

BEFORE THE DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2011
7:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS HAD and testimony taken before the
Downers Grove Park District, 801 Burlington Avenue
Downers Grove, Illinois before Kerry E. Chitkowski CSR
No. 84-003340.

1 PRESENT:

2 MR. ROBERT GELWICKS, PRESIDENT
3 MS. JANET BARR, SECRETARY
4 MR. MATT CUSHING, VICE-PRESIDENT
5 MS. CATHERINE C. MAHONEY, TREASURER
6 MR. MARK ROMAN, COMMISSIONER

7 ALSO PRESENT:

8 MR. DAN A. CERMAK, ADMINISTRATOR
9 MS. SANDY PFUNDHELLER, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION
10 MR. TODD REESE, DIRECTOR OF PARKS
11 MS. DEBORAH J. UTECHT, DIRECTOR OF
12 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
13 MS. LEE ARNSMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
14 RECREATION
15 MR. PAUL FYLE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
16 MS. PAM RANK, CLERK

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1 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Good evening. The
2 Downers Grove Park District Board meeting for
3 September 15, 2011 is called to order. Roll call,
4 please.

5 MS. RANK: Ms. Barr.

6 COMMISSIONER BARR: Here.

7 MS. RANK: Mr. Cushing.

8 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Here.

9 MS. RANK: Mr. Gelwicks.

10 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Here.

11 MS. RANK: Ms. Mahoney.

12 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Here.

13 MS. RANK: Mr. Roman.

14 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Here.

15 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Will you all please
16 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

17 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance
18 was said.)

19 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Madam Secretary, do you
20 have any communications to share with us this evening?

21 COMMISSIONER BARR: None.

22 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Anybody?

1 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: We have the issue of
2 Doerhoefer, do we want to hold that for later in the
3 meeting?

4 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I think we should.

5 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: We can certainly talk
7 about it at any time, but later in the meeting is the
8 appropriate time for a discussion.

9 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: That is fine.

10 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Okay. We have an
11 opportunity for visitors to address the board if
12 anybody would like to address the board at this time.

13 MS. BECKER: I would like to address the board.
14 Can I wait until after I hear the Doerhoefer Park
15 discussion?

16 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Yes, you may. If you
17 have anything to say, please go to the podium. It's
18 just so we can keep it on track. You are okay right
19 now, but later during the discussion it needs to be
20 there for television and for the purpose of tracking.

21 MS. BECKER: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Thank you. Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening.

2 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Good evening.

3 MS. JOHNSON: My name is Kathy Johnson. I live
4 at 527 Wilson Street. I am here on behalf of the
5 Downers Grove Panthers.

6 Last week the DuPage State's
7 Attorney's office was successful in negotiating a plea
8 deal on our behalf that included restitution to our
9 program along with a penalty to the offender.

10 We want to take this opportunity to
11 thank you, the Downers Grove Park District Staff and
12 Board and the Downers Grove Police Department for
13 their support during this period leading up to the
14 conviction.

15 Currently we are in our 47th season
16 serving over 500 plus kids in our community; only
17 because of the support of this district, our league
18 and our vendors. We hope to continue another 47 years
19 and beyond providing tackle football and recreational
20 cheer for our youth ages 6 to 15 that live in our
21 community. Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Thank you. I know it

1 was a difficult time so glad to have that behind you.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Anybody else at this
4 time? Moving on, Dan, the Consent Agenda.

5 MR. CERMAK: Yes. Before you have the consent
6 agenda tonight, it includes the approval of the
7 minutes for August 18, 2001, those are both the
8 Regular and Executive Session meetings.

9 The Treasurer's Report, the payment
10 of the bills in the amount of \$872,427.14. Payout No.
11 1 is the DuPage Topsoil for work at McCullum Park
12 renovation. Payout No. 4 for Corporate Construction
13 Services also for McCullum Park infrastructure
14 renovation services. Payout No. 9, V3 Companies of
15 Illinois also for McCullum Park infrastructure
16 renovation civil and electrical engineering services.
17 Payout No. 16, Ehlke Lonigro Architects Fishel Park
18 Bandshell Design. Payout No. 16, JFNew & Associates,
19 Inc., for work associated with the Lyman Woods
20 Streambank stabilization.

21 That would conclude the Consent
22 Agenda for this evening. I would ask for your

1 approval as presented.

2 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Can I have a motion,
3 please.

4 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: I will move to accept
5 the Consent Agenda as presented including the payment
6 of the bills of \$872,427.14.

7 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Second.

8 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Roll call, please.

9 MS. RANK: Ms. Mahoney.

10 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Aye.

11 MS. RANK: Mr. Roman.

12 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Aye.

13 MS. RANK: Ms. Barr.

14 COMMISSIONER BARR: Aye.

15 MS. RANK: Mr. Cushing.

16 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Aye.

17 MS. RANK: Mr. Gelwicks.

18 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Aye. Motion is
19 approved.

20 MR. CERMAK: Thank you. Moving onto the Active
21 Agenda. We have one item this evening and that is the
22 request for approval of the independent contractor

1 service agreement with All Star Sports. Director
2 Pfundheller will review that recommendation with you.

3 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Good evening. As you know,
4 the Recreation Division hires instructors who are
5 placed on payroll as well at work as independent
6 contractors for the district.

7 A third of all of our independent
8 contractor agreements specify a minimum of a 70/30
9 split, the later going to the park district.

10 In your packets is an independent
11 contractor agreement for All Star Sports instructions.
12 This company provides specialized sports instruction
13 to preschool and elementary-aged students.

14 For the 2012 calendar year, staff has
15 reviewed the anticipated payout to All Star Sports
16 based on planned programing and the reasonable
17 expectation is that the payout will exceed \$20,000 per
18 season.

19 Although the park district's attorney
20 has confirmed that a formal bid process is not
21 required for these services, it was suggested that it
22 may be beneficial to seek board approval for

1 agreements that exceed \$20,000 annually.

2 Thus staff is requesting that the
3 board approve the independent contractors for All Star
4 Sports, Incorporated for the winter/spring season as
5 presented.

6 If there is any questions on the
7 information presented, I am happy to answer them at
8 this time.

9 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Within this document
10 you mentioned that a commissioner asked about this. I
11 was that commissioner who asked about this.

12 Just several comments. One, All Star
13 Sports has been with us for a long time and I know my
14 kids, when they were growing up, they participated in
15 a number of programs that were done by them. I know
16 they have provided a great service to us over time.

17 As I was reviewing the budget a year
18 ago, I recognized that we had individual companies
19 that we hadn't had any contracts come to the board on,
20 but the numbers were significant, in this case and it
21 was almost \$100,000 for All Star Sports. So that is
22 why I asked that you bring this, because I think, I

1 quite frankly think anything over \$20,000 at least
2 ought to have some knowledge, the board ought to have
3 some knowledge of it. So I appreciate you bringing
4 this to our attention.

5 Does anybody have any questions other
6 than me? Anybody? I guess I have a couple questions.
7 This contract that we have here, is this the standard
8 one that we use for every contractor?

9 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Correct. They are all the
10 same.

11 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Okay. And All Star
12 Sports does and other vendors like them do this with
13 many park districts. So it's not a unique arrangement
14 whatsoever?

15 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Right. They are with most of
16 the park districts in the surrounding area.

17 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Do they have a
18 competitor?

19 MS. PFUNDHELLER: There is one. I am not
20 certain what the name is, but there is one that has
21 contacted the park district.

22 The thing about All Star Sports is

1 they have a local following in this area and that is
2 because of the staff that they hire.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I guess the question I
4 really have is, is there any reason not to bid just to
5 follow --

6 MS. PFUNDHELLER: You are not necessarily
7 comparing the same thing; however, staff has hired a
8 new staff person that is full-time. We did a little
9 reorganization and we have someone on staff now that
10 their focus is teaching classes like this.

11 So what we are trying to do is build
12 that program so that there is recognition in the
13 community and we start having a following for that
14 instructor for the same way that they have built it up
15 over the years.

16 So we are making headway, but she
17 just started this year. So we need a little time to
18 get that established.

19 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: The budget worksheet
20 that you provided is a part of this handout, are the
21 annual numbers on here fiscal year annual numbers or
22 calendar year?

1 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Fiscal year. These are from
2 the budget.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: So we paid \$95,000 in
4 the 2010/11 fiscal year, approximately; is that the
5 way I read this?

6 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: And we are right now
8 thinking that we may spend as much as \$88,000 this
9 year; is that correct?

10 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Correct, if all planned
11 classes run.

12 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: In the business world
13 that I have been a party to, when I have to look at a
14 budget and try to find ways to lower costs, one of the
15 first things that is looked at is outside labor and is
16 there something that could be done to negotiate and
17 get a better deal.

18 Given the fact that this is \$100,000,
19 it just seems that has been part of my concern about
20 this and wondering if there wasn't anyway to negotiate
21 a better deal, because we are all under some cost
22 constraints and we are forcing you to do some things

1 to reduce expenses. Any thoughts about that?

2 MS. PFUNDHELLER: We already had that
3 discussion among staff and we will probably be
4 approaching All Star Sports this year about doing that
5 for the next season. Again, they are at other park
6 districts, so it may take a joint effort to make
7 something like that happen. But we are making
8 headway.

9 In 09/10 the payout was \$101,000,
10 that went down to \$95,000, and then this year it's
11 going down to \$88,000 is the plan. So we are
12 gradually transitioning many of the programs that were
13 contractual to in-house.

14 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I think there is so
15 many advantages to that over time, but I also think
16 that as we get through into the next budget cycle, one
17 of the issues that I think you would have at least is
18 coming forth to us in order to bring it in-house you
19 would have to add staff potentially, that's always
20 been perceived in many circles as not necessarily a
21 good thing to do.

22 I happen to think in the case of

1 something like this, you could cost justify it and I
2 think that is a worthy item of discussion and worth
3 going forward with potentially increasing staff in
4 order to be able to do this and more things like it.

5 So while I think it's been viewed at
6 times as a negative, meaning looking to add staff,
7 given the amount of revenue associated with these
8 programs and the possibility of them, I would think
9 that it might be beneficial to us to try to bring it
10 in-house, lower our cost, potentially lower the rates
11 to the community for some of these and likewise
12 potentially have more profit associated with some of
13 them. So going forward I would certainly like to see
14 us move in that direction.

15 I have two other questions. With
16 regards to contracts, we do a background search and a
17 police report on employees. Is that enforced with the
18 contractors as well?

19 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Not with the independent
20 contractors. They may do it as part of their company,
21 most are doing it as standard practice now, but it's
22 not something that we run for them.

1 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I am wondering if it's
2 not something contractual that we ought to do going
3 forward. It just seems that there is protection
4 associated with that and clearly when the agreements
5 that we have with the youth groups in town, we enforce
6 that.

7 So I am not sure why we wouldn't want
8 to do the same thing with anybody who is interfacing
9 with youth within our community. I just think that is
10 in everybody's best interest.

11 I would suggest that is one
12 contractual change that we ought to talk to the
13 lawyers about. That is just my opinion.

14 MS. PFUNDHELLER: We can certainly pursue that.

15 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: The other thing that
16 isn't obvious here to me from the contract, if there
17 is six people in a class, is there one instructor or
18 two. If there is 12 people in a class, how does that
19 work and I believe that All Star Sports has been very
20 good to work with in accommodating with regards to
21 that, but I don't think it's committed contractually.

22 MS. PFUNDHELLER: It is not.

1 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Is that something that
2 we ought to think about also?

3 MS. PFUNDHELLER: We could definitely have that
4 discussion. I haven't had any complaints from
5 participants that it's not been the right ratio.

6 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: But if we are using
7 this as a standard document, it just seems we have it
8 with them, but maybe we will in the future, I am
9 thinking about how to tighten the whole contract. I
10 am done. Anybody else? Are you looking for a motion,
11 Dan, or just concurrence?

12 MR. CERMAK: I think a motion in this case.
13 Sandy really didn't review this, but these will
14 actually be three separate contracts. Each season we
15 have a new contract with these people, the aggregate
16 will total to approximately \$88,000.

17 So I think for this purpose for the
18 year I think let's go with a motion and I think we
19 will proceed on talking to them about the student and
20 teacher ratio as well as the criminal background
21 check.

22 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: To me these are as

1 independent contractors, we are basically hiring
2 people on an hourly basis and this 70/30 versus
3 highering at an hourly basis seems to me that that
4 would be a different approach to this that would
5 facilitate the possibility of lowering the cost, if we
6 looked at it from an hourly basis versus a revenue
7 sharing basis.

8 That commits us to something that
9 ties us to a certain number regardless of how many
10 people, it's in our best interest then to grow the
11 classes. I think there is benefits on both sides to
12 that way, but it clearly would be a way for us to
13 reduce the cost and make a more consistent with the
14 way that we normally operate.

15 MR. CERMAK: If I could add on that 70/30, what
16 Commissioner Gelwicks is referring to is the park
17 district does pay \$88,000, we will collect
18 approximately \$27,000 to \$30,000 for our share of the
19 program. So it's not as good as 50/50, but 70/30, I
20 think, it used to be 25 --

21 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Correct.

22 MR. CERMAK: -- 75 and I think now we are going

1 to try and get 35/65 with that number.

2 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Okay. Somebody make a
3 motion, please.

4 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: I move to accept the
5 independent contractor's agreement for All Star Sports
6 instruction as presented and as detailed in the memo
7 dated 9/2/2011.

8 COMMISSIONER BARR: I second the motion.

9 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Any other discussion?
10 Roll call, please.

11 MS. RANK: Commissioner Cushing.

12 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Aye.

13 MS. RANK: Ms. Barr.

14 COMMISSIONER BARR: Aye.

15 MS. RANK: Ms. Gelwicks.

16 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Aye.

17 MS. RANK: Ms. Mahoney.

18 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Aye.

19 MS. RANK: Mr. Roman.

20 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Motion is approved.

22 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Thank you.

2 MR. CERMAK: Moving onto Staff Report. We have
3 Director Reese and he will review the approval of
4 independent contracts with you and a proposal from a
5 donor for McCullum Park for fitness equipment.

6 MR. REESE: Thank you, Dan. Good evening
7 Commissioners. We will keep our monthly report brief
8 so that we can address the other items Dan mentioned.
9 With respect, quickly, to Patriots Park the Barth Pond
10 Shoreline and Pathway improvements and the bandshell
11 at Fishel Park, we are down to a few remaining punch
12 list items there. We hope to have final payment
13 requests to you next month.

14 At McCullum Park on the
15 infrastructure renovation project, we broke ground on
16 August 18 with top soil move back and some rough
17 grading. We have got construction fence in place and
18 we have been working on our different materials and
19 submittals. We are now arise and we expect to see
20 pace of construction pick up here over the next few
21 weeks.

22 With regard to the Walnut Properties,

1 staff did submit for a graded permit with a five-acre
2 site. We are anticipating the permit will be released
3 from the county, actually we were hoping today, but we
4 believe it will be tomorrow, a little longer than we
5 thought.

6 We are prepared to commence with the
7 grading operation as soon as we receive the permit and
8 we expect that to be next week. It's probably, I
9 would say, 5 to 10 days for basic grading and then we
10 will have a subcontractor come in and do the seeding
11 operation.

12 Looking forward, a couple of
13 projects, Memorial Park sports field lighting as you
14 know we hired an electrical consultant, V3, to design
15 the improvements for both the south field and the
16 north field.

17 Our report indicates that we do have
18 some preliminary cost estimates, they are running
19 higher than we anticipated. So right now staff is
20 looking at some different options on how we can reduce
21 those project costs including alternate brands to
22 Musco, volunteer installation assistance, and

1 consideration of postponement of other capital
2 projects to help fund the gap. The project is
3 anticipated to commence construction this spring.

4 Hummer Park parking lot renovation,
5 again, our consultants have completed a parking lot
6 assessment. We have some bid document illustrations,
7 we are ready to go; however, we are taking a pause on
8 that and we are exploring possible deferment of those
9 improvements as well to help possibly fund some of the
10 gap that we have at McCullum Park.

11 On the infrastructure, as you recall,
12 the board made some decisions to increase the funding
13 levels at McCullum, so we are going to evaluate some
14 other projects in the FY2011-12 program, also
15 including the Gilbert Park playground project which
16 was slated for this year. So we will look at possible
17 deferment and come back to you with a recommendation
18 to fund the gap at McCullum.

19 On the village IGA stormwater
20 improvements, we are pleased to report that we made
21 good progress in the last three or four weeks. The
22 park district has worked with a third-party contractor

1 to come in and redo or, I guess, redo, but regrade
2 both the north basin at Washington and the basin at
3 McCullum Park and reseed the areas.

4 If you have been out in the last
5 couple days, you will notice that there is some great
6 progress there.

7 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: There is real grass
8 there.

9 MR. REESE: Yes, there is real grass there so
10 we are very, very pleased. We have a meeting set up
11 tomorrow, we actually -- I think there was a memo
12 distributed tonight.

13 MR. CERMAK: If I could interrupt, we do have
14 an information packet with the closeout letters and
15 the amounts and information related to completing this
16 three-year project which we are going to celebrate
17 tomorrow happily after we get our letters. Go ahead.

18 MR. REESE: So there is a separate memo for
19 you, it outlines the cost, the final cost. Our
20 outline is \$128,620.89. Our district records reflect
21 that the board authorized approximately \$165,000
22 including change orders and directives as the total

1 for both sides.

2 Again, the FY2011-12 capital budget
3 specifically approved \$110,000 to fund the difference
4 from the unplanned capital account. As Dan mentioned,
5 the district has drafted a release and acceptance
6 letter for both sides and staff intends to meet with
7 the village tomorrow to exchange checks and letters.

8 With respect to park operations, the
9 district is pleased to announce Michael Seifken has
10 joined the Downers Grove Park District as our new Park
11 foreman. Mike he is a graduate of Michigan State
12 University with a degree in crop and soil sciences
13 with a focus on Turfgrass management and business.

14 Mike previously worked with the
15 Hancock Turfgrass Research Center and worked at the
16 Skokie Country Club, Sunset Ridge Country Club,
17 Woodstock Country Club and eight years with the
18 Northbrook Park District.

19 I know many of you had a chance to
20 meet Mike earlier this evening and we are pleased to
21 have him on board.

22 The department's largest area of

1 resource allocation over the past 30 days includes
2 mowing, athletic field preparation, tree maintenance
3 and horticultural maintenance. Specific tasks are
4 outlined in our report. A review of the highlights
5 are inspections of buildings, play areas, soccer
6 fields, and security checks. Path and trail
7 maintenance, miscellaneous sign installation, fence
8 removal at the back outlet and entrance to Sterling
9 North Park.

10 Dan may want to add to the comments,
11 but if you haven't been by, drive by, because we have
12 cleared out, we had one house that we demolished about
13 a year ago and we already had a lot next to that. We
14 have removed some under brush and you can now see back
15 into the ten-acre site in the clearing. The
16 appearance has changed and the access as well.

17 MR. CERMAK: We will be continuing to clean
18 that area up as close as we can to the fence lines.
19 That would be the east half. The west half is a very
20 overgrown piece of property, so I don't think that we
21 will be going into there with anything else other than
22 eventually I think we will try to find a pathway

1 system that goes back in there and around the old damn
2 that is on the St. Joseph's creek, but it really does
3 look nice. We started to open it up. I have informed
4 the village that we are opening up and trying to get
5 it more visible to the community.

6 So if they have any plans to proceed
7 with steering north as a potential detention area,
8 they are noticed up that we are starting to try to get
9 more use of this park.

10 MR. REESE: A couple more items, if I can, our
11 staff was involved with preparation work for a new
12 wild flower path at the museum, that was an Eagle
13 Scout project recently, and, again, if you haven't
14 been there, stop by, it's a great improvement over the
15 prior path that was there.

16 Drainage work at O'Brien and
17 Washington Park installation of the Big Belly solar
18 garbage can and recycling can at Washington Park,
19 that's our second. It looks great. Painted the
20 Gilbert Park restroom building. Pruning and stump
21 removal at various sites. Golf maintenance
22 operations, we completed bunker sand replacement on

1 hole No. 5, fairway drainage improvements on hole No.
2 5, repair the drain tile in the hole No. 4 bunker,
3 aerify, topdress and overseed the practice range tee
4 areas, topdress all greens. Overseed natural areas
5 between No. 4 and No. 5 and solid tine aeration of
6 greens.

7 MR. CERMAK: Todd, will you just explain to
8 them one more time what a Big Belly garbage can is.

9 MR. REESE: Sure. It's a solar activated can
10 and it's a compactor. We have had one out at
11 Doerhoefer, actually we have it at Doerhoefer Park
12 half the year and then the off season we move it to
13 the front door of the rec recreation center at
14 Belmont.

15 So it's a trash compactor, you pull
16 up the hopper, you put your materials in, it is solar
17 powered, it compacts it and that's how it works. So I
18 think we get -- we are supposed to get seven to one
19 compactions out of it which reduces the number of
20 times we empty it. It's one of the green alternatives
21 we implemented in the last year and we thought it
22 would be a nice addition to Washington Park.

1 With that, unless there are any other
2 questions on those, Dan mentioned we do have a memo in
3 our report on a potential donation for outdoor
4 fitness.

5 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Can I ask about the
6 bandshell concession. I noticed that the cement is
7 being held up to get a better cost on it, do you know
8 how long that is going to be?

9 MR. REESE: Yes, the district has secured
10 outside pricing which was about, I think it's going to
11 save us about \$5,000 or \$6,000 over the best price we
12 received from the general contractor. We are on
13 schedule, I think, for two to three weeks down the
14 road and we will get it cleaned up.

15 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: The project plan for
17 McCullum Park, when are we going to see a plan in
18 terms of the activity fields, what is going to be
19 done, what is going to be impacted.

20 MR. REESE: Good question. In fact, we had
21 some discussion before the meeting this evening and I
22 know the board asked that we get some information on

1 the web site and to the board so that the public can
2 see it as well.

3 We met yesterday with our
4 construction managers and they had promised that we
5 would be receiving monthly schedules. We didn't get
6 our first monthly schedule until yesterday and a lot
7 of it is because there have been some things -- some,
8 I wouldn't say hurdles or obstacles, maybe speed
9 bumps, things that slowed us down a little bit.

10 Until we could get those broken free,
11 which we did yesterday, there wasn't -- it didn't seem
12 a priority on their point to get us that information.

13 We made it very clear yesterday that
14 that information is important to us. It is important
15 to the public. So that they know what is happening.
16 Their expectation was that or ours, the publics, was
17 that the project would start in July or August and
18 it's been slow coming out of the starting block.

19 So we did get our first schedule
20 yesterday, we reviewed it, we have got some revisions
21 to do and we intend to get something up on the web
22 site in the next couple of days. We did update the

1 web site generally in terms of the time schedule this
2 last week.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Okay.

4 MR. REESE: We will get further details to you.
5 With that, I just have the last memo on the fitness
6 equipment proposal. I would like to review that with
7 you.

8 As we mentioned to you previously at
9 the August 18 meeting, the district has been contacted
10 by an area resident that is interested in donating
11 money in the acquisition of health or fitness
12 equipment as McCullum Park.

13 His interest is to bring outdoor
14 fitness to Downers Grove and specifically to McCullum
15 Park, which he uses on a frequent basis. He has
16 expressed an interest in funding improvements in the
17 \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. Staff has met with him a
18 couple of times.

19 We have prepared a preliminary
20 concept for you, which I think is attached to our
21 memo, and we have shared that also with the potential
22 donor.

1 From a historical standpoint,
2 McCullum Park did have a fitness trail system over two
3 decades ago, which was a relatively new concept back
4 then. So the district was leaning into that concept
5 back then. That was more of static equipment, benches
6 and bars and things like that.

7 The equipment we are talking about
8 now is more active, it's mechanical. It's similar to
9 some of the different activities that we have at our
10 fitness center.

11 We have provided some additional
12 background for you in our memo with respect to our
13 interest and attitude survey and things and some
14 information that might be helpful to you.

15 Staff has verifying opinions as to
16 whether there is merit to developing the outdoor
17 fitness equipment facilities in our community. The
18 integration of outdoor fitness equipment in
19 playgrounds is something that the planning staff is
20 interested in, but, again, it's difficult for us to
21 gauge whether there is a need or interest.

22 McCullum Park, which is where the

1 donor has expressed interest may lend itself to
2 outdoor fitness equipment on a couple of levels. It
3 is our most visited park. It's a popular walking and
4 jogging trail area and again it has a community
5 playground in this.

6 Staff has put together some
7 preliminary costs which are outline in our memo which
8 include the fitness equipment, assembly, park benches,
9 site preparation, and a hard surface base with a
10 rubberized surface. Total cost about \$42,065.

11 The fitness equipment has a five-year
12 warrantee. We expect it may last 10 to 15 years. The
13 life expectancy of the rubberized surface is similar
14 and therefore the replacement for life would be 15
15 years and approximately \$60,000 when adjusted for
16 inflation. Annual maintenance cost is estimated to be
17 approximately \$1,000 a year based on a six-month
18 season.

19 Again, staff has verifying opinions
20 as to the merit for introducing or reintroducing
21 outdoor fitness equipment in our parks and in a
22 playground setting. We believe with some growing

1 interest in fitness, it is worth at least looking at.
2 We have a donor, so we are bringing forth the
3 information that we have to this point.

4 The donor seems anxious to move
5 forward with this proposal for reasons we are not
6 completely sure of, but Dan asked is there any strings
7 attached, are they are looking for marketing or
8 recognition, and there is nothing that we can find.

9 Staff would like to see the board
10 review and have a discussion as to whether to proceed
11 with this concept as outlined in our memo. I would be
12 happy to answer any questions.

13 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Comments, questions?

14 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: So this would be removed
15 during the winter based on the comments that is the
16 four to six month period; right?

17 MR. REESE: No, we would leave it. It's bolted
18 down.

19 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: It's going to stay.

20 MR. REESE: Yeah, when we looked at cost and
21 the life expectancy, we figure it's a six-month
22 season.

1 MR. CERMAK: We thought it would be used five
2 or six months a year is what he is trying to say,
3 because most likely it wouldn't be used in the
4 wintertime when the cold weather came.

5 MR. REESE: So as we evaluate the opportunity
6 and the use, if we were in a warm climate it might get
7 used ten or twelve months a year. Here it's about
8 five to six month season.

9 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: How would you -- I have
10 never seen any of this. Is this kind of equipment
11 anywhere else around the area?

12 MR. REESE: We did get -- we made a phone call
13 to one of the local reps, most of the major playground
14 reps are now carrying lines of equipment. We did get
15 some locations in the Chicago area, none close by.

16 If you did want to see any, we have
17 some graphics, again, in our package. You can see, it
18 does replicate the indoor fitness equipment and we
19 know the one line that we talked or the one
20 manufacturer that we talked to, they actually have two
21 lines; they have a mid level and then a heavy duty.
22 Pricing we looked at was based on the lower level not

1 the higher level.

2 We looked around the internet, there
3 is, I mean there is stuff that is very, very
4 inexpensive, but we expect it wouldn't last. This is
5 based on kind of a mid level and then there is a
6 higher level as well.

7 Pieces, in fact we spoke with someone
8 out in Washington State, some of those pieces are
9 \$20,000 a piece. So quite a bit more money than what
10 we are talking about on a per piece basis here.

11 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Do you have any sense of
12 how this could be vandalized. I mean, this seems sort
13 of like an easy kind of thing to rip the back off into
14 the seat or something.

15 MR. REESE: Our sense is it's probably a little
16 more subject to misuse than a typical playground would
17 be. You know, we do get some vandalism in the play
18 grounds and some misuse. This probably lends itself
19 to that maybe more so than a traditional playground.

20 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: So the individual that is
21 looking to donate, they are not pushing for any
22 particular brand of fitness equipment?

1 MR. REESE: No, not at all. They just
2 indicated they had seen the concept in their travels
3 throughout the US in a couple of different communities
4 and brought it to us. We actually found this
5 particular vendor that we are using for the
6 illustrations, but there are many. So no indication
7 of any tie to brand, any marketing, anything.

8 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Have you run any of this
9 fitness equipment through anybody at the rec center in
10 terms of somebody who would be a trainer who would
11 have knowledge of the equipment and whether specific
12 pieces of equipment would be more or less appropriate.

13 MR. REESE: That is a good question. We had a
14 very brief conversation with our fitness director at
15 the recreation center, mostly to find out, had they
16 seen anything in their trade publications about the
17 ground and outdoor fitness equipment and she had
18 recalled that she had seen some articles, but couldn't
19 put her finger on any, couldn't present us with any
20 facts. So in terms of equipment, itself, we didn't
21 get into that discussion with her.

22 But to follow-up on her comments,

1 yes, she had seen some things, we actually Googled
2 around a lot and while we did get some senses that
3 there is a growth or an interest, all the
4 manufacturers now are carrying the line, some of them
5 the same lines.

6 We couldn't find a lot in terms of
7 written publications about trends or growth, so it was
8 interesting to us, we thought if it was growing, and
9 growing, and growing we would find something on the
10 internet.

11 A few articles in Europe, Northern
12 Europe, in Asia there is a lot of interest in it in
13 the schools, outdoor fitness with children and so
14 forth and the adult fitness is a different thing.

15 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: It just seems like there
16 is probably going to be a wide variety of different
17 pieces of equipment that you can purchase and I would
18 think some would be more effective than others and
19 that it might be a good idea to get somebody with
20 knowledge in the area to basically say that is not
21 going to do anybody any good, that piece is a much
22 better choice to have that information.

1 MR. REESE: What we did for tonight was to just
2 plug in some representative pieces and if you want us
3 to move forward, we will get other people involved
4 including the manufacturer's rep to help us with those
5 recommendations.

6 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Did you say you received
7 any feedback as far as from the other locations in the
8 area as how much use they are getting, how much
9 interest they are getting.

10 MR. REESE: Not yet. This is all pretty new.
11 It was sprung on us pretty recently.

12 MR. CERMAK: The only experience we have is
13 what was originally put in at McCullum Park and that
14 at best was moderately used over the years.

15 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: The chin up bars and
16 balance beams.

17 MR. CERMAK: Yes, and eventually it got to the
18 point where it was in very bad disrepair and we had to
19 take it out. It was never one of the great draws for
20 McCullum.

21 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Sure.

22 COMMISSIONER BARR: I am just so happy that we

1 would have someone willing to donate \$30,000 to
2 \$40,000 worth of equipment. I think that is a
3 wonderful thing and I would sure hate to say no.

4 I guess the little information you
5 have sent from a web site, it would be nice for people
6 who were out of work and they looked at this outdoor
7 equipment to lose weight and the \$30 for a fitness
8 center was too much for them, yeah, that is a nice
9 thing for someone who maybe can't afford the fitness
10 center fees to still have the opportunity to go and
11 work outside.

12 Just the variety of being able to go
13 on an elliptical outside as opposed to inside, I think
14 it's a neat thing to be able to go out in the snow and
15 jump on the elliptical, maybe that won't be possible.

16 MR. REESE: What staff is trying to do is be
17 objective and the give you the facts. We certainly
18 understand that, you know, there is a need, we are
19 interested, but we also presented some information in
20 terms of replacement cost, whether there is a
21 commitment to replace it in 10 or 15 years, that might
22 fall on us and obviously onto maintenance. The budget

1 is getting tighter and tighter, we have to be
2 conscious of that and share that with you.

3 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: From my standpoint it
4 doesn't seem that we have enough information to know
5 in advance what it is going to take to maintain it and
6 how much it's going to be used. So I think those
7 decisions are probably something we are going to have
8 to make in the future based on what we see in terms of
9 the usage of equipment if we put it in so.

10 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I don't see any real
11 downside. I think it's all a great idea. The
12 location that you have selected at McCullum, is that
13 an area that is lighted?

14 MR. REESE: It would be spill lighting from the
15 playground area.

16 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: That would be my other
17 thought is at some point if it's really utilized, you
18 know, we talked about the playground area needing some
19 lighting in different ways, with its proximity to it,
20 you might think about that, because a lot of the use
21 could be in the evening because there is a lot of
22 people that utilize that park in the evening. Are you

1 looking for a motion, Dan.

2 MR. CERMAK: No, I think concurrence will be
3 fine, if there is a directional to proceed and keep
4 you informed as we approach things, if we do go
5 forward and use one manufacturer, I am not certain if
6 we would bid that or take a proposal and bring them
7 back to you or if the donor might be purchasing the
8 equipment and then donating. So there is logistics to
9 work out.

10 What we really want to know is if you
11 are interested and you would like to us to proceed on
12 this and we will address replacement cost and
13 maintenance as time goes on.

14 I think Todd made a very good point,
15 the budget is getting tighter and tighter and we want
16 to be more careful and make sure we can afford things
17 in the future.

18 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Is anybody against
19 this? Janet, I think you are in favor. Matt.

20 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: I don't have a problem.

21 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: No problem.

22 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: That's fine.

1 MR. CERMAK: Okay. We will report as progress
2 moves forward. Thank you very much, Todd.

3 MR. REESE: Thank you.

4 MR. CERMAK: The Next report is the Recreation
5 Report by Director Pfundheller.

6 MS. PFUNDHELLER: Good evening again. I would
7 like to start by welcoming Allison Jacobs to the
8 district. I know you met her earlier, she is one of
9 the five recreation supervisors and she is overseeing
10 the cultural and performing arts programing, summer
11 camps and birthday party services.

12 During the month of August, full day
13 camps came to a close with substantial increases in
14 enrollment for Adventure Camps. After a short break
15 between seasons, fall programing got under way after
16 the Labor Day Holiday. We have notable growth in the
17 youth basketball league with 526 players compared to
18 484 last year. Also our adult volleyball league has
19 expanded to 79 teams and approximately 800 players.

20 Upcoming events include the recycling
21 extravaganza on Saturday, September 24 that is offered
22 in conjunction with the Village of Downers Grove from

1 8:00 to 2:00 at the Village of Downers Grove Public
2 Works facility, which is on Walnut.

3 Details on items that are accepted
4 during the event are on the park district web site as
5 well as the village web site. Volunteers are still
6 needed. If anyone is interested, contact our
7 volunteer coordinator at the park district. She is
8 located in the Lincoln Center.

9 We also have the really big truck
10 event coming up on October 1 at the Lincoln Center,
11 and then a new exhibit is opening at the museum on
12 that same day which focuses on the history of the
13 Downers Grove Girl Scouts and that's on the 100th
14 Anniversary of Girl Scouts.

15 In the packets there is also a memo
16 on the dedication ceremony for Veteran's Memorial
17 Pavilion. What staff and representatives from the
18 American Legion and VFW has decided is that we are
19 going to delay the naming ceremony until the first
20 concert of 2012.

21 We thought that would give us a
22 little more time with the sign installation, getting

1 that altogether, and then also have a little more time
2 to get this information out to the community and have
3 some more participation in the event.

4 We also have a memo in there that is
5 detailing our progress on the affiliate agreement with
6 Dolls and the Panthers, based on discussions during
7 the August 4 meeting, we made some changes to the
8 affiliate qualifications. We had to do additional
9 research in relation to the competitive rental rates
10 in the area.

11 We have done an analysis of the
12 electricity charges and based on that we found that
13 our current rate is within \$.50 of the average for all
14 the locations as far as the lighting rate that we are
15 charging to group.

16 In addition to finalizing the block
17 reservation schedule and the maintenance service,
18 staff is exploring various rental models for the
19 affiliates and we expect to have a draft ready the
20 first or second week of October for you to review.
21 With that I can answer any questions.

22 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Anybody. Thank you.

1 MR. CERMAK: Thank you, Sandy.

2 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: SEASPAR report.

3 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Nothing to report.

4 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Plan Commission met on
5 Monday, but there were no projects associated with the
6 park district this week. So we have unfinished
7 business. Do we have any unfinished business? We
8 have new business. Mark, you want to state our new
9 business.

10 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Sure. I received an
11 e-mail if from Jennifer Becker. It was concerning
12 noise in the Doerhoefer Park late at night, I believe
13 it was two Tuesdays ago. I can read the e-mail, but I
14 think everybody on the board got a copy. I don't know
15 if the report was filed or not or if I should read it
16 or not. So I guess the discussion was what can we do
17 or should we be doing, if anything, about the
18 situation that it occurring at Doerhoefer.

19 MR. CERMAK: Just an update for you. The
20 action that staff took and this is not necessarily
21 unusual, but the typical action we would take and this
22 is the action we took this time is we spoke to the

1 group involved and asked them to please keep it down,
2 and we would do that with all the groups with all of
3 these closer locations where we have lighted fields.

4 COMMISSIONER BARR: If that works for the
5 residents, I guess that is okay. I really feel like
6 11:00 is pretty late to have the permits going. So I
7 would I think, you know, especially lights and noise
8 both until 11:00 that seems kind of late.

9 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: I ended up going on
10 Tuesday night to actually listen to what was going on
11 and it was pretty quiet there, but I don't think they
12 were really doing anything on Tuesday night. They
13 were doing a little bit of practicing and not making
14 very much noise. That being said, I mean, it was a
15 one-time thing, I went one time, I was only there for
16 ten minutes. So I don't really have a full look at
17 what is going on. I have never been there when a full
18 lacrosse game or football game or anything like that
19 is going on. I personally think this issue is that
20 this venue happens to be so close to the neighbor
21 residences, that it's going to be very difficult for
22 any group to go in there and basically be quiet if you

1 told them to be quite or be quiet enough not to
2 disturb the neighbors.

3 So I have an issue with it as well.
4 I think it's probably just too late at night to be
5 holding games there. So that's where I am on it.

6 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Dan, the evening in
7 question, my understanding is it was the lacrosse club
8 that had the rental that evening?

9 MR. CERMAK: That's my understanding.

10 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: You know they came to
11 us at a meeting last fall and early winter, whatever
12 it was, and certainly were requesting field rental
13 times from us similar to other youth groups that have
14 been formed over time that want to utilize our space,
15 and obviously with the limited amount of available
16 time given the usage by other groups, this is the time
17 that they ended up with is my understanding.

18 MR. CERMAK: That's correct.

19 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: So, you know, at one
20 point we gave staff the direction to try and rent out
21 the facilities as much as possible, because we didn't
22 want things going unutilized and here we have the

1 question about now we are renting it out and should we
2 be.

3 COMMISSIONER BARR: I am just curious like what
4 the -- was there more than one group scheduled or what
5 is the starting time and if we had more details.

6 MR. CERMAK: I think that evening, and I got
7 the schedule from Lee, Lee who was there that evening.
8 The rentals started at, I believe, 4:00 p.m. with the
9 high schools and then ran right into road runners
10 until 9:00 or 9:30 at night and then I think the
11 lacrosse group came in at 9:30.

12 MS. ARNSMAN: That's correct. The field is
13 shared by the Panthers and Road Runners and it didn't
14 become available for rental until 9:30. They asked
15 for an earlier time, but we didn't have anytime to
16 offer.

17 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Do they play games or is
18 that just a practice night.

19 MS. ARNSMAN: Well, it's a rental, so we don't
20 --

21 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: You don't really know.

22 MS. ARNSMAN: We don't know the specifics of

1 it.

2 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Is there an alternate
3 venue that they could use other than the artificial
4 turf field?

5 MS. ARNSMAN: Not for a lighted field. I
6 believe they do their practices at Ebersold, but
7 that's not available for the evening time frame.

8 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: That's one of our
9 challenges in the fall with light changing, outdoor
10 utilization becomes limited to lighted locations. I
11 can recall sitting here six years ago having the
12 discussion about why we were putting in synthetic
13 surface it, would it ever be utilized, and some of us
14 believed it would be and others questioned it. I
15 think we have proven that. The demand is great.

16 So I think it behooves us as a board
17 to continue to look at alternatives, because I don't
18 think the demands are going to go away. Now, it's
19 another question but an alternative, District 99 just
20 put in synthetic surface fields, do we know what the
21 availability of that might be to other groups going
22 forward?

1 MS. ARNSMAN: I don't know that information.

2 MR. CERMAK: I believe they have it. Sandy, do
3 you want to address that?

4 MS. PFUNDHELLER: I talked to the athletic
5 director at Downers Grove North and she said at this
6 time they are not renting that out and they don't have
7 anything on the schedule, they are waiting to hire
8 that new position that was reported they were going to
9 do for the pool and all their facility rentals.

10 So once that person is in place, then
11 we would probably have more information on the
12 structure as far as hours and rates.

13 COMMISSIONER BARR: Is this a problem every
14 night or how many times a week are we talking?

15 MR. CERMAK: We haven't had any of these kind
16 of complaints in several years, to my knowledge.

17 COMMISSIONER BARR: I mean how many nights a
18 week do they go until 11:00?

19 MR. CERMAK: I think most of the groups don't
20 go to 11:00. I think most -- I am looking at the very
21 general picture here of all of the lighted facilities
22 not this one specifically. I think technically or

1 theoretically I think most of them are probably done
2 by 10:15 or 10:30. I don't think most of them go
3 until 11:00 although sometimes they do.

4 We are not out there on regular
5 basis. I think at McCullum Park, some of the groups
6 that use those lighted facilities are out there until
7 11:00, some of them aren't. So maybe 50 percent are
8 used and 50 percent aren't.

9 I think Doerhoefer during the summer
10 I think typically is probably done by 10:00 o'clock at
11 night, sometimes before. The synthetic tends to have
12 a great demand on it. The football soccer field. So
13 that is the one that is booked and that's the one most
14 likely to go until 11:00.

15 But this is the first noise complaint
16 we have had at that particular field that I can recall
17 since we actually put that synthetic in six or seven
18 years ago.

19 We did have some light complaints
20 that lights were going in the windows in some of the
21 condos. We adjusted the lights and that problem went
22 away also.

1 COMMISSIONER BARR: Would we be able to hear
2 from people now --

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Just a second.

4 COMMISSIONER BARR: -- that want to talk on
5 this topic?

6 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Do you have anything
7 else. Sure. Let's go to the public.

8 MS. GRESELL: My name is Margaret Gressell. I
9 live at 4220 Saratoga. My unit is on the third floor
10 and faces directly into the football field.

11 Dan, you stand to be corrected, but
12 there have been numerous, numerous complaints. I have
13 always been directed to go to the police department,
14 which I have done, please feel free to contact in the
15 police department.

16 Number one, the parks are for
17 children and when I bought the unit, I was fully aware
18 there was a park. This was prior to the new field.
19 The year after you started the construction, a year
20 and a half after I had purchased my unit, the first
21 summer I was not allowed to open my patio doors due to
22 the construction because the billows of dirt and dust.

1 Once you completed that, and I had
2 called the park district, I called the police
3 department because with the construction even on
4 weekend, at 6:30 and quarter to 7:00 in the morning,
5 we had trucks coming and going all day long. We lost
6 our summer which happened to be the first summer after
7 we had just put new balconies on our building, so now
8 we have lost two summers. I am going back a ways.

9 I have called the park district on
10 numerous occasions. I understand the parks are for
11 children and I have no issues really with the
12 children.

13 The blowing f horns at 7:00, 8:00
14 o'clock in the morning as they are testing them on a
15 weekend is a little annoying, but it's kids, and I
16 have no issue with that.

17 My biggest issue are with the adults
18 that are using the park. Last summer, again, please
19 check with the Downers Grove Police, you have the
20 summer football league where the participants were
21 undressing in the parking lot down to the bare skin,
22 adjusting their jock straps, and putting their

1 uniforms on. This is a little more than I would like
2 to share with people when I am sitting on my balcony.
3 Again, please verify with the police department.

4 The lacrosse league, again, extremely
5 loud, on the second occasion with the football league
6 we had an actual brawl, someone disagreed with a call
7 and both sides intervened in the center of the field
8 and there was a major brawl which I had to call the
9 police department because I thought somebody was going
10 to be killed.

11 This is not something we should have
12 to share. The law states that we are entitled to the
13 peaceful enjoyment of our home. Kids are going to be
14 kids, I rarely have an issue with kids. As far as I
15 am concerned, the most droning thing about the kids
16 are the cheerleaders because it's the same thing over
17 and over.

18 Mark, please feel free, you may have
19 my balcony all weekend recorded, we cannot open our
20 patio doors because we cannot hear the TV over it. I
21 have my 96 year old aunt who resides with me. So I
22 understand maybe my TV has to be a little louder, but

1 she is very together and would like to enjoy her life
2 as well.

3 The major issue seems to be with the
4 adult groups that are renting the field. Again, the
5 park district is for children. There was a park there
6 that was very quite when I brought my unit 13 years
7 ago, but I also lived in Westbrook for 30 years, so I
8 am very aware of that.

9 I think what it is is we need to have
10 a code of conduct issued to people when they rent the
11 park and there needs to be mandatory fines if those
12 are broken.

13 Unfortunately, the boom boxes if they
14 are there until 11:00 clock, then it's 11:30, 11:45
15 with door slamming, this one hollering to that one,
16 even though the lights may be out.

17 The other thing I want to thank you
18 for being conservative as far as your garbage
19 disposal, now if would be kind enough to be
20 conservative with your lighting. There are, I believe
21 Jack has -- we have been tracking it -- empty fields,
22 lights on for a good hour-and-a-half.

1 Again, Mark, anyone of you, you are
2 welcome to my balcony. I can read the newspaper on my
3 balcony even though no one is in the park. I don't
4 even put my porch light on anymore. I turned it off.
5 There are certain things that I think we have to be
6 respectful of. Westbrook was, when the property was
7 purchased, Doerhoefer was donated to the park district
8 by the same time when the American Legion sold the
9 property to develop Westbrook west. I wouldlike us
10 to be able to live in harmony, but it's getting to the
11 point that we are going to have to go further if we
12 cannot address these issues.

13 We have a very elderly community as
14 well is a very young community. Our population as far
15 as unit owners is diversified. It goes from age 21 to
16 ninety-eight-and-a-half. These people, especially the
17 elderly, have a difficult time with the noise level.

18 We have young couples who are trying
19 to start a family who have to be constantly disrupted
20 until it's after 11:00 o'clock at night. What time do
21 you get up for work, Tony?

22 MR. BECKER: 6:30.

1 MS. GRENELL: He is up at the crack of dawn.
2 We need to have harmony. I understand you are leaving
3 behind a source of revenue, but I will tell you what,
4 if you turn the lights off when the park is empty, you
5 wouldn't need the added sense of revenue. That's the
6 bottom line. We cannot have peaceful enjoyment.

7 Dan, I spoke to you about the lights
8 that were in the bedroom windows, but we still cannot
9 go to sleep until 11:00 o'clock because the big lights
10 are on. We just need to show mutual respect for one
11 another.

12 I would appreciate it if you could
13 address these issues, but anyone if you who would like
14 access to my balcony for the weekend, please feel
15 free, I will even serve breakfast, lunch and dinner
16 because that's when we hear all the noise. Thank you
17 very much.

18 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Thank you. Can I
19 clarify one thing with the lacrosse league that you
20 are talking about, the rental that evening is the
21 lacrosse group is a high school group, it's the
22 Downers Grove, so is that the adult group that you are

1 referring?

2 MS. GRENELL: That's one of them.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: So you are talking
4 about adult --

5 MS. GRENELL: The biggest offender is the
6 summer football. That is just totally out of control,
7 totally out of control. The screaming is
8 unbelievable.

9 MS. BECKER: My name is Jennifer Becker. I
10 reside at 4220 Saratoga as well. Our balcony also
11 directly faces out to the park. There is a lot of
12 concerns like Bonnie said, you know, I am not going to
13 stand here and make a litany of all my concerns, but
14 my primary concern is the nighttime noise. It's
15 extremely late. I am a teacher and I have to be up
16 early in the morning. I work long hours. It's very
17 difficult for me to get the rest that I need, you
18 know, with such late night noise that is going on.

19 Yes, they shut down at 11:00
20 theoretically; however, by the time they are out as we
21 mentioned, it's 11:30 or perhaps even later. They are
22 not exiting quietly, if you will.

1 I addressed this with the police
2 department pretty extensively. They know me by name
3 when I call because I call so often. So I had a
4 pretty extensive conversation with one of the
5 officers, her badge number is 980 today. She welcomes
6 all of you to contact them. They say that they have
7 absolutely no authority to ticket the people who are
8 in the park who are playing team sports and the noise
9 is as a result of the team sports, that are sanctioned
10 by the park district. They will not ticket anyone.
11 Again, I encourage you to contact her. Here badge
12 number is 980.

13 I am requesting that, if possible,
14 you limit play to 9:00 p.m. I think that that is
15 sufficiency late enough to accommodate many, many
16 groups and by the time that they leave, we are looking
17 at 9:30 perhaps and that would still allow us the
18 peaceful enjoyment of our home to be able to fall
19 asleep at a reasonable hour.

20 I don't know if you can act on that
21 tonight, because it's not an agenda item; however, I
22 really hope you consider it. I don't want to have to

1 wait another month preferably for this to be resolved,
2 because that's another month of not getting a lot of
3 sleep. So if a special session is required, I ask
4 that you perhaps consider convening one, but we really
5 need your help on this, we really do. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BARR: Can I ask you a question.
7 Is it pretty regularly every night?

8 MS. BECKER: It's absolutely every Tuesday
9 night until nearly 11:00 and then other evenings it
10 seems like it seems to taper off around 10:00, but by
11 the time people finally leave it is 10:30 at night
12 which in my opinion, again, is still too late, and I
13 think most people would agree if their home was right
14 next door to a lighted loud field such as that they
15 would agree.

16 MR. MARGERELLA: I am Jack Margerella 4220
17 Saratoga. My bedroom looks straight down field goal
18 post to field goal post. Knowing I was coming this
19 week, I made special note of what took place at the
20 park this week. Monday night what looked like a bunch
21 of 13, 14, 15 year old soccer players, they played
22 until 9:30. Basically gone a short time after that,

1 but the lights stayed on until 10:58 and then they
2 clicked off. Why would they be on for another
3 hour-and-a-half whether somebody has paid for that or
4 not, it's money that we as villagers are wasting.
5 It's money spent that doesn't have to be.

6 Then Tuesday night was the lacrosse
7 night and those guys practice right up until 10:55 and
8 if you come into my house in the living room on the
9 third floor, you would have heard the noise, much more
10 than what Bonnie was saying. There is a lot of
11 screaming, the coach is hollering, the whistle is
12 blowing and they practice right up to 10:55 and they
13 gathered over on the side of the field and then the
14 next thing you know, three minutes later the lights
15 are going out and these guys haven't even left the
16 field yet. They get off the field and then there is
17 30 trucks closing with all of their gear, parents
18 picking up kids coming into the parking lot, the
19 occasional toot of the horn to get somebody's
20 attention, then there is always the little bit of a
21 screech of wheels, because somebody is in a hurry to
22 get out or whatever and then there is always that boom

1 box and then at the very end at 11:20 came the little
2 girl hollering that Brian went out with Wendy, how
3 dare she.

4 I mean, you know, this is at 11:20 at
5 night, the park is supposed to be closed at 11:00,
6 then they need to be out of there by 11:00. That's
7 what makes sense to me.

8 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: I was there this week, I
9 didn't see any of that. I am not saying that at the
10 times I was there it is different. I need to have a
11 better understanding of the light spillage, because I
12 paid particular attention to that, because I was on
13 the board at the time those lights were put in. The
14 lights spillage I know there was directional issues.

15 MR. CERMAK: That's right.

16 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: But the light spillage,
17 there is more light given off by the lights along the
18 fence that are part of the condo property -- yes, that
19 is what I perceived. I am telling you what I saw.
20 You had a chance to tell us your story. I am telling
21 you what I saw.

22 I thought there was much more light

1 given off there, most of the side that I saw, now I
2 didn't walk around everywhere to see the entire
3 complex, but the side that faces the park, everybody
4 had their back light on.

5 Ma'am, I am telling you what I saw.
6 Can I please tell you what I saw.

7 MS. GRENELL: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: AS far as the lights
9 from the synthetic turf field, itself, it doesn't even
10 spill out onto the cars that are parked right along
11 there, because that is where I was parked. So it
12 certainly not spilling down. If it's spilling out,
13 then that is something that I could not tell, because
14 there was plenty of other lights on that were not part
15 of the park lights.

16 So I think we have the ability to
17 double check on those lights and ensure that they are
18 not going over or directionally into any outside
19 areas, because my observation was that that was not
20 occurring.

21 So I would like to have that checked
22 into as a starting point. I, however, did notice that

1 the nights that I was there, the lights were on and no
2 one was on the field, I did notice that and I thought
3 that was something that should be addressed, because
4 we have done that at other areas for other parks.
5 When the field is not in use, the lights should not be
6 on.

7 I don't recall what kind of system we
8 have set up at Doerhoefer for that.

9 MR. CERMAK: Typically the youth groups have
10 the ability to code in and code out. Typically they
11 wrap the practice early and forget or not code out.
12 They are charged for it.

13 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: How do we do it with the
14 events for rentals?

15 MR. CERMAK: For rentals we assign staff
16 members access to a computer at their home. So if the
17 lights are on and we have a rental from 9:30 until
18 11:00, the staff member at home has set that up to go
19 for that period of 9:30 to 11:00 and cutoff; is that
20 correct, Staff?

21 MS. ARNSMAN: Correct. They go off
22 automatically at 11:00. If we want them off sooner

1 someone will have to go online at home for a rental
2 and turn them off remotely.

3 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: I think --

4 MR. CERMAK: If we had someone ending at 10:00
5 we would have a staff member at home at 10:00 o'clock
6 logging on to turn the lights off.

7 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Well, I think that is
8 something we could probably do then, because a couple
9 nights I was there, no one was there using the field.

10 MR. CERMAK: The district's end of it is being
11 taken care of. The problem we have are the youth
12 groups failing or forgetting to turn their lights off.

13 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: And you wouldn't know
14 that.

15 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Is there anyway to set up
16 the system that the people in the apartments could say
17 no one is at the park, can we have the lights turned
18 off.

19 MR. CERMAK: I think notification would be
20 good, there is going to be a lot of people paying for
21 it, because we are not going to have a staff member at
22 home sitting there waiting to turn the computer on and

1 off. The youth groups have been charged for that,
2 that is in the existing agreement, anyway. So we
3 certainly don't encourage it. I don't know that it
4 happens a lot. I know when I personally coached it
5 didn't happen very often, but it did occasionally.

6 Bob, you have been around a long
7 time, it occasionally happens, but I don't think it's
8 a regular occurrence.

9 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Years past I have
10 visited at McCullum at midnight to turn the lights off
11 because they were still on. But I do agree that is an
12 issue that we have to address. I also think that
13 where it's a rental involved we do need some type of
14 code of conduct.

15 If the football league, and I have
16 not been there for the football league, I was actually
17 there three times this week, and my observations were
18 comparable to my other commissioners, but to have a
19 group causing a problem should, in my opinion, limit
20 their ability to ever be able to rent.

21 So I think there is something that we
22 have to do with regard to that. I guess, Dan, this is

1 one park. We have got policies and procedures that
2 typically apply across parks and across the district,
3 so I would look to you and staff to see whether there
4 is anything that can be done uniquely for this
5 facility and also to give us your best assessment of
6 what is really going on.

7 Perhaps we have to assign somebody
8 there for a short period of time to do an assessment.

9 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: It does seem that the
10 majority of the noise complaints seem to be kind of
11 related rather than sports related from what we have
12 heard.

13 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: But I can appreciate
14 the, if you are shutting down at 11:00 it's 11:15,
15 11:30. I know softball guys tend to stick around.
16 That's not a place where softball men are playing
17 these days or woman, but the same issues occurred at
18 McCullum with regard to, you know, after lights go off
19 and they stand around and --

20 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Sure.

21 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: -- complain about
22 whatever. What else.

1 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: What kind of time frame do
2 you see on that? I mean, I think I have heard what
3 they have said is basically this is a problem for them
4 now, it's an immediate issue. How long are you going
5 to study the issue? I mean, is this something that we
6 could address at our next meeting on October 6; isn't
7 that our next meeting of two weeks?

8 COMMISSIONER BARR: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Dan, what are your
10 thoughts?

11 MR. CERMAK: My initial thoughts are this is
12 isolated based on the later rental time of lacrosse.
13 It's something that typically we would not have a
14 rental out there from 9:30 to 11:00 o'clock. I think
15 it's unique in nature, I think once the lacrosse group
16 is done with their season perhaps this year I think we
17 have to really step back and see if we really want to
18 rent to a group that late at night that has the
19 potential to be overly noisy.

20 I think I would prefer to manage this
21 after this lacrosse group is gone and perhaps do an
22 internally or perhaps a 10:00 o'clock or 9:30 time

1 limit would be good out there.

2 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: How many weeks has this
3 group contacted for.

4 MR. CERMAK: I don't know.

5 MS. ARNSMAN: I believe they end the second
6 week of October.

7 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Could I ask another
9 question concerning basically the attitude that the
10 police department has taken on this. There are no, as
11 far as we know, special exemptions for people who are
12 actively using the parks in terms of their following
13 ordinances, are there?

14 MR. CERMAK: No. The police department, we
15 have an intergovernmental agreement with the police
16 department that says they are to enforce all of our
17 ordinances.

18 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: So are we able to go to
19 the police department and actually send them a letter
20 basically saying, this is what was heard by a
21 resident, can we confirm that is not the case that
22 people in the park are subject to all ordinances and

1 that they cannot be disturbing the peace at any time.

2 MR. CERMAK: We send them letters all the time.
3 We are aware of certain situations, not this
4 particular one, but if we had someone driving a truck
5 through a park or doing something that was not
6 compatible, alcohol in a park, and we found out about
7 it, we would send the letter to the police, the police
8 would then make an investigation or send additional
9 patrols around to make sure that they were watching
10 over the area it.

11 Todd, do you want to add anything
12 about that. Todd is our official liaison contact.

13 MR. REESE: Dan, that is absolutely correct.
14 We work with the police very closely on all issues.
15 This is not one that has come to my attention, but we
16 do speak with Chief Porter on a regular basis as well
17 as many of the police offices.

18 O'Brien Park has been a park that we
19 worked with them closely with, also Washington. As
20 you recall, we had some issues there late at night
21 with just a lot of older teen activity. So I think
22 they have been very responsive when we have had some

1 information and we can pass along, and, again, we
2 would be happy to do it here.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I need a couple
4 clarifications. The intergovernmental agreement, Dan,
5 you mentioned enforce the ordinances. Are those
6 enforcing our ordinances or enforcing the village
7 ordinances?

8 MR. CERMAK: Well, I would assume they would
9 enforce their own ordinances, but they are authorized
10 by the agreement to enforce our ordinances.

11 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: But if the village has
12 a noise ordinance, which I believe they do, is there
13 any that precludes them from enforcing it at our
14 parks?

15 MR. CERMAK: No.

16 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: To your knowledge.

17 MR. CERMAK: No.

18 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: So I mean what we heard
19 is contrary to that in terms of what one individual
20 said today and I think to Mark that is your point, and
21 I would support that also, that we ought to have a
22 conversation with somebody, the appropriate person

1 there to visit that situation to make sure that we all
2 have the same understanding of how that should be
3 handled.

4 I think, though, and not being there,
5 noise is subjective and so I don't know how the village
6 measures it and what they do in terms of with regard
7 to that. Clearly I know it's been done in
8 neighborhood.

9 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: I guess my view of that is
10 it's not a question of measuring noise, the noise
11 ordinance specifically talks of a disturbance of the
12 peace. So having these people in here saying they
13 have been disturbed it has constituted a disturbance
14 of the peace and therefore it shouldn't happen. It is
15 a violation of the ordinance.

16 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Again, I think --

17 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: And the people that use
18 the park have a responsibility to follow the
19 ordinances and if they are not following the
20 ordinances, then they should be removed and barring
21 that, you know, we simply remove a group, if we think
22 it's a big enough issue, we should basically say, no,

1 this is not appropriate, and we will no longer rent
2 out so that we avoid this situation.

3 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Is the summer football
5 league completed?

6 MR. CERMAK: I am not aware, Lee, do you know
7 about the football rental, I believe this was last
8 year or was that this year.

9 MS. ARNSMAN: There was rentals both years, but
10 I am not familiar with the detail on that.

11 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: You are not sure if they
12 are done.

13 MS. ARNSMAN: They are done.

14 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: They are done for this
15 season?

16 MS. ARNSMAN: Correct. We don't have any other
17 rentals renting late in the fall except lacrosse.

18 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Late being --

19 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Is Tuesday night the
20 only night.

21 MS. ARNSMAN: Tuesday night is the only late
22 night past 10:00 o'clock.

1 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Thanks.

2 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: I think it would be
3 worth our time to go visit and see what is going on,
4 you know, I don't see waiting until the end of their
5 agreement until their season is over to try and
6 address it. I think let's go see -- I mean, we send
7 somebody, we show up unannounced, we don't let them
8 know and see what the situation is.

9 COMMISSIONER BARR: It sounds like we don't go
10 that often, have rentals going until 11:00. So maybe
11 it's not that big of a -- we are not losing that much
12 in revenue by not scheduling it until 11:00 anyway.

13 MR. CERMAK: I think as I started this, I think
14 this is a very anomaly unique situation, which I think
15 was forced, we have been forced into because of -- in
16 this particular case, the great use of the parks by
17 the runner group, so we keep pushing everybody back
18 and this group is new and lacrosse is a new sport and
19 they have been very good to deal with at least with
20 the staff, so I think this is really very unique and I
21 think as we said we don't have any other rental past
22 10:00.

1 MS. ARNSMAN: Correct.

2 MR. CERMAK: Some nights 9:30. I don't know
3 what the --

4 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: The other issue here is
5 this is the Downers North Downers South high school
6 club, lacrosse, and with their new facilities, I would
7 anticipate that going forward they would be able to
8 leverage the District 99 facilities and wouldn't be
9 coming to us.

10 So from that standpoint, that should
11 move this particular group, I believe, going forward
12 also, but we still have a lot of demand. So it
13 doesn't diminish the issue from the prospective of the
14 neighbors. Do you want to say something else?

15 MR. MARGERELLA: You talked about enforcing the
16 village codes, what about curfew, these kids are out
17 and they are certainly under 18, they are out beyond
18 11:00 o'clock and it's not only the noise it's the
19 light.

20 I also would invite anybody to come
21 next Tuesday night to sit in my living room and see
22 what I see out of my bedroom. I cannot go to bed

1 before 11:00 o'clock without the light shining in.

2 MR. CERMAK: My mom has a balcony facing the
3 park so I am familiar with it.

4 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: The other comments,
5 though, because that field has become well-known, if
6 the lights are left on, there is nothing to stop a
7 public group of youth to go and have a pickup game
8 because the lights are available, and I remember the
9 days when if that was available, I would have
10 certainly used it because it was available. So
11 turning the lights off --

12 MR. CERMAK: That is fairly common.

13 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I know. So I think
14 that that can lead to some of this also. So coming up
15 with away to get the lights off, the rental is the one
16 subject, but I also think a lot of our issues can
17 center around how long the lights get left on when
18 they are not being -- when it's not being used and
19 clearly if the way that the residents are talking
20 about the light issues that could be any night of the
21 week if they are on until 11:00, so we are talking
22 that the rentals only one night a week, but if it's

1 every night a week that the lights are onto 11:00,
2 because the last user doesn't turn them off and we
3 don't turn them off until 11:00, then that certainly
4 could facilitate part of this issue.

5 I think addressing the light can
6 certainly mitigate some of what we have been talking
7 about. Go ahead.

8 MR. BECKER: My name is Anthony Becker. I live
9 at 4220 Saratoga. It's a known place now whether the
10 lights are on or off, they know, and, you know, we are
11 talking about the lights, the lights, the lights.
12 When the lights are off, we also have an issue with
13 people in the park creating a disturbance after 10:00
14 o'clock. That's a problem. The police, I spoken to
15 them, actually last Tuesday I waited out there for
16 them and he said he cannot enforce anything. He
17 informed me there was a lacrosse team from 9:30 to
18 11:00. Well, the lacrosse team apparently they use
19 their vocals, they use their voice to communicate to
20 the next player, I promote activities, I played
21 baseball, I did all the sports as a kid, you know,
22 it's unfortunate, but we need to sleep. 10:00

1 o'clock, my wife says 9:00, 9:30. I mean, 10:00
2 o'clock is reasonable to me.

3 Then they loiter, they loiter after
4 so when the coach leaves, they are loitering, the
5 music is blasting. It is a concern.

6 MS. GRENELL: I just wanted to clarify one
7 issue. The football league is a summer football
8 league. It's a daytime thing. It's not just night.
9 It is all day of major noise and I think you could
10 verify with her what time they have the field, but
11 it's all day. You cannot -- I cannot go out of the
12 balcony and have five seconds worth of peace when that
13 group is out there. And it's summer. It's a limited
14 time. It's not a nighttime thing.

15 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: That's just the voices and
16 the sounds of the activity that is going on. The
17 voices, the sound.

18 MS. GRENELL: It is the sound.

19 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: It's not anything
20 electronic.

21 MS. GRENELL: Well, the boom boxes or they all
22 get their cars and leave the doors open and all get

1 the same station going.

2 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: That's an ordinance
3 violation, because you can't -- you are restricted in
4 terms of having something electronic make noise across
5 property.

6 MS. GRENEILL: There is something about children
7 having fun that is a happy sound and then there is
8 competitive adults or older, it's a whole -- it's like
9 going to the little league game versus Cub's park.
10 It's a total different scenario and that's what is
11 really, you know, again you live for summer to come
12 and you cannot go out on the weekends. Well, we are
13 not home during the week, you know, we like to be out
14 on our balcony.

15 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: I think there are some
16 things that we can control and some that we really
17 cannot control.

18 MS. GRENEILL: How about a code of conduct.

19 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: There are ordinances in
20 the village that are supposed to address this issue.
21 Some of those issues are ordinance violations and we
22 can -- I would certainly support looking into getting

1 the police to make sure they can enforce what the
2 ordinances are out there.

3 The issue is that some of it is not
4 ordinance violations and the only thing you could do
5 in that situation is go to the village and try and get
6 them to address the situation by producing a new
7 ordinance or whatever is necessary, but, I mean, we
8 have limited in terms of what we can do.

9 MS. GRENELL: I understood, Mark, and I greatly
10 appreciate where you are coming from. Again, I
11 understand, you know, you are operating a business, a
12 multi-million dollar business.

13 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Well, the other thing we
14 are doing, it's not really just a business, we are
15 providing a service to the people of the community and
16 the people of the community have said they want this
17 service, they want to be able to do this kind of stuff
18 and we try and do our best to meet the desires of the
19 community. So it's all a balancing thing, like you
20 said.

21 MS. GRENELL: And I think it's the code of
22 conduct and it is just common courtesy.

1 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Anything else on this?
2 So we will discuss this, Dan, in two weeks with any
3 other thoughts about it between now and then.

4 MR. CERMAK: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Is it possible for us to
6 go to the police department and make sure that they
7 are actually doing the enforcement or find out why
8 they are not or why they believe it's not something
9 they can enforce.

10 MR. CERMAK: We will be doing that.

11 MS. BECKER: I guess my question is, is there
12 not anyway possible we can just simply act upon the
13 Tuesday night late hour from 11 o'clock, can we bring
14 it back to 10:00, because I feel like we are
15 addressing it again in two weeks, well, then, how long
16 will it take before it goes into effect and I am
17 losing more and more time is passing and I am losing
18 more and more sleep and getting more frustrated, you
19 know, I have a problem with that and I would like to
20 see more immediate action taken is what I am trying to
21 say.

22 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: I guess my come back to

1 that is we have a youth group that has already rented
2 it from us and they are in a similar situation and
3 they would like to continue to use the field. So we
4 are caught in the middle with regards to that. It's
5 which side do you want to have here at the next
6 meeting having the same discussion.

7 So at this point in time I wouldn't
8 change anything other than continue to work with them
9 and look at if it's out of the control then we need to
10 address it. Given the fact that it's limited up until
11 October 15 or the second week in October, whenever it
12 is, I would not support changing something right now
13 just because we are sitting here talking about it. I
14 think we end, we go forward with this, end it then,
15 and have further discussion going forward.

16 MS. BECKER: One comment, with all due respect,
17 the message you are sending to me is that the lacrosse
18 players, their rights to the field and play time
19 trumps my rights to my peaceful enjoyment of my home.
20 That's the message you are sending me.

21 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: I agree with that. I
22 think if it were brought up for a census I would go

1 with, you know, sorry, you can't do this.

2 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: I have a suggestion.
3 Since we are talking Tuesday night, I just want to
4 make sure I still got this, we are talking Tuesday
5 night is the night in question here from 9:30 to
6 11:00; right?

7 MS. BECKER: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: For the next two, three,
9 four weeks, I would suggest a park district employee
10 be at that field and the lacrosse contact be informed
11 that if the park district employee is in charge of
12 that field and has the authority to instruct the
13 lacrosse team to stop, leave at 10:00 o'clock, turn
14 down their cars or whatever.

15 We have an agreement with the group
16 and I understand your position, but our position is we
17 have an agreement with this group. They were at a
18 meeting six months ago this was board angrier then all
19 get out about not having space to play. So I think
20 until we can get this immediate time period past and
21 figure out how to work better work these rentals time
22 wise and code of conduct wise and everything, if we

1 have someone there, that might be helpful.

2 I don't really like that as a
3 general, and I would not support that as a general
4 practice, but I think for this particular instance, I
5 could go along with it.

6 COMMISSIONER BARR: I would support that too.
7 I think that is a good suggestion. If we have a park
8 employee on site and they can see what is going on and
9 stop the whistling.

10 MR. CERMAK: I think for an interim that is a
11 good suggestion. I think staff, we can find someone
12 until October 15, is that the last day of this.

13 MS. ARNSMAN: Whatever that Tuesday is I think
14 it's the second Tuesday.

15 MR. CERMAK: Until our agreement is over with
16 these people, I think that is a good suggestion and we
17 will take it and manage the situation according to the
18 policy after that.

19 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: And this group would
20 also be well aware of what the expectations are for
21 future rentals. I mean, this particular group would
22 know if next, when the next season comes around, but I

1 think that will be a guide.

2 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Anything else.

3 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: I support what we talked
4 about addressing the conduct right now and then we can
5 address the agreement or the timing of it after their
6 season is over.

7 MR. CERMAK: We will look at it in the future
8 as far as the management of that, but I would say to
9 get through this lacrosse season, we can send someone
10 out for the remainder of the rental times, monitor it,
11 and make sure that the noise is kept to a minimum and
12 that the park is vacated in the time and manner and
13 then we will plan after that appropriately.

14 COMMISSIONER BARR: Maybe can we have a park
15 district name tag so that people know who they are.

16 MR. CERMAK: We will have them properly
17 identified.

18 COMMISSIONER BARR: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Any other new business.
20 Visitors, you have another opportunity to speak from
21 our agenda if you would like to speak.

22 MS. GRENNELL: I want to say thank you for

1 addressing it. Mark, thank you for your suggestions
2 and hopefully we can get better from now on. Thank
3 you so much.

4 MR. BECKER: To gauge sound in the park and to
5 gauge sound in our unit is two different things.

6 MS. GRENELL: Come on up.

7 MR. BECKER: This is ridiculous to say this is
8 the light from my standpoint, no the light from my
9 standpoint. The sound from my standpoint. Sound
10 carries. When you are in an environment right on top
11 of it, you are going to hear, oh, it's not that bad.
12 Come in my unit and see what we are dealing with.

13 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Motion to adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: I move to adjourn the
15 September 15, 2011, park district board meeting.

16 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Roll call, please.

18 MS. RANK: Ms. Mahoney.

19 COMMISSIONER MAHONEY: Aye.

20 MS. RANK: Mr. Roman.

21 COMMISSIONER ROMAN: Aye.

22 MS. RANK: Ms. Barr.

1 COMMISSIONER BARR: Aye.

2 MS. RANK: Mr. Cushing.

3 COMMISSIONER CUSHING: Aye.

4 MS. RANK: Mr. Gelwicks.

5 COMMISSIONER GELWICKS: Aye. Motion is
6 approved. Good evening everyone.

7 (Whereupon, the above-captioned
8 hearing was adjourned.)

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3 I, Kerry Flanagan Chitkowski, a Certified
4 Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that I reported
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6 above-entitled cause and that the foregoing Report of
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8 correct, and complete transcript of my shorthand notes
9 so taken at the time and place aforesaid.

10 I further certify that I am neither counsel
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