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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
PLAN COMMISSION

COMMISSION

RE: ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT - SUNSET MEADOWS SAFETY NETTING;
PC# 16-010; PUD AMENDMENT

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of
Arlington Heights Plan Commission Meeting taken at the Arlington Heights Village Hall,
33 South Arlington Heights Road, 3rd Floor Board Room, Arlington Heights, Illinois on the
8th day of June, 2016, at the hour of 7:54 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOE LORENZINI, Chairman
LYNN JENSEN
MARY JO WARSKOW
TERRY ENNES
BRUCE GREEN
GEORGE DROST
SUSAN DAWSON
JOHN SIGALOS
JAY CHERWIN

ALSO PRESENT:

SAM HUBBARD, Development Planner

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: We'll go on to the next public hearing which is the Arlington Heights Park District - Sunset Meadows Safety Netting, PC# 16-010. Is the Petitioner here?

MR. ELMAN: Yes. Good evening.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Raise your right hand.

(Witness sworn.)

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Just please state your name and spell it for the court reporter.

MR. ELMAN: My name is Scott Elman, E-l-m-a-n. I'm the park designer with the Arlington Heights Park District.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Could you give a brief presentation of your project?

MR. ELMAN: Sure. In conjunction with our main project over at Sunset Meadows Park which is the conversion of two natural grass athletic fields and two synthetic field turf athletic fields, we are proposing to install a protective netting system on the north side that runs parallel to Kirchhoff Road. The protective netting system would be 816 feet long by 20 feet high. The reason for this is with the conversion to synthetic turf, the Park District can actually widen the west field to accommodate a full-size soccer field. So, the orientation of the fields will stay the same, but the usage patterns on that west field in particular will probably change a little bit due to us widening it.

There will be probably games going across the field north-south for the smaller kids. We're talking probably up to second grade. Then there will probably be practice going on up to high school age kids for soccer going in that north-south orientation also.

So, with that in mind, our board of commissioners requested that staff investigate and proceed with the installation of this protective netting system to block any errant balls going on to Kirchhoff Road and try to prevent all that we could. We're not going to prevent all of them but we will catch the majority of those.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Okay, thank you.

MR. ELMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Sam, Staff report?

MR. HUBBARD: I really don't have too much to add on this one. I mean this property was originally granted PUD approval in 1987. If you look at the graphic on the screen, the original PUD area is shown in the dashed blue line. So, they are amending the PUD in order to receive zoning approval for the proposed safety netting because the original PUD area shown in blue is much larger than the actual area where this proposed improvement will be located. The mailings went out to anyone within 250 feet of that blue line as opposed to just the smaller area along Kirchhoff Road to the north. But as indicated in the aerial, the property bounded by the red line is going to be the area amended for this, and the dashed yellow line is where the fence will go.

It would be about a 20-foot-tall safety netting on top of the existing decorative six-foot-tall fence along Kirchhoff. They are proposing to add two entrances along Kirchhoff as well in the fence which should increase pedestrian mobility and access to the area. You know, I mean Staff is supportive of this proposal. We think it's going to increase safety and, you know, be a benefit for the community. That's consistent with our Comprehensive Plan as well which is parks in this district.

I just have a final kind of example of how this could look. It's really designed to, you know, the poles will match the existing decorative fence being black. The safety netting will be mostly transparent and you can really see through it. You know, we hope it's really not going to have too much of a negative aesthetic impact. So, that's about it.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Motion to approve the Staff report into the public record?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'll make that motion.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Second?

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Second.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Okay, questions from the Plan Commissioners? Lynn, do you want to start this one?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll wait until we hear from the public before I ask some questions.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Mary Jo?

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Same thing.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Terry?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll wait, too.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Bruce?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I might as well wait to see what the public has to say.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Jay, anything?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I was just going to ask Mr. Elman, you know, if we look at the netting that's available, I think this picture helps in portraying it a little bit. But is this, you know, can you talk a little bit about your decision in terms of what went into identifying what type of netting is necessary and the aesthetics, but I have to say I'm in full approval of the netting.

MR. ELMAN: The Park District has gone out to bid for this and we already have this contractor set up. This is the netting that was specified. It's a one-and-three-quarter-inch opening meant to catch pretty much everything. There will not be, as of now, there will not be lacrosse played on any of the fields. So, this is done, as was specified, in the instance that while there is no program activity going on at the fields, the fields will be open to the public and we don't know what types of usage will be done on the fields at that point. People may play baseball on the fields or they may throw a lacrosse ball or whatever the term is with lacrosse, they might practice some lacrosse.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Would you mind just showing that to the public?

MR. ELMAN: Sure.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Thank you. That's all for now, Commissioner Lorenzini. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: John?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: I just have a, I'll ask for clarification. Are you

adding a 20-foot-tall safety netting on top of the six-foot?

MR. ELMAN: No.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: So, 14.

MR. ELMAN: It will run from the ground to 20 feet high. So, it will be 14 feet above the existing.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Above what's there now. So, the safety netting will go --

MR. ELMAN: It will go on the field side.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: On the field side of the existing steel fence.

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: The last question, I don't quite understand, at the new entrances you'll have removable velcro netting?

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: How will that work?

MR. ELMAN: Where the openings are, we will, in the safety netting, the safety netting will be individual panels that will be 20 feet high by 48 feet long. In two of those panels, there will be an opening created that will have a velcro type closing structure to keep the netting closed. But in the instance that a ball would go over the protective netting, the person would have to go all the way around the fence. They could open up that velcro doorway which would be seven feet high by four feet wide and go through the opening of the fence to retrieve the ball and come back through and close it off and make sure everything is secured.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: So, that velcro will always keep that netting at the entrances closed except when somebody wants to pass through?

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: What is the, I mean it could be open to the elements 365 days a year. How long will that velcro last? I mean is there a better way of fastening that than velcro?

MR. ELMAN: We're going to try it this way. If it fails, we will come up with another solution to that problem. The manufacturer stated that this netting, since there is no horizontal structure to it, there won't be any snow load associated with it. That's why we're leaving it up permanently, year-round I should say, because we feel that the maintenance, the wear and tear of putting them up, taking them up every season will ultimately --

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: No, I agree with that. I just thought the velcro exposed to sunlight, it's going to deteriorate pretty quickly and then it's just kind of an unsafe condition there at these couple of new entrances.

MR. ELMAN: We will definitely keep an eye on that.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Susan?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: What other areas in Arlington Heights have similar netting close to a residential area? I'm thinking like Arlington Lakes type of residential area has a netting similar to this?

MR. ELMAN: Arlington Lakes has it, and I believe Nickol Knoll Golf Club has it. Other than that, the parks do not have any protective netting.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: But there are other examples in Arlington Heights of netting going up along the residential area?

MR. ELMAN: Correct. Just, yes, what I recall --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: No further questions.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: George?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'll wait for the audience comments.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Sam, could you put up the site plan again? So, where are these openings going to be?

MR. ELMAN: They're going to be approximately midfield on each of the fields.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: So, it's just foot traffic, I guess, not cars.

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: All right, that's the only question I had. Let's open it up to the public and anybody who has questions. Let's start on this side of the room. Yes, ma'am, the first row, please state your name and spell your last name please.

QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE

MS. LITRENTO: My name is Mary Litrento, L-i-t-r-e-n-t-o. I have a couple of questions. First of all, pardon my ignorance. What does the PUD stand for?

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Planned unit development.

MS. LITRENTO: Okay, so the fence is only going where the yellow is on Kirchhoff?

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: The netting? Yes. Is that right, Sam?

MR. HUBBARD: Correct.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Yes.

MS. LITRENTO: Okay. So, let me, one second here.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Do you have a plan to show us the fields, field layout?

MS. LITRENTO: Yes, thanks.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: So, you have the soccer field on the left and the baseball field, or football field on the right. On the left, this is for the smaller kids, the games may go north and south, so you can have two games going on at the same time.

MS. LITRENTO: Right. I'm very familiar with that piece of land. Are you taking down any more trees and bushes? That's my biggest concern, because you guys wiped out a lot of beautiful stuff over there. So, are you going to be taking down anything else? That's my big concern.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: The answer is no?

MR. ELMAN: No.

MS. LITRENTO: Okay, and then will there still be hockey rinks in the wintertime on that land?

MR. ELMAN: That is a good question.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Do you mind coming back up?

MR. ELMAN: Sure.

MS. LITRENTO: Thank you.

MR. ELMAN: I am not sure of that. I can find out for you. I believe they are

still going to go in.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Could you speak in the mic?

about it.

MR. ELMAN: I believe they still are going to go in but I am not totally sure

get back?

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Could you get that answer to Sam? Sam, maybe

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Yes.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. All right, anything?

MS. LITRENTO: One more, I've got something.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Yes, sure.

MS. LITRENTO: So, I have to leave when I'm going to work left or right on Kirchhoff. Is this going to block any visibility to be able to turn and see traffic coming? I don't think so.

MR. ELMAN: No.

MS. LITRENTO: Okay.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Anybody else on the first row? Yes, ma'am, come forward please. State your name and spell it please.

MS. HOPFER: Mary Hopfer, H-o-p-f-e-r. I guess my main concern, I live on Dwyer. I guess my one question is, is this a needs-based or is this just like a precautionary or like what has been the history of, you know, things happening that we have to put a 20-foot net up?

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Why don't you explain how the Park District reached this decision?

MR. ELMAN: This is a precautionary thing. The reason being is because we are on the west field meaning we're changing it, kind of changing the usage there. Before, play used to go east-west.

MS. HOPFER: Right.

MR. ELMAN: Well, now since we're widening the west field, we're going to, it's going to be more of a multi-use field where they will hold practices. So, the bigger kids, the high school age kids might be practicing north-south because they only need about 20 yards for practice. Now, we probably will program that west field for the smaller age children up to second grade, again in that north-south direction. So, we might be able to get two, we might be able to get three fields for that one single field.

MS. HOPFER: Okay, so the yellow dotted line is where the netting will come over off of Kirchhoff, is that correct?

MR. ELMAN: It's vertical.

MS. HOPFER: Right, but it's on the Kirchhoff side?

MR. ELMAN: No -- yes, it's on the Kirchhoff side but it will be installed in between the athletic fields and the ornamental fence.

MS. HOPFER: Okay, so are you keeping that ornamental fence up?

MR. ELMAN: Yes. Yes, what's going to happen is we're going to take some sections off the fence, we're going to remove 18 poles of that ornamental fence and we're going to replace it with the bigger poles for the protective netting system. We're doing that because there is limited space over there and there's actually a cable line that runs through there

also. So, we're going to reuse the pole stall, that will be coming off, make it bigger to support a bigger pole, and we're going to reinstall the bigger poles in the same spot as those smaller pole stall. Then we'll reattach the ornamental fence to those bigger poles and then the protective netting will go on the field side at those bigger poles.

MS. HOPFER: So, then basically they can use, just so I'm following this, they can use the field north and south, is that what we're trying to get at?

MR. ELMAN: Correct, and that is the main reason for installing this, so that when they're playing north-south, if they're going to kick the ball over a six-foot-high fence and cause --

MS. HOPFER: Right, and so do you have a cost to that additional project that you're working on? Do you have that figure?

MR. ELMAN: Yes. It's approximately \$80,000.

MS. HOPFER: \$80,000.

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

MS. HOPFER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Anybody, next, anybody else on this side of the room? Yes, ma'am, come forward please. Spell your last name.

MS. REBSAMEN: Laura Rebsamen, R-e-b-s-a-m-e-n. I live on Francis, so this is my backyard. Two of my comments are you said the high school kids only need 20 yards of practice space. That is incorrect because a penalty kick you get 10 yards, so they need more than 20 yards to practice, number one.

Number two is you're talking about opening up the fence on Kirchhoff there and having children access Kirchhoff Road. Now, if you've ever been to the park on a Saturday when there is football, the place is a madhouse. You can hardly even cross the street safely with a family to go to a football game. Now you're going to open up two areas for kids to be able to exit the fenced area to go out onto Kirchhoff to retrieve a ball?

The speed limit on Kirchhoff is 35. People do not do 35 on Kirchhoff. This is a safety hazard for children getting a ball. It's already hard enough to cross Kirchhoff and Dwyer. Not just on a Saturday, to go out for a walk at night even. Those are my two comments.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Okay, thank you. Yes, sir, come forward please.

MR. REBSAMEN: Hi, my name is Jim Rebsamen, spelled R-e-b-s-a-m-e-n. I live at 1307 West Francis. My backyard will look at this fence. So, I just want to know, you know, it sounds like we're having more games going to be played, right? So, in the past, how many documented vehicle accidents have you had from a ball coming across that fence with Arlington Heights Police? Any? Do we know of any documented? I don't.

So, we're proposing this netting on the north side of the fields to protect people or cars, right? What about the walkers that are walking on the south side of the field? Are they going to get hit by a ball when kids are kicking them? I don't know, it's just speculation.

Also, you know, we have a driving range there. There's no netting for Dwyer or the pedestrians walking there either. Anybody can hit a golf ball and shank it. No protection for them either.

Also, it sounds like we're going to have portable goals, and there is no fence locking these goals together I guess. So, who's going to monitor these goals?

Because if you have a portable goal, that means you have sandbags holding the goal down. There's Zack's Law, the boy who got killed in Vernon Hills when the goal fell on him because it wasn't properly secured. So, if these goals are portable and it could move around, that means anybody can move these goals around and also remove the sandbags that the Park District put, so now we have a problem with portable goals out there. Just a thought.

Also, if the net becomes damage, does that mean the fields are not usable? Because, you know, we have severe weather here, we have storms, we have winters, and the nets get damaged. Are we going to stop playing these fields?

I have one more comment. My wife covered the whole thing, so thanks for your time.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Anybody else on the north side of the room? Yes, sir, come. Last name?

MR. ANDERSON: Paul Anderson, s-o-n. I also live on Francis Drive, next door to the Rebsamens. I guess a couple of questions I would have is what's the proximity of the field now to the net? How far away are they going to be?

MR. ELMAN: It probably would be, it's approximately 15 to 20 feet from the curb line to the existing ornamental fence.

MR. ANDERSON: From the curb line?

MR. ELMAN: Yes, the curb that edges the field.

MR. ANDERSON: Okay, because if you're running with the bigger kids playing parallel to Kirchhoff, I don't see that that would be as much of an issue with a ball flying onto the road. Small kids, you say second graders, I don't know how many second graders can kick a ball, what is that, ten feet over here from over here? Could they clear that distance? Why haven't we considered maybe just a 10-foot fence instead of going 20?

From your picture you had up there, that fence, even though the netting is invisible, it still has a very strong vertical presence. It's probably quite a ways away from any residential area. Also, you've got quite a bit of landscaping and stuff here as a buffer.

So, just based on like the last issue that was presented to you, you talked about commercial having a buffer between it and residential areas, now that you're building this park as a football or a softball or a soccer complex, how is that actually zoned? Is that now considered commercial with those tall structures and buildings and parking lots? Do we need a buffer between that and all of our residential areas? Could that be provided with a green belt along between the fence and the sidewalk and then possibly consider a lower fence?

So, those would be my proposals. I mean it's a great venue over there. The kids have fun. It's kind of fun to listen to the games going on, watch from my yard. I can see hockey games in the wintertime. The lighting over there isn't that much of an issue with, you know, the big trees. It looks kind of surreal the way it luminesces, you know, the skyline over there, it's kind of pretty. That isn't an issue. It's more of cars parking in the parking lots that leave their headlights on. They will shine over our six-foot fence into the living room. So, some kind of a screening with landscaping would really help or enhance the area.

Being a resident, looking at it everyday, it's going to affect our property values. I've seen netting like this before. It gets ratty. The sun is hard on that stuff, the wind is hard on it, it starts to sag. Once it starts to sag, it is then waving in the breeze and then you lose the translucency of the black fence. You can start to see it. Plus, I've seen a lot of trash that gets collected by something like this. The wind blows around here pretty good and a

Walmart bag will stick right in there and hang on for a long time.

So, those are all the concerns I have. Arlington Heights, we're new to the area. We picked it because it was such a pretty community and it seems like the Park Department is doing a good job of integrating themselves into all the various communities. I'd like to see them continue doing that here because we're not the only ones that drive by here everyday and see this. It's all of our neighbors to the north of us, to the east of us, anybody driving through the area, they're going to see this. It's a pretty park over there that you have already.

So, I wouldn't be opposed to it if we could lower it, put buffer in there of some kind. But if you can't do that, then I would have to say that I don't agree with having a fence back there. That's my two cents worth. Thank you for listening, and if you've got questions just let me know.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Anybody else on the north side of the room? Yes, ma'am.

MS. NOWAK: Hello, my name is Joanna Nowak, N-o-w-a-k. I also live there right on Dwyer at Church Creek Condominiums. Again, I don't mind the fence, but I think it will be a problem with visibility as you exit out of Dwyer. There was an accident early this week on Monday, and my kids go to Westgate. I think adding a stop sign would be great because just like the lady mentioned, it's hard crossing Dwyer and Kirchhoff, especially with the hospital being there. There's a lot of people driving and they're hardly ever doing 35. So, traffic safety is my biggest concern. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Anybody else on the north side of the room? Let's go to the other side of the room. Any comments, questions on this? Yes, ma'am, come forward.

MS. BRANCATO: Rose Brancato, B-r-a-n-c-a-t-o. I just need clarification. My backyard is where the field is. I'm right on Yale, right on the opposite side that faces the field. This long, tall netting, is that going to be around my backyard also?

MR. ELMAN: No.

MS. BRANCATO: Is it going to be where that blue dot is there?

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: No.

MS. BRANCATO: It's not. It's going to be on Kirchhoff?

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

MS. BRANCATO: And where else? Just Kirchhoff?

MR. ELMAN: Just right along Kirchhoff.

MS. BRANCATO: Just on Kirchhoff, okay. The other thing was about the trees that the lady mentioned. Because I'm right there, I enjoy the park, I've loved it since day one that it's been there. I hope that it would not be removed, any more trees. The Kirchhoff opening to me is hazardous to everyone in the community and the kids that are playing ball. I really would be opposed to that.

The netting, is it going to be nice looking? Is it going to deteriorate and look bad? Our community is beautiful. We're trying to keep it as good as it is now. I would be opposed to it but I guess it would be up to everyone else.

But I'm really against the opening on Kirchhoff. It's the safety for the kids, that's really hazardous for everyone, not only for the kids that are playing ball but the younger kids that are in the park, playing in the park. Being that there's an opening there, they

will be able to, you know, run out of there and that would really be dangerous. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Okay, anybody else? Comments, questions, concerns? Yes, sir.

MR. MAREK: Good evening. My name is Bob Marek, M-a-r-e-k. I live at 610 South Yale. I understand that there is this potential problem with the balls going on to Kirchhoff Avenue. What I guess I'm a little bit, what I wanted to hear more about is the remedy for this problem, and the remedy is a permanent 20-foot fence.

I was able to do some quick Internet research and find out that there are other types of fence available which would not be permanent fence in there. It would be, you know, temporary and generally retractable so that during these seasons when the fields aren't being used, the guys would come out just as they come out and put in the gold posts, put on the padding for everything, do the lines, they would put on those extension poles to get it up to the desired height, and then with a cranking system be able to raise the netting. Then when the, you know, when the football season ends, you know, end of October, you can take it down. When the springtime comes again and soccer starts up, you know, the crew goes out there and raises it up again.

Again, according to what I was reading on the Internet, it suggested that these other alternatives are less costly because, you know, less use. I've heard various other people speak about the effects and impact of weather on the durability of this netting and that there would be cost savings there, you know, extending the life.

Also, to the extent that you are talking about that these fields, again where there is going to be a problem of the balls, when you're turning it from the parallel fields to perpendicular ones, you would only need to put up the fencing for that stretch of Kirchhoff Road. At the moment, you're talking about putting up a monstrosity that runs 900 feet long, 20 feet high, in order to deal with a problem that might only be, you know, 100 feet away. Again, as various people have talked about the height, I haven't heard anything as to what sort of, you know, what consideration was given to the heights. If it's temporary, the 20 feet might work. But again, if these are just the little kids, as pointed out, how are the little tykes going to get the ball up over 20 feet, you know, from 40 feet out?

So, I just would like to know if anybody else on the board is concerned about what alternatives are there to the proposed, you know, deviation, and that I haven't heard. Those are my comments. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Anybody else on this side of the room? Yes, ma'am.

MS. HARRIS: My name is Linda Harris, H-a-r-r-i-s. I actually live on the Orchard Place side of this, but I did go to the hearings when they first started doing nature developments for this park, when they put in the playground and put the fields and everything. One of the considerations at that time was whether there should be an opening on Kirchhoff, to be able to get out and retrieve balls or whatever. I think it was almost a unanimous thought that it was more dangerous to have an opening out onto Kirchhoff than, you know, making it easy to get the balls.

I still think that that's a big problem. I think, and this velcro thing, it seems like it's a lot easier to get out there, kids of all sizes and ages and other people that could be getting through there, you know. Yes, walking around to get the ball on the other side of the fence, sorry about that, and if you've got a 20-foot netting up there, I guess you can't throw it

back if you had somebody stationed out there. But I still think it's a bad idea to have those openings. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. Anybody else on this? Okay, if not, we'll close the public portion of this hearing and go back to the Commissioners for final questions and deliberations. Lynn, would you like to start?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes. There's quite a few questions that have been raised and maybe we could get answers to some of them. A number of the issues went to alternatives that you have considered for the 20-foot net. Would ten-foot netting do it? There's issues relating to the orientation of the fields. What would it mean if you set the orientation the other way where it's parallel to Kirchhoff? You might lose a field or so, but you may not need to put the netting up. There were some issues raised around landscaping and maintenance.

So, I was wondering if you could speak to those issues that were raised by the public.

MR. ELMAN: We have not with the alternatives. We were directed to look at protective safety netting and that's where Staff took it. I'm sorry, the second issue?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: There were questions around the orientation of the fields.

MR. ELMAN: The orientation, that could be, I believe that could be adjusted. The main portion of that north to south play is going to be, as I said, up to second grade age kids. As far as the high school kids, the practice, you know, I'm sure that could be adjusted. I will talk, I will discuss this issue with our recreations staff and clarify these issues with them and see if an alternative can be considered for this. Again, those high school kids would be only practicing and there are no lines. If there were lines for the games, it would be temporary lines painted onto the field. So, there won't be any kind of indication that there would be a north-south orientation to the field.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: So, if you were able to change the orientation to run parallel to Kirchhoff, it seems you might be able to consider a shorter fence, maybe not 20 feet but ten feet?

MR. ELMAN: I will bring that up.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: You had the issue raised, and since you haven't looked at alternatives, it might behoove you to do that, to look at is a retractable --

MR. ELMAN: We did look at retractable.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'm not talking about after every game, I'm talking seasonal.

MR. ELMAN: Right, seasonal, and it was the opinion of the manufacturer that the permanent installation would save wear and tear on their product. So, we went with a permanent installation.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Around maintenance of this fence then, what kind of maintenance program do you have?

MR. ELMAN: The Park District maintains all their amenities and all their parks constantly. We will, this will be the main site for athletic field play, soccer and football. We will be maintaining this site.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I guess the last issue I will raise at this point is, is there a landscaping option that with the fields running parallel rather than perpendicular to Kirchhoff, that might obviate the need for a net at all?

MR. ELMAN: No. Between the ornamental fence and the sidewalk, there's approximately a foot to 18 inches of grass. On the other side of the sidewalk is public right-of-way. So, we have no jurisdiction into the --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: At this time, that's all I have.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Mary Jo?

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: I don't really have any questions. Just to let you know, I do have concerns as well. I can appreciate the aesthetic impact on the neighborhood, and I can also appreciate the concerns of leaving those openings with only velcro. You have no assurance that somebody is going to close it back up again once they have come through. Then you have young kids who come use the park and they can get through that easily. So, I would like to see you go back and think some more through this plan.

MR. ELMAN: I don't think that issue would, what I'm trying to say is I don't think that would be an issue, the openings in the fence. That is something that we looked at and thought it would be a good idea. But I don't know if that's concrete.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Because concurrently, if somebody does put it over the current six-foot fence, they've got to go around anyways.

MR. ELMAN: They go all the way around, yes, yes.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: So, those are my comments.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Terry?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: My biggest concern is the opening of the fence. I think the neighbors have brought up some great points. I think Lynn enumerated them very well and comprehensively. I would be open to the idea of, if we vote on this and we approve it, that we make those requirements that you address those before the Village Board as to what the options are, what the alternatives are. But I do really appreciate the concern for the safety that would be raised by opening. You know, I liked it when you first said it because I know how, what a pain it is to walk around these fences, but with young kids here, I'd hate to have an opening that just had the velcro. So, that's all I have.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Bruce?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: In the Plat & Sub, I'm the individual who brought up the concerns of the aesthetics of this and the concern that you contact the neighbors and talk to them about what this is going to look like. I asked you to bring pictures here and you have. After seeing what a 20-foot fence looks like, I can honestly say I am not in favor of the aesthetics of this 20-foot fence. I would not want to live across the street and look at that year-round.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you, Bruce. Jay?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes, and again I echo the comments about, you know, public concerns, particularly over the safety. Mr. Elman, I wonder, are there alternatives that, you know, we talk about velcro netting, are there alternatives to perhaps keep a more structured gate with an adult level lock on it? So that you have, you know, an adult or older kids maybe access from the inside out, locked up here so you don't have the issue of little kids, you don't have people coming in through that. What do you think about that?

MR. ELMAN: There are always alternatives.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Okay, so maybe that's a middle ground if we can get to it.

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes, there was some talk about the parallel fields, north-south versus east-west. Having a lot of children playing club soccer at many facilities all over Northern Illinois, I've seen a lot of games, and I would actually submit that you will have more balls potentially from the east-west because of the level and the scale and the size of the kids that are playing soccer. At least as many coming over the fence from an east-west game that's a U15 game or above. I mean they go launch the balls in the backyard in some cases. So, I've seen it.

So, with that, I don't think the east-west versus north-south orientation is going to make a difference. You know, we do have a lot of kids and recreational league soccer and travel soccer. I know the Arlington Aces are planning on making a lot of use out of this field for all age levels. So, I think the investment that the Village's Park District is putting into these fields is significant to where they will want to utilize these as much as possible in all orientations. I think that was, as they invested in these fields, that was part of their plan. So, it may be challenging to limit the orientation of these fields, and the size constraint has something to do with it as well. So, I think that will probably be a concern.

You know, I know there were some concerns about a ten-foot fence as maybe an alternative. Again, just from my experience in watching soccer pretty much nightly over the last many years, I don't think that will, you'll still see a lot of balls in the street with a ten-foot fence.

One question I was going to ask, Mr. Elman, is we've been talking a lot of about the westerly field as the main full size soccer field which will give you the large scale games and then several smaller scale fields. The easterly field is going to be striped for a football. Is it also going to be striped as a soccer field? Or is it just going to be used sort of randomly, you'll set up cones, it's not going to be --

MR. ELMAN: Yes. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: All right. Then we talked a little bit about aesthetics. I think if you're going to have a soccer field here, this netting is essential. I don't think, you know, these fields are going to be playable or you're going to have balls going into traffic constantly, so I think if we're going to have these fields this netting is essential.

Is there, you mentioned before about public right-of-way, with potential landscaping buffer. Is that an alternative? If folks are concerned about looking out their backyards into this netting, is there any potential to work with the Village on perhaps a landscaping plan to help ameliorate some of those concerns?

MR. ELMAN: We always work with the Village. We would love to work with the Village on that and we could work with the Village on that definitely.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: That's all. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: John?

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Can you just clarify? The existing six-foot high metal fences there now, does that have any entrance openings there?

MR. ELMAN: No, not public. It has a gate that's a maintenance gate. It's a 20-foot wide gate that is locked at all times.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: But if a football goes over that six-foot fence, so they should walk all the way around?

MR. ELMAN: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: If they have to do that, the likelihood of a ball

going over a 20-foot fence is minimal. So, I don't see the need for entrance openings in there at all.

I would also chime in with Commissioner Cherwin, to see some kind of trees or something maybe planted in the public right-of-way if that could be worked out with the Village to hide these posts and this netting. When I see these photos, you know, I wouldn't like to live across the street from that.

The other question I have is it sounded like you did not explore some type of retractable netting?

MR. ELMAN: We did. We did explore that.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Okay, but the manufacturer didn't like the idea. Well, with say Soldiers Field when the Bears or the Packers or whoever are going to take a field goal, then up comes the nothing. Once that's done, then they retract the netting. So, maybe something like that could be done during the soccer season or I don't know, to kind of minimize this in conjunction with some landscaping. I mean just what I'm seeing proposed here, I'm not really in favor of it.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Could I just, so I think that the seasons of these fields would be most likely early March when soccer starts. I know the Aces start their practices then and run until maybe early November.

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: So, you're talking about the middle of, four months or so when the fields would be in official use by the clubs. So, it would be, you know, otherwise you're talking eight months of the year when they're not in official use, not to speak of things like hockey or official games or anything like that.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: I'm just not convinced that a lot of research was done prior to coming here with this solution, and I'm hearing that you're already taking bids on this for the safety netting. I mean I'm all for safety and protecting children from running off to the street to retrieve a ball or what have you, but I'm not sure if there's not other alternatives. That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Susan?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: So, along with some of the comments that were made, the thing that was really, that I'm trying to figure out is why is there no netting along the west? Because, is the reason for the netting, my kids don't play soccer so I have really very little experience with soccer, but they play football. We've been on this field a bunch of times. Is the reason for the need of the netting because you're now adding soccer? I mean because football, I don't really see that there is any incidents with the footballs being thrown over.

MR. ELMAN: Yes. Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: So, it's the soccer, and so, you know, I'm aware of soccer, so I can see the need for it. But it would seem to me though along the west, although I can't, those who live there are probably thinking shut up right now, but you know, that would seem to me to be an area that would need it as well.

MR. ELMAN: There's a considerable buffer along the west side.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Is there?

MR. ELMAN: There's, I'm sorry, there's landscaping that runs most of the way along that west side.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: So, there's kind of enough of a, so I guess

what I was trying to think through my head is, is what we're trying to stop from happening car accidents?

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Because in my mind, I would not want to wait until after there's been horrific car accidents and people have died to put something safe. So, I understand what some people are saying here, but the Village in my opinion typically, they're not doing it here, but typically wait for horrible things to happen before we put up safety. If we're going to be playing soccer here, I would be in favor of putting a fence because the idea, I mean I travel that road a lot. I've got kids in my car when I travel on that road. There's games going on, and if a ball comes in and hits my car and I get into a huge car accident with my children and I was on this board and we said no fence, I don't know, I would have a hard time living with myself.

But I don't see how we don't, other than saying, I don't know that we can, other than telling you you can't have soccer here, I don't see how we can't put a fence there because the risk in my opinion is entirely too great for some sort of horrific car accident.

The other I guess benefit that I have that maybe the other Commissioners don't have is that I grew up at Arlington Heights Golf Course, and I lived there before there was a fence, or before there was a net and after there was a net. Yes, I was a kid so I really wasn't one of the neighbors that were complaining about the fences, but after the fence went up no one even saw it anymore. I mean you get used to it. It didn't, in my mind from what I can tell, it's a similar net.

Yes, no one wanted the change, but then once the net went up, you stop seeing it after a while. That net is literally in everyone's backyard. There is no road across the street and there is no six-foot fence blocking off the view. I mean literally the net went off in everyone's backyard, and so your backyard, you used to look out in this gorgeous golf course and now you look out on this net. But after a while, no one even cared. It didn't hurt property values, it didn't affect anything. In fact, some people liked it because their windows stopped getting knocked out with golf balls.

So, in my opinion, because I have the experience of living somewhere that had a net similar to this, the net doesn't bother me. But to think that we could have a horrific car accident really scares me. So, I would like to know that maybe some more thought went into alternatives, if you could find, I mean I'm not opposed to finding a solution that is more palatable to everybody. But I have to vote in favor for some sort of net unless I can stop you from putting soccer there.

But I know Arlington Heights is in demand and in need for fields. I mean we're short on fields, and I have little kids that want to play games, you know, and there's not enough space. My kids can't get into some of the, they can't sign up because they get full because there aren't enough places to go play. So, I don't know, I guess that was my little soapbox speech. But I'm in favor of the netting. I would just say if it goes forward, between now and the Board, I would like to see more research went into what alternatives might be available.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: George?

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, I thought we were done talking about 20-foot fences with the end of the presidential primary cycle.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Just started really.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Yes, well, maybe we can finish this here. But

I'm in favor of really the thoughtful remarks of Mr. Marek and to really look at some alternatives. Sue had some nice comments there, too, taking some more study and make it aesthetically pleasing. I've passed on several locations, Northbrook is one where they've got these really high fences and they don't look really good. So, you have to sort of just balance public safety versus convenience of the community and really the neighborhood and the property values.

I think personally, and maybe Commissioner Ennes can speak to this point, how that could impact property values. But again, I think you've got to go back to the drawing board and you've got to find some ways to compromise this.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Commissioner Ennes, as our resident tax guy, what's your opinion on it?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: You know, when I saw the picture of the fence, I really don't think I'd want that out my backdoor. But on the other hand, I've been at the golf courses in town that have it, and if I lived along the golf course I'd want that fence there so that my balls didn't hit the windows.

I think from a safety standpoint, keeping the balls out of the street is an important thing. That's just the result of having the park there. I really don't know if it would affect the property values that much. When you have parks, you have facilities like this, you have fences like this. It would be nice if we could do some kind of landscaped screening in that green space along Kirchhoff. I think that would help mitigate some of the damage.

MR. ELMAN: Like I said, the Park District would be more than happy to work with the Village on that.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I think our issue has to be are we going to ask the Park District to come back with some alternatives to us? Or are we going to recommend in whatever position we think?

COMMISSIONER DROST: I think there should be, you know, some more input on part of the citizens here.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Let me make a couple of comments. Right now, the two fields there are two football fields?

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: So, it's the soccer field being added that's really --

MR. ELMAN: They are currently two football fields. I believe they are used for soccer also. The goals are a combination. The goalposts that are there currently, or were there were a combination football/soccer goal. So, they could be used --

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Okay. Sam, did the Engineering Department traffic guys say anything about putting up fences?

MR. HUBBARD: They didn't have comments. I would say that our Public Works Division is fairly picky about what type of plantings go in the right-of-way. So, you know, we can certainly examine that alternative, but I'm not sure I would rely on that to be something that's going to provide a really strong screen. I think if anything, you know, we could work on some low-lying shrubs. But certainly large trees that are really going to screen this, I'd be surprised if, you know, given the proximity to Kirchhoff --

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: No, no, no. My question was more if you put pedestrian gates in the fence at midpoints, is there any concern from the traffic standpoint about pedestrians crossing the street?

MR. HUBBARD: No.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: The other concern I had that I didn't hear is when you do put these fences up, I can see people stopping in the middle of Kirchhoff dropping their kids off. This could be a dangerous thing. So, I definitely think putting the gates in is not a good idea.

But the netting on the sketch, this one sketch here, it shows the netting just coming down to the top of the fence. Why would you need the velcro opening then?

MR. ELMAN: No, no. That was, there is a note on there that states, that says that the netting does go all the way down to the ground.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Okay, you're right, it is. Okay, and you know, I think it's a great looking park. I drive there as a citizen. It's really nice looking. I just think this netting is just not going to look good. If I live nearby, I certainly wouldn't want to look at it as some of the other Commissioners have said. Those are my opinions right now. So, any other comments?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes, a question.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Lynn?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: A question. How do you envision these gates working? Do you see kids going out on the street to retrieve the balls? Or how do you see this?

MR. ELMAN: I hope it wouldn't be kids.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: But how would we guard against that? Say the ball goes over and all of a sudden they go where the gates are?

MR. ELMAN: We will have some limited staff there when there are programs going on, but not at all times. So, basically, I guess anybody could use them.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Well, I think that nobody can be opposed to safety of the kids and traffic and so forth. Of course, the aesthetics are very important. I think Commissioner Drost may have said it best, it doesn't seem to me and maybe for others that you have struck the right balance yet. I think I for one would like to see this come back to the Plan Commission. We'll see what my fellow Commissioners say.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: I have a question. What's the timing of any new programs going on that would really be an impetus for having the taller fences? Do you have soccer programs at the high school level right now going on?

MR. ELMAN: At the park currently?

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Yes.

MR. ELMAN: I do not believe so. But I can't tell you because I'm not on the recreation side.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Okay, so that would be my question. When we have a concern of let's do something right now to prevent a major car accident on Kirchhoff, I'm all for that. But if there is not the need right now, let's go back and figure out a better plan.

MR. ELMAN: Once the park is reopened, there will be a need.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: When is that?

MR. ELMAN: I think they are looking at the beginning of August.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Beginning of August, okay.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: It sounds like we have some time. The beginning of August is --

MR. ELMAN: Well, it's quickly approaching.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: I know, but we have another meeting in two weeks.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Right now we're faced with making a decision based on safety or aesthetics, and safety has got to trump aesthetics, but there's going to be at least common ground.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I have another question, if I can jump in, John. How long has this park been in operation with these two football fields?

MR. ELMAN: We installed these football fields in 2007.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, so they've been there almost 10 years.

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: The fact that you're changing the use of the fields is what's bringing the netting up. Has there been any accidents or any mishaps on Kirchhoff Road over the past ten years?

MR. HUBBARD: The Arlington Heights Police Department did take a look at this application, and they said that traffic accidents at this particular location are not a problem.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, so it's because you're changing the use of the field that obviously this netting you feel is going to be a problem. So, in the past it hasn't been a problem, and in the past ten years we haven't had an aesthetic problem here because there's no netting.

MR. ELMAN: But we also haven't had a full-sized soccer field at the site.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Well, what I'm saying is that you're introducing something new to the park here, the use of it, and that's creating the problem that poses aesthetics versus safety. I for one am very much in favor of safety, okay, but I'm not necessarily willing to throw it away to have this net there. So, maybe the soccer needs to find a new home or a new orientation or something. So, what I'm trying to get at here is the situation, you are creating the situation that calls for a net and you're creating the situation that's calling the anxiety to the people who live across the street. So, what I'm saying is maybe the solution here is move the soccer to another location or something.

I understand that there's a lot of, you know, younger people here that their kids use them. My kids when they were young, they used all the park facilities and it was a great thing. So, I understand where you're coming from currently, but I just have a real problem with a 20-foot net for the neighbors across the street.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Can I just take a quick poll with the Commissioners? If you want to participate, fine if not. Three questions, do you want a 20-foot, do you want no fence, or do you want something in the middle? So, can I just ask --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: When you say something in the middle, I don't know if that's appropriate. I think talking about retractable and alternative options, it might still be the same height, but alternative options. I mean I think this picture is doing everyone into service because they don't all look like this.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Chairman Lorenzini --

MR. ELMAN: That picture --

COMMISSIONER GREEN: But a retractable option still has permanent poles.

MR. ELMAN: May I say that picture, I couldn't find an application that is similar. This was the closest I could find on the Internet. Our poles are going to be much wider apart. They're going to be 48 feet apart. This appears to be 16 feet at the most apart.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Chairman Lorenzini, I think the real issue is then they probably need to go back and consider an array of alternatives that balance the safety and the aesthetics. It could be what Commissioner Green said where we find a different location for the field that's causing the issue, I don't know if that's possible or not, or that we just work through the landscaping and the variety of other issues that's been raised by the public. But I think they really haven't struck the balance, they might want to do that.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Can I ask, if the poles are going to be, is it 48 feet apart?

MR. ELMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: So, could something be worked out with the Village with that right-of-way that a tree be planted there every 48 feet to hide these poles? Now all you're looking at is this black netting which is maybe not as bad as these 20-foot-tall black poles. Again, I'm just bringing that up as a possible compromise.

MR. HUBBARD: I think we can work with our Public Works Department. My experience to date is that they are quite restrictive, especially with the large trees along high speed traffic roads because they could be --

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: 20 feet high is not a very large tree. I mean that's not --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: I think if you don't know, he's not going to answer that question.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: I understand, I'm just throwing it out as a compromise to try to bridge the aesthetics with the safety issue.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: It seems to me, and I don't know if everyone is in agreement, that we all would prefer that this be looked into some more, and you come back. I don't know if everyone is in agreement with that, but there's a lot of alternatives, a lot of options. I don't feel that they were maybe thoroughly investigated. So, if we could get you on the next agenda, and I would also like to add on to what Lynn said, the need for the use, right? I mean I don't, you know, Commissioner Green, I didn't mean to imply that I think we have to have a soccer field there at all, I'm just saying that I can understand the plight of the Park District because I know that they're limited in there.

So, I think to come back with alternatives after talking and seeing if you could put plantings there, what's the option, and then also, you know, understanding the need for having to have this soccer field here. Because it is a little late, no one came and asked us before you guys decided to do the use, right? I don't believe that anyone did.

The public commentary is closed, sorry.

MS. REBSAMEN: Can I ask a question?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: No.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Well, not at this point, I'm sorry.

MS. REBSAMEN: They opened the questioning for the church.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: That was an error. That was, anyway, I understand that you're under a time frame, but we really need more information I think. I mean

unless you're happy with it going forward, we can go forward. We can say no and you can go forward without, it doesn't matter. If you'd rather have that, we can --

MR. ELMAN: Well, no. No, I would like to work with the Village, I'd like to work with the residents and everybody to make a compromise solution. I just want a clarification on what kind of alternative systems. I don't know of any alternatives.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: I have no idea.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Well, one thing I'd like to see is we've had other people come in and showing us views of what it would look like. So, maybe a view from somebody's backyard of what a 20-foot fence would look like versus 15 or a 10. I'd like to see something like that. Maybe some type of landscaping that could be done.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: This picture really, I don't think is fair. It's doing you a disservice. It looks horrible and I don't think it will look that bad. I don't think it's going to be beautiful but --

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Mr. Elman --

MR. ELMAN: We will create, yes, we will do a drawing. We have the capabilities of doing a three-dimensional drawing, so we could, sorry, we will create a drawing that will be somewhat, hopefully realistic to show the board what it will look like from various locations within the park and outside.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Mr. Elman, I think you have one, you know, one macro alternative proposal you need to explore is do we need to place the soccer field here or are there other places. That's one level, and we'd like to take a look at that or some of us would. The other issue then is you have a whole bunch of things that have been raised by the public and by the Commissioners that you ought to explore. Is there a different way to lay this out? You've got a lot of safety issues around the gates that you want to put into the fence.

So, there are a lot of issues, if you decide to keep, if you think it's the only place you can have those soccer fields, you need to resolve and strike a balance. So, those are the alternatives you need to come back with, a proposal that says, hey, we balanced these a little better.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Is there anything else any of the Commissioners would like to say?

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I have one, just for clarification. From the cement curb at Kirchhoff to the netting fence, how much green space is there now? There's a sidewalk in there I believe?

MR. ELMAN: Correct. There is a five-foot-wide public sidewalk, and I believe the right-of-way is 20 feet from the street curb to the --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: From the curb to the sidewalk?

MR. ELMAN: To the north side of the sidewalk.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: So, basically, what you're saying, the fence is on your property?

MR. ELMAN: Yes, the fence is on our property.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Okay, the fence is on their property line. When you get outside the fence, you're in right-of-way, because it's a public sidewalk and usually it's a foot. You usually hold the sidewalk away from the property line 12 inches, one foot. Everything from the fence out --

COMMISSIONER ENNES: But is there a possibility of putting landscaping

in the right-of-way?

MR. HUBBARD: We'd have to explore that with our Public Works Division.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Sam, I'm going to throw out, is it a city right-of-way or is it a state or a county? I mean Kirchhoff Road, is it an Arlington Heights street?

MR. HUBBARD: I don't know whose jurisdiction it's under.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Because that's who the right-of-way belongs to.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Okay, so they have to take --

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I would also add, it may be worth looking at both sides of the right-of-way because I think either side, the north and the south of Kirchhoff could achieve the same purpose if we're looking at, as long as we're looking at screening. It's an alternative.

One final question I have is the sequencing of your construction schedule, do you have to put the fence up before you lay the fields?

MR. ELMAN: No.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: You don't, okay. So, you can access from the north side basically, because you can't access over those fields once they're in, correct?

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: So, I guess back to the original question. These fields can go in with or without the fence, they're already permitted to go in. So, the only question would be when they're being used for soccer are balls going over the fence then.

MR. ELMAN: Correct.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: So, it looks like this is going to eventually come back to us. So, if anybody from the public has any other comments or concerns, you can always give them to Sam and he'll give them to us.

So, what do we need at this point? A motion to disapprove?

Continue?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Do we continue or disapprove?

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Continue.

MR. HUBBARD: You can do both, you could do either.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Do we have a motion to do one or the other?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I think a continuation would serve them better. They don't have to start the process over again.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: They wouldn't have to, if we turned it down, they could still go to the Village with all of the comments that we said.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Right, they can go to the Village.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: They could be ready at the Village with all of the items that we talked about. But if we continue it, they have to come back here.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: I'd rather continue it.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: I don't disagree, but if he's on a construction deadline, it affords them the ability to go take the risk of not getting an approval and going to the Village having heard all of our comments now, he won't be forced to come back here and then go to the Village. That's all. So, I'm open to either. I'd prefer you come back here.

COMMISSIONER DROST: I think a denial is the most efficient.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Right.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Mr. Elman, do you have a preference?

MR. ELMAN: I would prefer to come back to you.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Okay. So, **I'll make a motion to continue.**

I don't really know how to phrase it, but I'm making a motion to continue until the next --

MR. HUBBARD: Our next regular meeting is June 22nd. So, that gives us about five business days to come to a resolution on some of these issues. So, if that's enough time, then the 22nd could be --

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: 22nd, that's ten business days, right?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: No, to have enough time to try --

MR. HUBBARD: Right, I mean it's, you know, from the --

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: If you don't, then there's another meeting two weeks later. So, if you don't have enough time --

MR. ELMAN: We'll be back.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Okay.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Roll call vote please.

MR. HUBBARD: Who was the second?

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Lynn.

MR. HUBBARD: All right. Commissioner Cherwin.

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: Yes, with comment.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Dawson.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Drost.

COMMISSIONER DROST: Aye.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Ennes.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Green.

COMMISSIONER GREEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Jensen.

COMMISSIONER JENSEN: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Sigalos.

COMMISSIONER SIGALOS: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Commissioner Warskow.

COMMISSIONER WARSKOW: Yes.

MR. HUBBARD: Chairman Lorenzini.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Yes. Okay, I'll see you hopefully in a couple of weeks.

MR. ELMAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON: Wait, no, there's a comment.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: There's a comment?

COMMISSIONER CHERWIN: I just said with comment. I just wanted it for the record, I would support the petition as submitted with the condition on not providing a safety access through the Kirchhoff Road fencing.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Any other comments? All right, if not, then we're

done with this public hearing. Any other business? Motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER GREEN: I'll make the motion.

COMMISSIONER ENNES: I'll second it.

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN LORENZINI: Thank you. We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, the public hearing on the above-mentioned petition was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.)

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