

GPABC Minutes
Special Meeting May 27, 2008

Special meeting of the GPABC to re-consider pledge to the School District for the cost of installation of field turf called to order at 6:00 p.m. by president Johnny Gardetto.

By President Gardetto: The motion approved at the January 9, 2008 meeting pledged \$60,000 for field turf to be paid in \$20,000 increments over three years (2008 – 2010). Johnny was contacted by Tim Nethery of the Touchdown Club to change that pledge to a lump sum payment of \$60,000 in 2008 because the School District would only recognize the \$20,000 payment in 2008 toward the total cost of the project and not make up the \$40,000 difference. Without the \$40,000, the funding for the project would fall short. Tim needs a decision from the GPABC before our next regular meeting on June 10th.

Johnny asked Tim Nethery to comment: Project needs all the GPABC pledged money now or the project may not move forward. The District has committed \$250,000 to install the field turf. Total project cost is currently \$689,000, with a 10% fluctuation in the cost depending on soil sampling, etc.

By Treasurer Greg Turay: The GPABC's gross income for 2007-08 is approximately \$94,000. If we agree to pledge the \$60,000 in 2008, expenses would total \$92,600. Have approximately \$60,000 in savings and \$4,000 in checking. The School District still owes the GPABC about \$22,000 for the 2007–08 school year. Bradley Center took in about \$14,000, Casino Night netted about \$5,000, and Gold C sales took in \$8,000 plus a \$4,000 correction from last year. Income from golf outing is yet to be determined.

Comments:

GPABC will be losing interest for the two years early payment on the pledge. What does GPABC get back from the Touchdown Club – Members, football alumni/coaches participate in the golf outing and Casino Night and volunteered/staffed the Bradley Center for one night this past season. Why must this be done this year – The cost keeps rising.

Touchdown Club raised all of the funds for the field turf but this will not exclusively benefit the football players. The turf field will be used by the entire school and lots of athletes.

The turf field is good for the school. Football games and other sports on the field raise lots of money for the GPABC.

Lots of schools are switching to the field turf. This is one way Greendale can keep up with larger districts. Schools will want to come and play here.

Friends of Music, has not made any commitment to fund the field turf to date. Youth Football is sponsoring a brat fry on June 13th to raise funds for the turf field. Soccer players and marching band members are also being required to sell tickets.

Only other big project on the GPABC's list right now is the upgrades to the outdoor concession stand.

Written motion made and approved (24-3) to pledge \$60,000 to the School District for field turf. Money will be paid to the School District upon the School Board's approval of the project.

Board deferred any decision on the annual pledge of \$5,000 for future maintenance/replacement of the field turf which was also approved in January 2008. This portion of the pledge and its merits will be reconsidered at another meeting.

Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Prindiville, Secretary