

*** SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES *
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COMMISSION:	Environmental	DATE:	9/27/11
QUORUM:	Yes	CALLED TO ORDER:	8:00 p.m.
		ADJOURNED:	8:18 p.m.
MEMBER ATTENDANCE:		PRESENT:	Chairman Neary Commissioners Glaza, Kreuzer, Pellico, Rahn, Temico and Westcott; Student Liaison Flood; Staff Liaison Letson
		EXCUSED:	Commissioner Bateman; Trustee Liaison McGinley
		PUBLIC PRESENT:	None

1. **Call Meeting to Order –**
Chairman Neary called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.
2. **Public Participation –**
None
3. **Continuing Business –**
 - A. **Discussion of Resolution regarding Proposed Lights at Memorial Field and their Potential for Increased Light/Noise Pollution –**
Commissioner Kreuzer asked that the minutes be reflective of decisions made at the last official Commission meeting where it was decided that those present at the Subcommittee Meeting would be those who would decide on the final content of the Resolution. The purpose of the current, Special Full Commission Meeting, would be to vote “Aye” or “No” on the Resolution recommended by the Subcommittee. Commissioner Kreuzer then asked members to give any input they had on the Resolution. After some discussion Commissioner Kreuzer motioned to approve the Resolution as drafted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glaza. The motion passed unanimously; 7 “Aye” and 0 “No.”

Staff Liaison Letson suggested that the vote count be included on the bottom of the resolution as this is how it is done with Village Board resolutions. Commission Kreuzer asked Members if they would like to show official “Aye” and “No” on the bottom of the Resolution. The group agreed this was a good idea and thought since the vote was unanimous it showed a strong commitment to the Resolution. Commissioner Kreuzer motioned to include the vote tally to the Resolution and is seconded by Commissioner Pellico. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kreuzer wanted it noted in the minutes that the resolution created by the Subcommittee was considered at 3 Subcommittee meetings, 2 Special Commission Meetings and 2 Regular Commission Meetings. He went on to state he believed all members contributed very objectively at all meetings and much time and effort went in to their work. The Commission worked hard to try and present what they believed to be a fair Resolution. He also wanted to thank Staff Liaison Letson for all the help he gave the Commission.

B. Other –

Chairman Neary informed the Commission that the TPO was approved by the Village Board the previous night 4 votes to 3. She updated the Commission on other information she knew about and members discussed the topic. Staff Liaison Letson informed the Commission that staff was working on an Ordinance regarding the clear cutting portion of the TPO. They are hopeful to present this at a Workshop on 10/17 and a regular meeting on 10/24.

Chairman Neary updated the Commission on the tagging of the Ash trees. She recently attended a meeting where Peggy Drescher trained volunteers on how to tag the trees. She now is able to train others and went on to ask members if some of them might be willing to have her train them and help her tag trees. Commissioner Flood said it might be a good project for the Glenbard West Eco Club and all members agreed.

4. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 17, 2011

Respectfully submitted by:

D'Arcy Greenleaf, Environmental Commission Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

Andrew Letson, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison

Environmental Commission Resolution to Plan Commission Regarding Memorial Field

Whereas the Environmental Commission and its Subcommittee have studied published facts and considered facts arising from common sense regarding Glenbard Township High School District 87's current requested variances for Memorial Field (Stadium), the Commission resolves to remind the Village of Glen Ellyn's Plan Commission of the following potentially adverse environmental and public safety impacts:

1. Lighting There will be a significant increase in light on Memorial Field. A variance, which will allow lighting which may be equal to that for a minor league baseball facility for as many as six (6) nights a week, nine (9) months a year in an established family residential neighborhood, is an environmental impact which may not be supported by the adjacent neighborhood;

2. Lighting In addition to the significant environmental impact to the neighborhood, general research has shown that the type of lighting proposed will increase urban sky glow and glare. Glare can decrease visibility and impact road and pedestrian safety. Research indicates that increased night lighting can affect and disrupt normal circadian rhythms in humans as well as flora and fauna. This disruption can affect the health and welfare of people, animals and plants;

3. Noise Granting the variances will allow night noise pollution from users (according to projections, seating for 250 fans in addition to standing fans and field participants) and vehicles for as many as six (6) nights a week, nine (9) months a year in a family residential neighborhood. Loud speakers, whether fixed or portable, will increase this pollution. Research and common sense shows that noise pollution has a more significant impact at night. Ultimately, the noise pollution at night may be more extensive than the light pollution and may affect more homes. Our Illinois State General Assembly has found that excessive noise endangers physical and emotional health and well-being;

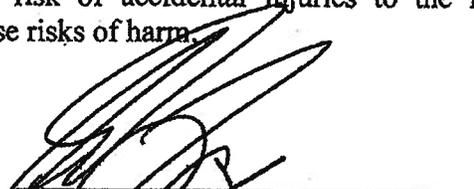
4. Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Granting the variances will cause a significant increase of auto and pedestrian traffic at night in a family residential area and school zone within an area which is already congested, confusing and unsafe. This Commission understands that commissioned studies report that the existing traffic/pedestrian environment is unsafe. This Commission is unaware of whether the School District has commissioned a careful assessment by a competent third party of the safety impact(s) this field (stadium) will have on the traffic/pedestrian environment;

5. Traffic/Pedestrian Safety and Green Space Granting the variances could pave the way for a plan to destroy trees and vegetation, otherwise known as green space, west of the field in order to construct a parking lot that may also negatively affect the traffic/pedestrian environment; and

6. Public Safety Granting the variances may allow for an increased risk of harm to those using the facility. This Commission is concerned about the extent to which the School District has provided for appropriate access by emergency vehicles and the extent to which the School District has assessed whether the requested space variances could increase the risk of accidental injuries to the field participants and fans. Evening activities can, generally, increase risks of harm.



Leonore Neary, chairman of
Glen Ellyn Environmental Committee



Adam Kreuzer, chairman of
Glen Ellyn Environmental
Subcommittee on Memorial Field

Passed unanimously 7-0
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