

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Athletic Field Use Ad Hoc Committee held in the Nichols School District Office Board Room, January 16, 2008 starting at 4:03 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Derrick Daggett, Morris Haukereid, Sharon Henes, Pat Mackesey, Susan Manning, Rich Plier, Tory Pomeroy (arrived 4:17 P.M.), Carl Pulvermacher, Jim Smecko, Mike Stassi, Brian Storms, Jeff Thompson, Jacob Tissue (left. 5:40 P.M.), Jeff Vitense (arrived 4:10 P.M.), John Weinberger, Dan Zweifel (left 5:30 P.M.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Marsh, Bob Benitez, Dennis Davidson

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Mary Ellen Van Valin, Mark Scullion, Jeff Schreiner, Gary Schumacher (arrived 5:20 P.M.)

I. Opening of Meeting – Mary Ellen Van Valin, Director of Business Services

II. Declaration of Public Notice – acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes Dated December 19, 2007

The following corrections were noted for the minutes of December 19, 2007: Gary Schumacher was present, Morris Haukereid stated that PeeWee Football and Youth Football are different and that he is representing PeeWee football.

Sharon Henes moved approval of Athletic Field Use Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of December 19, 2007. Susan Manning seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Discussion of Immediate Field Usage-Related Decisions Impacting 2008-'09 Sports- Jeff Schreiner/Mark Scullion

Mary Ellen Van Valin distributed the following document prepared by Rettler Corporation: Soccer Field Development Preliminary Cost Estimate Options 1 and 2.

a. Potential Impact of Installation of Artificial Turf on the Stadium Field

Discussion was held regarding the Rettler bid status. Mark Scullion stated it's a good estimate and pretty close to what it will be. He stated the actual bid for our site should be here in a week. After further discussion Mark stated he will ask Rettler about 10 year maintenance costs, bacteria control, and what kinds of guarantees come with an artificial turf product. Installation of the turf could be done over the summer and not affect sports.

Brian Storms reported he discussed this possibility (artificial turf) with Mark Scullion and if the field was to be replaced it would be a good time to replace the track as well. Mr. Storms also reported he would be in favor of turf installation on the athletic field as it would benefit soccer, football, youth soccer and football, as well as track and field.

b. Potential Impact of Stadium Field Renovation (Grass)

Mary Ellen Van Valin reported the meeting packet contains an estimate from Rettler. The estimate is a scope and sequence evaluation of our field. She stated Rettler would work with us on a program to maintain the field but in order to get ready for fall sports there will not be able to be track or soccer this spring. Because of cost constraints this option probably could not be completed this year.

c. Potential Financial Impact of a New (referenda approved) Soccer Complex

Discussion was held regarding a referenda approved soccer complex. Mary Ellen Van Valin reported that using Option 1 for a soccer complex the estimated cost would be \$1,574,275, which is 4 cents per thousand (\$250,000 home is \$10/year); Option 2 for a soccer complex the estimated cost would be \$1,365,000, which is 3.5 cents per thousand; installation of field turf at an estimated cost of \$870,764 is about 2.2 cents per thousand; and field renovation (grass) an estimated cost of \$126,455 or less than 1 cent per thousand. Jacob Tissue informed the committee of the possibility of a future referenda in the Village of Cottage Grove for a new library and other needs.

d. Potential Referenda Requirements of the Afore Mentioned Discussions

Mary Ellen Van Valin referred the Committee to the Department of Public Instruction handout included in their packet. Per State Statute a minimum of 45 days is required from the time a resolution is passed by the Board of Education and the election date.

V. Presentation of Current Field Usage-District/Community-Jeff Schreiner

Jeff Schreiner presented information regarding current field usage in the school district and community. Discussion was held regarding the amount of time the field needs to “rest”.

VI. Presentation of Current and Possible Field Usage-City of Monona, Village of Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation Representatives or Delegates

Jacob Tissue referred to his handout of the CG Community facility use. It was noted that this item will be near the beginning of the next meeting’s agenda so that he can complete his presentation.

Mary Ellen Van Valin will check with the City of Monona regarding their representation at the next meeting.

VII. Review of Timeline for Reporting Back to the Board of Education

After discussion of the February 1, 2008, timeline required by the Rettler Corporation to commence full renovation of the stadium field, it was decided that the school district would be unable to meet this deadline for this year. John Weinberger reviewed the charge to the Committee as being what is the school district going to do about the use of the athletic field. It was suggested that all groups come back to the Committee with an idea of what they will do to help the problem.

VIII. Future Items for the Ad Hoc Committee to Review

- Plan for Fall of 2008 to include locations for Youth and Pee Wee football and high school soccer.
- MAYSA report on possible assistance.
- All groups represented will give any items for the packet to Mary Ellen Van Valin by January 30th. The groups are expected to send in a written copy of their needs for practice and game play.

IX. Established Next Meeting Date of February 6th, 2008 4 P.M.-6 P.M.

X. Adjournment

Sharon Henes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Susan Manning seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.