

May 14, 2016

To: Board of Education

From: Steve Gevinson

Re: West field pool design keeping all west field sports on campus

Background and Information

After the Board voted at its April 28 meeting not to move forward with the west field/Keystone design, a River Forest resident, Katharine Christmas, in an effort to get an accurate drawing of the plan, asked a local architect, Garret Eakin, with whom she had worked before, if he would be interested in making a drawing of a plan pro bono. He expressed interest and enlisted his friend and fellow local architect, Frank Heitzman, to join him on the project. Before meeting with Garret and Frank, Katharine and I sketched out an improved west field pool plan, one that would keep tennis on campus and not diminish any of the other sports and activities utilizing the west fields now. Frank drew up the plan, checking its dimensional viability against Legat's earlier west field diagram as well as a topographical survey of the school. This plan is superior to the previous west field/Keystone plan in that it does not present the timing, negotiations, and cost issues involved in achieving an intergovernmental agreement and building on Park District land. It also fully satisfies the on-campus needs of aquatics and tennis. Drawings of the full west field site, the first floor of the pool, and the second floor of the pool are posted with the board agenda. The architects estimate that total construction costs for the pool building and all west field sports would be \$23.4 million.

Next step

The Board will entertain the following motion at the May 17 Special Board meeting:

To direct the administration to have an independent cost estimator determine the expected construction costs of the west field pool solution keeping all west field sports on campus.