## Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting Thursday, November 8, 2007

- I. Welcome and Introduction The following Advisory members were present: Athletic Director Bobbie Monroe; Police Chief Paul Shafer; District 113 Assistant Superintendent Barry Bolek; Councilman Jim Kirsch; Mary Anderson from City of Highland Park; Marjie Sandlow, District 113 Board Member; Sgt. Chris O'Neill; community representatives Kevin Fassett, Brigid Ohlwein and Scott Chukerman.
- II. Review of Fall Light Schedule We have used 10 regular dates with lights. The ordinance allows a total of 25 regular dates, 3 possible football play-off dates and 7 special occasions.
- III. Fall Season Feedback - AD Bobbie Monroe reviewed the issues/complaints from the fall season at Wolters Field. There was a problem with the lights coming on (lowest setting) during the evening of September 12. They remained on all night. An electrical company was called and the problem was fixed. There is still an issue with parents dropping off kids in the neighborhood instead of using the drop-off area. The school will attempt to do a better job of advertising the location of the drop-off area. For some reason, we had a problem with cars parking along the East side of Athletic Drive this fall. In the future, the gate will remained locked until right before the varsity game and when we open that area, it will be staffed by a police officer. There was a complaint of trash being left on our grounds, but it was determined that other outside groups who use the fields were responsible for the trash over the weekend. Our staff, during regular hours and on Saturday morning, keeps our fields clean. The light schedule posted on the website early in the fall was incomplete because of an incomplete spring schedule. The schedule will be continually updated throughout the school year. On Thursday, October 4, our pep band played at Senior Boys Soccer night. There was a complaint because of the loud sounds, both from the PA system and the band. The committee talked and everyone present agreed that this is a tough situation to try to remedy. The PA system will be turned down on nights when there are fewer fans in the stands. We will work to position the band strategically so that the sound is not blasting toward the neighborhood. It was a one time occurrence during the fall on a week night and we do not want to take away from school spirit by not having the band attend. It will also be posted on the light schedule when the band will be performing, other than a football game on Friday nights.
- IV. Future meeting dates: (It was decided to eliminate the February meeting.)

Thursday, May 8, 2007 – 5PM (Please note time change.)

- V. Round Table Chief Shafer asked the school to explore Homecoming Day activities after school before the game actually starts. We will have a discussion with Deerfield High School to see what they do on the day of the Homecoming Game. Kevin Fassett mentioned that there are still two of the four portable toilets remaining on site at Wolters Field, after having been cancelled on October 29. AD Bobbie Monroe followed up with the company on Friday, November 9, to remind them to pick up the units as soon as possible. Next year, the units on the visitors side will be moved farther north. Kevin also mentioned that wheelchairs had to be pushed through the gravel on the visitor's side. It was reported that we do have handi-capped parking on the west (home) side of the field and AD Monroe will alert the visiting team's Athletic Director before each home game.
- VI. Meeting Adjournment at 7:40pm.