

**** SPECIAL MEETING ****
MINUTES

COMMISSION:	Environmental	DATE:	9/7/11
QUORUM:	Yes	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:30 p.m.
		ADJOURNED:	8:38 p.m.
MEMBER ATTENDANCE:		PRESENT:	Chairman Neary, Commissioners Bateman, Glaza, Kreuzer, and, Westcott
		EXCLUDED:	Commissioner Pellico, Rahn, Temcio; Flood; Trustee Liaison McGinley; Staff Liaison Letson
		PUBLIC PRESENT:	Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member Linda Gilbert; Our Field Our Town members Kurt Burger and Adrian Gregory

- 1. Call Meeting to Order –**
Chairman Neary called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.
- 2. Public Participation –**
Kurt Burger, a representative from the group ‘Our Field Our Town’ (OFOT), attended the meeting to discuss why his group felt the addition of lights to Memorial Field would not be beneficial to the community. He reviewed in detail reasons which included noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution, increased litter and increased traffic. He also reviewed with the group the increased seating the new construction would allow for and the fact that the School District has plans to rent the field out to help cover the cost. Mr. Burger explained to the group this would mean the concerns OFOT has could be 5 to 7 days a week rather than just on Fridays when Glenbard West would have a football game. Discussion was had regarding potential parking problems and safety issues with the current architectural plan for the new structures.

Adrian Gregory spoke to members regarding the most recent Plan Commission Meeting and topics that were discussed. She informed members that in a presentation to the Plan Commission, the School District compared the Glenbard West light installation to current lights used at Main South High School. She went on to inform members why OFOT believed this was an unfair comparison. She detailed reasons for this such as Main South being on 67 acres of property and Glenbard West only being on 9. Commissioner Glaza asked representatives from OFOT if there was any compromise or recommendations they would be comfortable with such as fewer lights, time restrictions, etc. Mr. Burger informed the Commission they did try to

reach a compromise and were not successful. Chairman Neary informed the group she believed comparing West to schools on the North Shore might be a better idea (rather than schools in DuPage County) because she believed the similarities were greater there and Members agreed. The Group then discussed that fact the District has not yet paid for the upgrades to the practice field and the need they would have to generate funds through the rental of Memorial Field to pay for the proposed upgrades. Members were also concerned that the installation of lights would increase the rental of the field on a more regular basis which could help lead to all the negative things previously discussed in this meeting. The group also discussed changes the School District would like to make to Crescent Boulevard and all agreed there is nothing positive about them. After much discussion members agreed the addition of lights would not be positive for the community and it could lead to increased utilization of the field which could lead to a variety of pollutions, traffic and safety issues.

3. Business –

A. Discussion of Proposed Lights at Memorial Field–

Members discussed points that were addressed in the public participation portion of the meeting and all agreed that next steps should be for the Commission to come to a unanimous conclusion as to what direction they would like to take. Members also agreed that it would be best to go before the Plan Commission with their conclusions before they make a recommendation to the Village Board. Members again went over the potential environmental impacts previously discussed which include increased garbage and other waste, energy consumption, increased air pollution, personal safety issues and traffic issues.

After much discussion members agreed they should present a resolution to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Westcott raised concerns that there is no study or real proof to back up any resolution the Commission might create. He wondered if it might be better for members to address the Plan Commission individually. After much discussion members agreed that Commissioner Westcott had a point and some concerns they have are based on assumptions. They agreed that the subcommittee should draft a resolution rather broadly with the idea that it could be tailored to a product that could get voted on at the next Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Westcott moved to draft a resolution to possibly present to the Plan Commission, Commissioner Glaza seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on September 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted by:

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Reviewed by:

Andrew Letson, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison