

**Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting
Thursday, November 1, 2012
Minutes**

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I. Welcome and Introductions

Present – Brad Swanson, Chris O’Neill, Anne Helander, Kelly Schuler, Matt Castle, Debbi Hyman

Not Present – Jim Kirsch, Mike Muldrow, Nannette Goltz, David Greenberg

Community Member Present – John Helander

II. Approval of 8/16/12 Minutes

--Anne made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelly seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 6-0.

III. 2012-13 Spring Event Schedule

--Matt explained that the changing of scheduling software systems has resulted in the Spring schedule not being completely finished. The Spring lighted events will be added to the light schedule soon and be available on the website. Matt will e-mail the committee when it is up and current for the remainder of the school year. He also reported to the group that they are working under the same guidelines, and will be below the maximum number of events, for lighted events as per the agreement.

IV. Old Business

A. Results of sound checks

--Matt went over the 4 recommendations on page 6 from the report from Practical AV Solutions. A district employee will be working on the recommendations and Matt will send an e-mail out to the committee when those recommendations are in place. The HPHS administration will continue to work on the air horns and other recommendations. The neighbors are happy with the noise level this year and feel that there is positive movement. Brad reinforces that nothing “out of the ordinary” has taken place, but we have been

checking the sound system before each event to make sure it is at the correct level for the specific event. Matt reports to the group that the crowds haven't been as loud this year as a result of the performance by the team, but he hopes that the crowds will be louder in the future. He reinforces that he wants the team to be successful and students cheering on their classmates in the stands.

B. Results of light spillage check

--The light spillage check came back positive. The lights are well under code of "acceptable spillage." John asks if any trucks were brought in or any realignment had to take place. Brad answers that no truck or realignments were needed. John wanted to know the make and model of the lights. Debbi asks "why" he needs to know this if everything is "acceptable."

Brad formally thanks Anne for her suggestion of vendors for the tests. Anne thanks District 113 for the follow through of the requests for light and sound tests. Chris said the Highland Park Police Department would like to District 113 and Highland Park High School for all the hard work this Fall, as they have had zero noise complaints from Wolters Field events.

C. Special usage permit

--John asks where the school district is on the permit. Brad states that request for adding a maximum of 60 lighted events during the school has not gone to the city yet. The first submission to the planning department this November will come this November and the school will continue to operate under the guidelines of the prior agreement.

V. New Business

A. Increase in volume reported for the Oct. 5th game – garbage cans being played

--Brad explains that this was part of the band performance. Chris asks about the status of the bleachers. Brad informs the group that there is current no money allocated to fix the bleachers, as they continue to pass inspection. Chris asks about additional paving/parking on the grounds at Wolters. Brad states that the gravel driveway on the East side of the stadium is up next to be paved. Anne asks about membership and how many times a member can miss the meetings before being off the committee. Chris thanks Highland Park

High School and District 113 for new signage around the neighborhood. The police department saw limited traffic issues and wrote only one traffic citation this Fall. Kelly asks why the noise is a concern. She doesn't want the kids to stop cheering and thinks it's a good thing that students are present and cheering at games.

VI. 2012-13 Meeting Dates

A. Thursday, May 2 – 6:00PM

VII. Round Table

--No items for the roundtable.

Call to adjourn by Debbi, seconded by Anne. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.