

Butler Track & Field Lights Update

Meeting of the Board of Education

March 11, 2019

Background Information

Meetings

1. **November 20** - Administration and District counsel
2. **December 19** – M&W Co-Presidents, a representative from the SSEF, BoE representatives, District administrators and District counsel
3. **January 7** - Maroon & White Board
4. **January 9** - Initial Community Outreach
5. **January 14** – Board of Education Meeting
6. **January 22** – Neighborhood Association Presidents
7. **January 29** – Residents who expressed concern
8. **February 11** – Board of Education Meeting

Need for Permanent Lights

- Games “under the lights” have enhanced the program experiences of our student athletes who play field sports. The events are safe, community–building events for the whole Scarsdale Community.
- Permanent lights are a desirable solution to the light, noise, and air pollution caused by diesel-powered portable lights.

Concerns

Quality of life

- Pollution (noise and light)
- Increased use
- Increased traffic
- Parking
- Trash

Historical Use

District Use

Monday through Thursday

- 8:00am – 3:00pm: Physical Education
- 3:00pm – 7:00pm: Athletics

Friday

- 8:00am – 2:00pm: Physical Education
- 2:00pm – 7:00pm: Athletics

Saturday

- 8:00am – 5:00pm: Athletics

District Use (Night Events)

Football – 4 home games (Dean Field)

Field Hockey – 1 home game

Boys' Soccer – 1 home game

Girls' Soccer – 1 home game

Community Use

Fall (Saturdays)

- 9:00am – 12:00pm: Football (2-4 games)

Fall (Sundays)

- 9:00am – 1:00pm: Football
- 1:00pm – 7:00pm: SYSC

Spring (Sundays)

- 9:00am – 2:00pm: SRYSA or SYSC
- 2:00pm – 8:00pm: SYLA

Village Ordinance Restrictions

1. Noise (§205-1 (D)) – 11:00pm to 7:00am
2. Obstructions, poles, wires and rubbish (§256)
 - Village Engineer to issue a permit
 - SEQR – Part 1 to Village
3. Structures (§132-7)
 - Village Building Inspector
4. Lease agreement

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

SEQR Process

Scope

- Traffic
- Noise
- Use
- Visual impact

SEQR Process

Negative Declaration

- If an action is determined not to have significant adverse environmental impacts, a determination of nonsignificance (Negative Declaration) is prepared.

Conditioned Negative Declaration

- If the action can be made to equate to a non-significant action through enforceable terms conditions placed on a permit or license, a "conditioned negative declaration" may be prepared.

Positive Declaration

- If an action is determined to have potentially significant adverse environmental impacts, an "**Environmental Impact Statement**" is required and the applicant must submit a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Policies

Light Use Policy

- Purpose for the use of lights
- Plan for use
 - Safety
 - Security
 - Cleanup
- Number of lighted events
 - Practices
 - Contests
- Curfew
- Months of operation
- Review period for rules

Recognition Policy

- Examine historical examples
 - Form
 - Placement
 - Consistency
- Recommend procedures
 - Location
 - Form
 - Costs

Future Plans

Upcoming Meetings

- Field Use Meeting – Spring and Fall Usage
- PRC Meeting – March 20
- Butler Track & Field Light Committee – Night usage & concerns

Upcoming work

- Memorandum of Understanding
- SEQR
- Determination of mitigating work