Wolters Field Advisory Group Meeting Thursday, November 6, 2008

- I. Welcome and Introduction The following Advisory members were present: Athletic Director Bobbie Monroe; Police Chief Paul Shafer; District 113 Assistant Superintendent Barry Bolek; 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 11 regular dates with lights, one play-off game and 3 special occasion practice dates. The ordinance allows a total of 25 regular dates, 3 possible football play-off dates and 7 special occasions.
- III. Fall Season Feedback – The parking situation in the neighborhood during Friday night games was discussed. There have citations issued for vehicles parked on streets without permits. Also discussed was the dropping off and picking up of students on Centerfield Ct. This issue has been discussed with staff and the understanding from the police is that our staff person should be discouraging vehicles from entering barricaded streets, but should avoid confrontation. Radios will be provided by the school district to contact the police immediately. With the hiring of a new building manager at HPHS, new procedures will be implemented next season by hiring the same people to man the streets during home games so there is more consistency. The police department will also look into adding metal signs on Park Avenue to discourage parents from dropping their kids right on Park Avenue. We will also reverse the traffic pattern next year so that parents are entering the east driveway at the Administration Building and exiting the center drive at Wolters after dropping off their kids. The volume of sound was discussed and the district will check the sound coming from all four speakers to make sure the sound is in sync. Also, the district will lock the controls on the sound system to make sure the volume control is always at the right spot. Traffic was worse on side streets on Saturdays and Sundays this fall during Little Giant football games because of our construction project. Things should be back to normal next fall. The need for an amendment to the ordinance was discussed because of our situation with practices during the playoffs. We run out of daylight due to turning the clocks back, so anytime we are still playing in November, that problem will exist. Provisions will be provided in the future to remedy this.

IV. Future meeting dates:

Thursday, May 7, 2008 – 5PM.

- V. Public Comments: Neighbor David Greenberg explained the effect of the loud noise from the band and PA system. He suggested that the speakers might be out of sync from the visitor's side to home side. It will be checked out.
- VI. Round Table: Barry Bolek gave an update on projects at Wolters Field. The drainage in the ditch next to the west driveway has been fixed to improve the flow of water from the fields. The foundation of the new locker facility was poured this past week. Walls should start going up next week. Kevin Fassett asked that the Publics Work Department look into the plowing of snow at the end of Centerfield Court so that it does not block his driveway.
- VII. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.