
Village of Reedsville & Reedsville School District Joint Meeting

Baseball Field Discussion
January 4, 2024

Tonight's Agenda



**Thursday, January 4, 2024
Special Board Meeting**

**Joint Meeting with the Village of Reedsville Board to Discuss Baseball Field
6:00 pm - Reedsville Elementary Library**

1. Opening

- 1.01 Call to Order
- 1.02 Roll Call
- 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Discussion

- 2.01 Baseball Field Presentation and Discussion

3. Public Input

- 3.01 Public Input regarding the Baseball Field

4. Discussion/Action

- 4.01 Discussion/Action - District Vehicle Purchase

5. Closing

- 5.01 Adjourn
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Public Input

Questions/Comments should pertain to the baseball field and should be directed at Mr. Al Schreiber, village president, or Mr. John Ebert, school board president.

Goal of the meeting is to answer as many questions as possible regarding the school district's potential purchase of the baseball field property.

Why are we meeting?

Both the village and the school district wanted an open forum to discuss the land purchase. Both entities want to be transparent with the process.

In addition, the school district changed its policy at the 2022 annual meeting that a public hearing must take place prior to any property purchase.

History of Baseball Field Purchasing Conversations

- February 2021 - Prior Superintendent began work with Ayres Associates to draw up paperwork for a potential purchase that included easement documentation and creation of legal descriptions of the parcel.
- At the same time, the District began work with the school attorney to draw up a proposal. Within the proposal was a list of 12 contingencies.
- May 2021 - School Board action item to approve the acquisition of the baseball field - produce legal paperwork to purchase
- November 2021 - School Board discussion regarding legal paperwork

History of Baseball Field Purchasing Conversations

- February 2022 - School Board update
- March 2022 - School Board resolution to purchase baseball field was tabled
- April 2022 - Motion to approve the baseball field purchase did not pass
- May 2022 - Joint meeting with the village and school district and motion to NOT purchase the field did not pass
- July 2022-Spring 2023 - Leadership changes at both the village and school board level - no baseball field conversation
- February & March 2023 - conversation re-started

History of Baseball Field Purchasing Conversations

- August 2023 - Committee Meeting with school district and village to discuss changes to the previous contingencies, deed restrictions, boundaries, and other pertinent information regarding the property
- Fall 2023 - Both the village and school district held separate meetings to discuss moving the project forward. The school district had preliminary purchase agreements written and a proposal from Ayres to complete necessary land-survey work for the project.
- Winter 2024 - Joint public hearing between village and school district

Baseball Field Map



Purchase Stipulations

- The baseball field shall be maintained as a baseball field and/or green space
 - The district will make necessary improvements to the baseball field to address safety concerns. (No time frame listed)
 - The district will allow summer baseball access
 - The district will not erect a fence around non-playing surface
 - All memorials currently existing, must remain in place, with the village responsible for maintaining the memorials
 - The property is intended to be a public space, subject to district rules and regulations
 - Any utilities owned by the village must remain in place and the village will enter into agreement for use of these utilities.
 - The walking trail will be maintained by both the village (trailhead/gazebo area) and the district on property owned by the district
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Potential Next steps:

- Answer any questions not answered tonight
- Village - Discuss/Act on purchase agreement
- School District - Discuss/Act on purchase agreement
- Final paperwork completed and signed by both entities

