

## **Watchung Field and Playground Fact Sheet**

The process for the turf replacement of the Watchung Field was started in 2018 as follows:

December 17, 2018 – Board resolution for architect to work on the project

April 3, 2019 – Board resolution to solicit bids on the project

April 25, 2019 – Bids were received and opened

May 1, 2019 – Board resolution to reject the bids received on 4/25/2019

May 16, 2019 – Board resolution for submission of project application and drawings to the DOE

Concerns were raised by parents. Plans were then changed to include a complete replacement and redesign of the playground, adding to the cost of the project and requiring additional funding.

October 19, 2020 – Board resolution for architect Parette Somjen to work on the revised project (turf and playground replacement)

March 3, 2021 – Board resolution to re-advertise for bids on the revised project

April 13, 2021 – Bids were received and opened

April 19, 2021 – Board resolution awarding contract to Grade Construction for the Watchung turf field and playground replacement

May 31, 2021 – Scheduled start date. The project was paused for a week while the District met with the Watchung Playground Committee families

June 7, 2021 – Work commenced

Original substantial completions date of August 19, 2021 was changed to August 27, 2021

**Per our Athletic Department**

The total field dimensions are specified to be 390 ft long by 215 ft wide.

**The playing field is 120 yards.**

The playground area will be 2,000 sq. feet larger than the previous playground.

Field Hockey Field will be lined: 100 yards in length by 60 yards wide

Girls & Boys Soccer Field will be lined: 120 yards in length by 60 yards wide

Girls Lacrosse Field will be lined: 120 yards in length by 60 yards wide

Boys Lacrosse Field will be lined: 110 yards in length by 60 yards wide

Architectual Watchung Playground Layout/Design with equipment