

**Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2005**  
**Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting started at 7:00 PM. Brigid Ohlwein, Jim Gaylord, Mary Anderson, Barry Bolek, Paul Shafer, Jeff Goldtz, and Andy Butler were present. Barry Bolek introduced Andy Butler to the group as the new athletic director at Highland Park HS replacing John Grundke.

**II. Approval of February Minutes**

The February minutes were approved.

**III. Landscape Update**

Instead of the original landscape plan the school has proposed to replace the existing chain link fence east of Athletic Drive with a wood fence of the same height. A notice will be sent to the neighbors requesting feedback. This comes from the recommendation of a meeting last fall. At this meeting Highland Park's tree expert was present to recommend this option as we discussed other alternatives. The neighbors that were present preferred the fence over the bushes.

**IV. 2004-2005 Schedule**

The advisory group received the 2004-2005 Wolters Light usage schedule including the times and dates when the lights were turned on and off. The lights were used twenty-two times. The schedule will be posted on the Highland Park HS website. The group is encouraging the use of email to save on postage. A group email will be set up by Andy Butler for future communications.

**V. Neighborhood Issues**

- A. PA system – It was brought to the attention to the group that the new PA system is too loud. Andy Butler stated that the system will be tested and the appropriated adjustments will be made.
- B. Light Spill – Jeff Goldtz asked about the light spill onto the back field and about the direction of a couple of lights on the west banks of lights. A representative from Musco Lighting will be contacted to make sure the light readings are with in the limits of the ordinance.
- C. Bus Parking – Some neighbors complained of noise from busses parking late at night after football games. A suggestion was made to park the busses west of the administration building and east of the baseball field. The committee felt that the ordinance agreement was more concerned with the south part of Wolters field by residences. This location reduces the

noise to Brook estates and would allow parking on the grass north of the baseball field for workers at the event. In the event of large amounts of rain, the district would park in areas that would not ruin their grounds.

- D. Parking Signs and Pedestrians in neighborhood east of Wolters Field. Paul Shafer assured the group that there was adequate signage and pedestrians would be encouraged to walk on the sidewalks instead of the street.
- E. Kids playing in the back fields during football games – The school will have security guards keep kids off the back field in the future.
- F. Neighborhood Contact Mailing List – The school will use an updated address list from the city to ensure all residents will be contacted in the future.

## **VI. 2005-2006 Schedule**

The 2005-2006 Wolters Field night schedule was distributed to the group. This schedule is also posted on the website. The school was given permission from the Central Suburban League to move the starting times of home football games from 5:00 PM for sophomores and 7:30 PM for varsity to 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM.

## **VII. City Council Report**

As indicated in the ordinance the group will write a report for the 2004-2005 school year to submit to city council. In this report we will request amendments to allow for Bus parking on the gravel/grass west of the Administration building and to replace the existing chain link fence with a wood fence east of Athletic drive pending neighborhood response.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45.

Respectively submitted,

Andy Butler