

**SEYMOUR
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Athletic Committee**

Minutes

**November 12, 2008
Central Office
7:00 p.m.**

Those in attendance: Fred Stanek, Judy Flood, Bruce Baker, Bill Paecht, Bob Lang, Ken Pereiras, Jamie Yakushewich, Rick Belden, MaryAnne Mascolo

Bill Paecht explained that the town received a \$200,000 for lighting for the high school "sports complex." The Parks and Recreation Board are investigating the grant specifications to get clarification on what constitutes the high school "sports complex."

There was discussion as to what constitutes the "sports complex"; is it only DeBarbar field or could it apply to all High School Athletic Fields? This grant comes under recreation use not only for the school district but is inclusive of town teams.

Bill continued to explain that he and Mr. Lang were in attendance to keep an open line of communication with the Board of Education.

Mr. Lang has done much work in gathering information from a number of different vendors as to ideas, cost of material, cost of labor, and best use of limited funds.

Once the grant language is clarified, Mr. Paecht anticipates that from start to finish this project should take approximately six months.

Discussion took place regarding the various locations where the lights can be placed as well as the pros and cons of each field and the varying costs for the project in different locations on the school grounds.

A concern regarding possible Title IX violations were brought up but the district feels confident that this is not an issue.

Softball coach, Ken Pereiras advocated for placement of the lights on the softball field. Discussion ensued that if there was enough money and a power source that the softball field and the sub varsity field may be a wise choice pending clarification of the grant language. Discussion also took place that Sponheimer field could possibly be used as a multi-purpose field.

Mr. Paecht indicated that the Parks and Recreation Board have been working diligently with very limited funds to continue the improvement of the athletic fields in town. They have bought equipment that has given them the ability to be more productive.

Youth sport teams have greatly increased in Seymour and there continues to be a need to expand athletic fields.

Mr. Stanek volunteered to look for documents at town hall that were developed years ago for an athletic complex at Seymour High School. Mr. Belden indicated that he would look in the Board's files for the plans.

The Parks and Recreation Board will be developing information to go before planning and zoning.

Discussion took place regarding the additional costs of lighting an additional athletic field but the feeling was that the cost would be minimal.

Mr. Belden indicated that the high school track was in need of repair. When the track was designed it was projected to last five years and it is now seven years old. The track will cost over \$50,000 to repair and Rick has included this as a capital project for the town.

Coach Pereiras indicated that the kids love to play under the lights.

Interest was expressed by Mr. Stanek in planning for future basketball courts. When we had them, they were always used.

MOTION: (Flood/Stanek): to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mrs. Flood, Mr. Stanek

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo