



Memorandum

To: Chairman Lorenzini and Members of the Plan Commission

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All Department Heads

Date: June 17, 2016

Re: PC 16-010 – Arlington Heights Park District Safety Netting/Fence

On June 8, 2016, the Plan Commission voted unanimously to continue the public hearing on application PC 16-010 until June 22nd to allow the petitioner additional time to address issues that were raised during the Plan Commission hearing. Staff would like to provide the following summary of the primary issues raised during the meeting on June 8th, which items the Park District must address:

1. Clarify if a different location for the new soccer field can be provided elsewhere on Park District property, which alternative location may eliminate the need for the safety netting along Kirchoff Road.
2. Explore a different orientation to the new fields, which new orientation may eliminate the need for the safety netting along Kirchoff Road or reduce the need for a 20' tall safety net so that a smaller net along Kirchoff Road would be viable.
3. Re-evaluate the need for the two pedestrian gates along Kirchoff Road. If they are necessary, please explore the option for lockable gates or a more secure means to prevent young children from slipping out and chasing a ball across Kirchoff Road.
4. Explore the option of a landscaped area on the outside of the fence to provide some screening to the neighbors across Kirchoff Road.
5. Explore the option of retractable netting that can be easily raised only during games and practices, or a removable netting system that can be taken down at the end of the season.
6. Evaluate if the netting must be 20' in height, or if a shorter version is a viable option.
7. Prepare a graphic that shows the appearance of the netting at different heights as viewed from across Kirchoff Road.

Additionally, the Plan Commission suggested that anyone in attendance during the June 8th meeting, who wished to provide commentary to the Park District, should contact myself to have that commentary forwarded along to the Park District. Staff was contacted by one resident and provided their comments to the Park District. Additionally, staff was contacted by one Plan Commissioner who had forwarded a message received from a resident that lived across Kirchoff Road. Staff has taken into consideration these comments from the community.

On June 15, 2016, the Park District submitted a response to the issue as summarized above. Their response is attached.

Staff believes that that Park District response addresses all of the primary concerns raised during the June 8th Plan Commission meeting. Therefore, staff is recommending approval of application PC 16-010, subject to the following condition, and any other condition(s) that the Plan Commission feels is necessary:

1. The Petitioner shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Village Codes, Regulations, and Policies.