

**Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2010 – 5:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

- I. The following committee members were present;
- Bobbie Monroe, HPHS Athletic Director
  - Chris O'Neill, Highland Park Police rep
  - Kevin Fassett, Wolters Neighbor
  - Mary Anderson – City of Highland Park
  - Barry Bolek – District 113 Asst. Superintendent for Finance
  - Paul Shafer – Chief of Police, Highland Park
  - Brigid Ohlwein – Wolters neighbor
  - Marjie Sandlow – District 113 Board of Education
  - Brad Swanson – Principal, Highland Park High School
  - Scott Chukerman – Wolters neighbor
- II. There was a concern brought forward by a neighbor on April 23, regarding the level of noise coming from the PA system at a boys track invitational meet. Barry Bolek reported that the District is in compliance with the EPA as it relates to the current guidelines per the District's attorneys. The district has placed a permanent locked device on the cabinet so operators cannot self adjust the unit. Controlling these levels can only be done by the Athletic Director. Discussion did occur about the varying of how sound travels with all events in Highland Park depending on weather and how the wind blows.
- III. Another issue related to the sound level at Wolters is the band performing at our football games. Again, the District is in compliance with the EPA as it relates to the current guidelines per the District's attorneys. It was also noted that this too has different levels, depending on wind, size of the crowd and weather conditions, the sound carries differently. Half time shows do most of the performing facing west towards the crowd across the larger part of the property as well as into the bleachers to reduce outside noise.
- IV. Three different proposals, approved by the Advisory Committee, will be presented by the District to the City Council for action. 1.) We will seek to revise the parking situation on the east side of the field, by double parking cars, backing them in so they are headed west along the fence. We will work with Kevin Fasset, to assess this at the end of the season. (2.) We will seek permission to leave the busses in the lot on football home game nights, instead of moving them to the high school. This will save the District approximately \$ 1,000 per game and will follow the Green Initiative supported by the city and school district. (3.) We will recommend that parking permits not be issued to any resident living east of Beverly Street. Neighbors on Centerfield Ct. report that there appears to be a misuse of the permits that are issued.

- V. A meeting of Brigid Ohlwein, Kevin Fassett, Barry Bolek, Brad Swanson, Chief Shafer and Bobbie Monroe will take place at Wolters within the next two weeks to review options regarding the parking plan. It was noted that the drop-off plan worked well in the fall, so we will continue that pattern in 2010.
- VI. An acknowledgement and thank you was given to Mary Anderson and the Public Works Department of Highland Park for their work in improving the lighting along Park Avenue. Officer O'Neill recommended that Mary oversee the placement of new signs on Park Avenue, directing traffic.
- VII. A barricade has been placed at the north end of Athletic Drive during the day when there are no contests occurring at Wolters Field to keep traffic from going farther south.
- VIII. Discussion took place about the traffic flow on Centerfield Ct. when there are large competitions at the stadium. There are 22 children who live on the block, so there is potential for accidents when traffic is heavy. Mary Anderson reported there is process whereby a citizen can request a "Children at Play" sign to be placed in a yard at the east end of the block.
- IX. Bobbie Monroe reported that only two events remain to be played on the stadium field for this current season. There were no issues during the year with the curfew time on the lights and there were a total of 20 lighted events during the year.
- X. The light schedule for fall of 2010 will be available online within the next week.
- XI. The 2010-11 meeting dates for the Wolters Field Advisory Group are:
  - Thursday, August 19, 2010 – 5:00PM
  - Thursday, November 4, 2010 – 5:00PM
  - Thursday, May 5, 2011 – 5:00PM(Written correspondence with concerns will be accepted prior to a meeting if a person cannot attend.)
- XII. An annual report from the Wolters Field Advisory Group for 2009-2010 will be prepared by Bobbie Monroe and submitted to the City Council and the District 113 Board of Education by June 15, 2010.
- XIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.

