High School Turf		RHS Football Varsity/JV	S	August – November
		RHS Lacrosse Varsity/JV	S	April – June
		RHS Soccer	S	September – November
		Rye Youth Lacrosse	Y	April – June
		Rye Youth Soccer	Y	April – June & September – November
Rye High School Upper		RHS Lacrosse	S	April – June
		RHS Football	S	August – October
		Rye Youth Lacrosse	Y	April – June
		Rye Youth Soccer	Y	September – November

Challenges

- Increased demand by all groups
- Increased travel programs
- Increased “trainers” for youth sports
- Weather conditions that effect overall field conditions
- How fields respond to wet weather e.g. drainage
- Extended playing seasons; no time for maintenance
- Costs associated with up keep and maintenance falls on recreation department for fields; school and city owned
- Funding for new projects and or limitation in operating budgets
- Neighborhood impacts
- Communication & new technologies

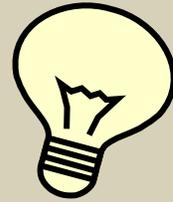
How to extend play

- Possibility of artificial turf at additional fields, city or school owned
- Lighting at Fields

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What if?



- We add lights to a current field
 - Which field makes sense??
- We could create additional turf fields
 - Which field makes sense??
- Youth Sport Leagues only played one season

What if.....