

ORDINANCE NO. O-2019-07

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROTECTIVE FENCE
WHEATON PARK DISTRICT - CENTRAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX - 500 S. NAPERVILLE ROAD**

WHEREAS, the Wheaton Park District ("the applicant") is seeking to allow the construction of a protective fence at the Central Athletic Complex, located at 500 S. Naperville Road; and

WHEREAS, the applicant indicates that the installation of the protective fence is critical to protect the safety of the public and noted several incidents involving foul balls; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-163 of the Wheaton City Code allows any school, governmental entity, private utility or public utility to petition the City Council for a permit to construct a protective fence that would not conform to the requirements of the fence regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed protective fence would not alter the essential character of the area, would be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the fence regulations, would not set any unfavorable precedent either to the locality or to the City as a whole and would not adversely affect the public safety and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1: The following legally described property has been, and continues to be zoned and classified in the R-4 Residential zoning district classification:

LOT 3 IN MARIANO'S RESUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER R2012-124929, IN DUPAGE COUNTY ILLINOIS

The Subject Property is commonly known as the Central Athletic Complex - 500 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60189.

P.I.N. 05-16-338-021

Section 2: Pursuant to the Findings of Fact made and determined by the Wheaton City Council, a protective fence is hereby authorized in full compliance as described in the cover letter and plans from Brian Morrow, Project Planner for the Wheaton Park District dated December 21, 2018 attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 3: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with these provisions are hereby repealed.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner prescribed by law.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Councilman Rutledge
Councilman Barbier
Councilwoman Fitch
Councilman Prendiville
Mayor Gresk

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Scalzo
Councilman Suess

Motion Carried Unanimously

Passed: February 4, 2019
Published: February 5, 2019

(Exhibit A)



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December 21, 2018

Jim Kozik, Director of Economic Development and Planning
City of Wheaton
303 W. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: Protective Fence Application

Dear Mr. Kozik:

The Wheaton Park District is seeking to install sideline netting systems on two of the baseball fields located at the Central Athletic Complex on 500 South Naperville Rd. We would like to install the netting system along both of the existing sideline fences on the Northwest field (Main and Illinois Streets) and along Illinois St. on the field to the Northeast. There would be a total of three sideline netting systems installed adjacent to the existing chain link sideline fences.

The existing chain link sideline fences are 10 ft tall. The sideline netting would extend 20 ft above the existing fencing for a total height of 30 ft. The system is comprised of three 30 ft high black steel poles per sideline with steel cables securing black netting. This system is now very common and is installed in several locations in our area. For further detail, please see the attached specifications, aerial location map, pictures and list of area locations with the netting.

The Wheaton Park District feels it is critical to install this netting in order to protect the safety of our residents. In 2018 there became noticeable issues on the fields at the Central Athletic Complex, specifically field 30 (Main and Illinois streets intersection) and field 31 (Illinois St.). During one of the Red, White, and Blue tournaments in July, numerous foul balls landed on the sidewalk and street. Additionally, there were two incidents where foul balls flew into the street and went through the windshields of cars driving by. Obviously, this is a very serious safety concern and the addition of this netting will go a long way to eliminate the risk of foul balls leaving the park.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Morrow

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Central Athletic Complex

Field #30 corner of Main St. & Illinois St. and field #31 on Illinois St.

E. Illinois St.

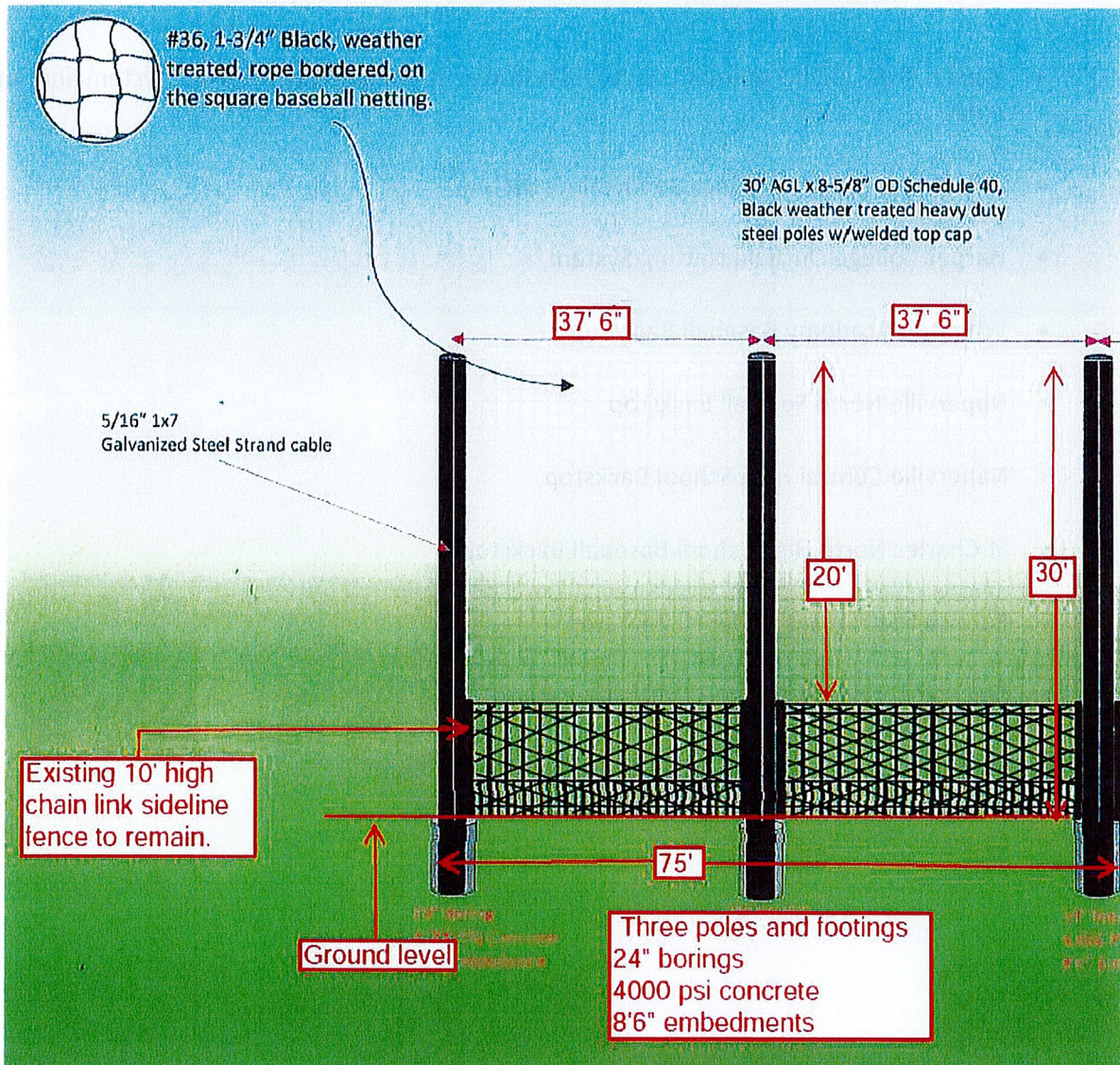
Sideline netting adjacent to existing fence

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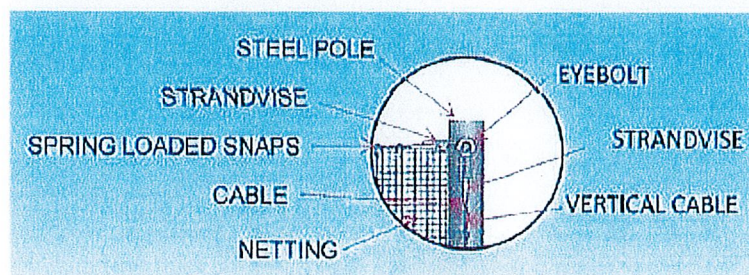
Sideline netting adjacent to existing fence

S. Main St.

Central Athletic Complex Sideline Netting System



Hardware to secure netting



AREA LOCATIONS WITH SIDELINE NETTING SYSTEMS

- Impact Stadium in Rosemont. Outfield netting system, backstop netting system and foul poles
- Schaumburg Boomers Backstop Netting System
- Harper College Outfield Netting System
- Wheaton Academy Baseball Backstop
- Naperville North Softball Backstop
- Naperville Central High School Backstop
- St Charles North High School Baseball Backstop
- Batavia High School Baseball Backstop
- Chicago Bandits Stadium – Softball Backstop
- Wheaton College field at American Legion, Carol Stream
- College of DuPage



Naperville North



College of DuPage



Wheaton Academy



Impact Stadium, Rosemont