

SHELDON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SHELDON, IOWA  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

JOINT MEETING WITH THE SHELDON CITY COUNCIL

August 17, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:45 p. m., President Gary Ihnen called the meeting to order. Present: Glen Goedken, Kecia Hickman, Randy Merley, Susan Rensink, Gary Ihnen, Robin Spears, and Bill Borchers. Absent: None. Guests: Katricia Rider, Scott Wynja, Brad Hindt, Ron Rensink, Duane Seehusen, Mark Postma, Dave Popkes, Frank Luepke and Derrick Vander Waal.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING PARK MASTER PLAN/BALL DIAMONDS

4. COMMENTS

Scott Wynja said that he and Robin Spears had met on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 and set up this meeting.

Scott also gave the background on the Parks & Recreation Committee formation and the results of the study. Scott explained that there were three location options that the committee came up with for the placement of the ball fields that the committee survey showed a need for. The proposed locations are by the Sheldon Crossing, by Northwest Iowa Community College, or on the Sheldon Community School District campus. It was felt that there was a need for four fields.

Robin Spears said that Randy Merley and he were the Sheldon Community School Board representatives on the Parks & Recreation Committee and had attended the meetings. Mr. Spears also gave the background of the District's thoughts on location of the ball fields. Mr. Spears explained that the District is leaning toward placing the ball fields north of the Middle School, due to the closeness of restrooms, concessions, and parking. If the fields were between the elementary and high schools, it would limit any future improvements to the facilities of the elementary school, would cause lighting problems for the residential area around the proposed fields, and there is also a lack of adequate parking. One positive about the location by the elementary school is the availability of a playground area for those children not involved with the ballgame.

Gary Ihnen said that he has heard from District patrons that they don't want Union Avenue closed. Ihnen also said that by placing the fields north of the Middle School there would also be areas for football and soccer practice.

It was decided that a committee composed of two members from the School Board, two members from the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission to meet with RDG, and have the area north of the Middle School laid out with the proposed fields to see if the area would work, and how much area would be open green space. After the committee has met, measured and laid out the proposed area, they would come back to both the School Board and the City Council to present their findings, and then decisions would be made as to what would be the disposition of the Skemper property. The individuals from the School Board that would be on the committee are Randy Merley and Susan Rensink. The individuals from the City Council that would be on the committee are Brad Hindt and Duane Seehusen.

5. ADJOURN

At 6.25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board.