

Ashley Wayman

From: Brook Brown
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Ashley Wayman; Desiree Adair
Cc: Alec Robinson
Subject: Fw: Questions regarding Sporturf for Parks Commission and City Council meeting
Attachments: Infill-Care-Manual-book-2-op.pdf; Untitled attachment 00042.txt

Dear Ashley and Desiree,

Could you forward the email below to the members of the Parks Commission.

Also, please also post for the City Council agenda in connection with council agenda item 11.

Thank you so much,

Brook

From: Brook Brown <brook.brown03@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:16 AM
To: Brook Brown <bbrown@rollingwoodtx.gov>
Subject: FW: Questions regarding Sporturf

Dear Parks Commission,

I had previously sent the questions and links in my email below to Melissa Morrow, for consideration in connection with the proposal to install Sporturf at the Park. She has let me know that she will not be able to raise these questions at the Monday meeting, as she will be out of town, as will I.

I would ask that these questions listed below be addressed by representatives of Sporturf (particularly the warranty questions) and Western Hills Little League (particularly the expectation as to who bears the associated costs or maintenance, removal and restoration of the fields at the end of the useful life of this product).

I am interested in 1) whether this product and the terms of the Sporturf warranty are compatible with the mixed-use nature of the Park, and 2) if this product is to be installed, that the City does not bear the cost of maintenance of equipment or labor to maintain this product, or any removal costs or costs of restoration of the field when this product wears out, and 3) whether the drains that are installed to drain this product cause any increased drainage issues - in either volume of water discharged or the chemical content of that discharge.

Thank you for your service to the City of Rollingwood and consideration of these concerns,

Brook Brown

1. See link to the Sporturf website describing the product they installed at Joseph Field. <https://sporturf.com/whll-joseph-field-install-with-kmi-sports/> The Joseph Field product is the Sporturf 50 oz "Felder's choice". The proposed turf for RW is the "Powerhouse 40 oz." product. What's the difference and why not the same?

2. What is the expected cost of daily, weekly, monthly and other periodic maintenance and who bears this cost, including any needed equipment? See the attached Infill Care Manual, and particularly page 1 regarding "Daily Usage", listing daily cleaning, and page 8, listing daily, weekly, monthly and other periodic cleaning, and recommended equipment such as the Bill Goat/BearCat lawn vac for vacuuming the turf.

3. Here is the link to the Sporturf warranty: <https://sporturf.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/8-Year-Manufacturers-Limited-Warranty-with-Signatures-Sporturf.pdf>.

Questions: Since the RW field is a multiuse field, and subject to non-baseball use and critters (armadillos, possums, deer, coyotes) and improper use will void the warranty, are there any restrictions on the kinds of activities that would otherwise will take place on this field that would void the warranty? For example, special cleats are required for the Sporturf - will other activities on this field be restricted because of these requirements? And, will critters damage the field?

4. What is the cost of removal and restoration of the field at the end of the useful life of the Sporturf? Who pays for the cost of removal of the turf and restoration of the field at the end of the useful life of the Sporturf product - WHLL or the City?

5. What area landfills (if any) accept this Sporturf product for disposal, and what is the cost of disposal? Who pays this cost - WHLL or the City?

6. What volume of drainage that can be expected from the drainage lines that will be installed for this product, and where will the drains discharge? Will the drainage go into the street on Nixon, and/or the drain way behind homes on Nixon Drive? What byproducts are contained in this drainage discharge? See attached report in link on #7. See also page 2-3 of the attached report regarding drainage from the upper

Park: https://www.rollingwoodtx.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/park_commission/page/1881/drainage_at_rollingwood_park_final_with_exhibits.pdf

7. See questions to ask turf installers from the organization "Safe Healthy Playing Fields.org" and what are Sporturf's answers to these questions?

<https://www.safehealthyplayingfields.org/questions-to-ask-installers>

8. See also the considerations raised in the attached Wirecutter article that weighs the pros and cons of artificial turf and recommends against it for economic and environmental reasons: <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-artificial-grass/>