

**PARK20200506-1**

**UNAPPROVED**

Roll Call: Present - James Schara, Council Member Rick Verhaalen, Terry Wagner, Paul Rushing, Brian Clement, Glenn Herold, Dave Polacek

## STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS** – None

**Consider Recommendation from Common Council about Cedarburg Baseball’s Removable Fence Options at Adlai Horn Park with the City Responsible for Setup, Take Down and Storage Each Season; and Action Thereon**

Chairperson Schara inquired if there are any comments from the citizens.

Barbara Saliek-Shaffer, N65 W5700 Columbia Road, Cedarburg, stated that the current fencing at Adlai Horn Park extends closely to the walkway and creek. A permanent fence would block off the park and she would prefer a removable fence.

Chairperson Schara stated the Board is only considering removable fences.

Brandon Hall from Cedarburg Baseball stated that he would like to go over the options that himself and Joel Bublitz had submitted to be considered. Cedarburg Baseball's Board has approval for the original permanent fence and the cost was \$8,103. That is the budget that they have for the fence in

Adlai Horn Park. They have come up with new options to discuss for a removable fence. Option 1 is the permanent 4-foot fence. Cedarburg Baseball would cover the cost for this fence. There is Option 1.5, which is not included in the packet. This is a custom removable fence that looks the same as Option 1. The cost of this would be \$13,188 for the initial installation and does not include the storage cost.

Joel Bublitz explained that Option 1.5 would consist of ground sleeves that would be 48-inch sleeves that will be pounded into the ground. It would have 10-foot sections that can slide in and out of the sleeves.

Brandon Hall explained that when the fence is taken out, they will need to cover up the holes in the ground.

Joel Bublitz explained that there are caps that would preferably be flush to the ground.

Brandon Hall explained that Option 2 is a good system and looks good, but is expensive. The cost of this option is \$31,000 with an initial cost of \$5,500 for the initial set up and \$367 to store annually. Option 3 is a fence with an L-bracket and wheels. It is easy to move around, but the bracket is made of galvanized steel which will rust over time. The cost for this option is \$29,593. This option would also be hard to store as it is a large amount of equipment.

Terry Wagner stated that this type of fence is usually used on turf fields and when they store it, they leave it outside.

Brandon Hall explained Option 4 is similar to Option 3 but is a sleeve and stake system. The cost for this is \$19,633 with an installation cost of \$5,500 and \$1,400 annually for set up and take down. This will also have galvanized steel, which will rust over time. Option 5 is the fence that was at Adlai Horn Park last year. It is easily blown over and the lifespan is 2-4 years. Option 6 is the fence that is currently at Behling Field. This fence has a plastic stake that goes in the ground, but it is not durable. The City would have to replace every other year.

Glenn Herold inquired about what caused the posts to break at Behling Field.

Council Member Verhaalen stated that it was a combination of people climbing over it and players running into it. The fence also had to be sewn up in several places. They replaced 5 broken posts last year.

Terry Wagner stated that Option 1 is not in consideration because it is a permanent fence. It is up to Cedarburg Baseball as to what they would want to use as a fence and take their expenses into consideration.

Brandon Hall stated that they would need support with labor and cost.

Jennifer Doerr, N63 W5767 Columbia Road, Cedarburg, inquired why a physical fence is required to play baseball.

Brandon Hall stated baseball fields usually have fences. There was a complete baseball diamond at Adlai Horn Park for 46 years. The players can hit it to the fence and without it they will be chasing

the ball onto the walkway.

Director Friess stated that it is a safety issue due to the walking path that is located right outside the fence.

Council Member Thome expressed her thanks for the options that Cedarburg Baseball has put together. The Common Council did agree that they would cover the cost of the setup and take down each year. It is a budget item and would have to be approved, but if it is within reason, they would cover that cost.

Council Member Verhaalen stated that since it is a budget issue it will go back to the Common Council.

Director Friess inquired if Option 1.5 included the additional \$5,000 installation fee.

Joel Bublitz explained that the cost of \$13,188 included the installation.

Council Member Verhaalen inquired if that option included a rolling fence.

Joel Bublitz stated that it does not roll. The 10-foot panels would slide into the sleeves.

Paul Rushing inquired about the durability of Option 1.5.

Joel Bublitz stated that the sleeves are 48 inches so it will be stable. The panels are 4 feet by 10 feet and are framed all the way around. The chain link fence is then secured to the frame. It won't be as stable as a permanent fence but is durable for a temporary fence.

Brandon Hall stated that the pricing is based off the permanent fence quote of \$8,103. He inquired if that cost is on Cedarburg Baseball that it would make it easier for the City with setup and take down.

Joel Bublitz stated that it would make it easier for the City.

Council Member Thome stated that if it became a large cost, they would be willing to help out where they can within reason.

Joel Bublitz stated that Option 1.5 can be put up and taken down by two people. The additional cost would be worth it for the future of installing it each year.

Terry Wagner stated that he is familiar with the fence and it is easy to setup, take down and store.

Paul Rushing stated if this option is one that Cedarburg Baseball wants, it is a good compromise. He inquired where we would store the sections of the fencing.

Joel Bublitz stated that he would like to have it stored on site.

Paul Rushing stated that the current fence is much closer to the creek than the fence that was previously there. He agrees with Barbara Saliek-Shaffer's comment that the fence takes up the view. Option 1.5 is a good option to please both sides.

Brian Clement inquired what fence Cedarburg Baseball would want including Option 1.

Brandon Hall stated that they would want the permanent fence because it is less cost to Cedarburg Baseball and no cost to the taxpayers. The fence would last longer, and temporary fences have the potential for wear and tear.

Chairperson Schara inquired of Director Friess if the Common Council decided on a removable fence.

Director Friess stated that the Common Council did make a motion for Cedarburg Baseball to come up with removable fence options for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Board to then recommend back to the Common Council.

Terry Wagner stated that Option 1.5 seems to fit all the requirements that Cedarburg Baseball has. The only issue is with the funding for the additional cost. This is something the Common Council is going to have to look at.

Paul Hayes, N63 W5795 Columbia Road, Cedarburg, stated that he is pleased with the effort that went into putting together these options. Adlai Horn Park is a city park and the community should not feel like they are unwelcome guests to the baseball players. There is already a baseball field at Behling field, and the citizens should be able to have access to that open space without fences.

Mary-Kay Bourbulas, N67 W5389 Cedar Court, Cedarburg, stated that people use the open space at the park and a fence would limit the use. She understands that a temporary fence was agreed upon but does not understand the urgency.

Council Member Thome stated that the Common Council sent this to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Board for further examination of removable fence options. The effort that was put into this was great and is pleased with the addition of Option 1.5.

Cori Kaminski, N62 W5972 Columbia Road, Cedarburg, stated that she supports the fence and playing without a fence is a very different game than playing with a fence. It is not baseball when the players are just chasing the ball. Baseball needs a fence and is happy with Option 1.5.

Council Member Verhaalen stated that he understands that not everyone in Cedarburg plays baseball, but a vast majority do. Whatever the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Board decides should go back to the Common Council because there will be maintenance involved with a temporary fence. Option 1.5 is a good option but wants to clarify that there are two options; a roll up chain linked fence or 10-foot sections.

Joel Bublitz stated that there is the option of having 50-foot sections rolled up and would need to be secured to the frame. This option is more labor intensive and can make storage more difficult. This would also be more wear and tear on the fence. The other option is 10-foot welded sections.

Motion was made by Terry Wagner, seconded by Glenn Herold, to recommend to the Common Council that Cedarburg Baseball put up a black 4-foot removable fence with 10-foot sections and the City would be responsible for the City staff labor costs of setting up, taking down and storing for

each season, with an amendment by Paul Rushing to have a black cap on the top if one will be included. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Glenn Herold stated that he supports Option 1.5 if there is a need for a fence. Option 6 would also be a good option because the players would cause less damage to the fence if they were to run into it. It would also be easier to store.

Council Member Verhaalen stated that the netting tears on Option 6. The wear and tear is from people climbing on the fence. That fence would not last.

Paul Rushing inquired if the sideline fencing is required to be 6 feet.

Terry Wagner stated that it is typically 6 feet because of foul balls, and it provides more protection for the spectators.

**Review and Certify Code of Ethics; and Action Thereon**

Chairperson James Schara certified that everyone on the Board has read, reviewed and certified the Code of Ethics. There were no questions and no further discussion was necessary.

**REPORTS**

Director Friess reported on virtual programming, pushing May program start dates back, putting up the pickleball and tennis court nets, WPRA meetings, new Arborist, scoreboard at Behling field, auto-locks at Cedar Pointe, and summer playground camp registration and waiting list.

Superintendent Anderson reported on Running the Social Distance 50K Challenge, surveying participants, and daily virtual challenges on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

City Forester Westphal reported on the Arborist position, planting of bareroot trees, subdivision planting, Cedarburg Green sale, service requests, stump removal, municipal nursery, and grapple truck removals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Dave Polacek, seconded by Glenn Herold, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Chandler Steffen  
Recreation Coordinator