

Butler Track & Field Lights Update

Meeting of the Board of Education
April 8, 2019

Butler Track & Field Lights – Update

1. General Information
2. Use of Butler Field
3. Rules and Guidelines
4. Future Plans

General 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
9. **March 11** – Board of Education Meeting

Meetings (upcoming)

- 1. April 10** – Concerned Residents, Neighborhood Association Presidents, ISO leadership, PRC
 - Review usage and concerns.
 - Identify the charge of Committee.
 - Set timeline and schedule meetings.
- 2. TBD** – at least 2 Committee Meetings

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.
- These games are a unique opportunity for families and the community to attend and support student athletes.
- Permanent lights are a desirable solution to the light, noise, and air pollution caused by our currently used, diesel-powered portable lights.

Concerns

Potential factors affecting quality of life of residents

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

Use of Butler Field

Historical District Use

Monday through Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm: Athletics

Historic District Use (Special Night Events)

Football – 4 home games (Dean Field)

Field Hockey – 1 home game

Boys' Soccer – 1 home game

Girls' Soccer – 1 home game

Historic Community Use

Fall (Saturdays)

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

Fall (Sundays)

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

Spring (Sundays)

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

Proposed District Use

Monday through Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm: Athletics

Proposed District Use (Special Night Events)

- Football** – 5 home games (Dean Field)
- Field Hockey** – 2 home games
- Boys' Soccer** – 4 home games
- Girls' Soccer** – 4 home games
- Boys' Lacrosse** – 2 home games
- Girls' Lacrosse** – 2 home games

District Use (Special Night Events – Rationale)

To allow for each Varsity team to hold at least one special night event to be attended by their peers, their families, and the Scarsdale community.

These events would highlight contests celebrating seniors and their families as well as Raider Pride Weeks in the fall and spring seasons.

District Use (Night Events – Summary)

Season	Sport	Home Night Games		
		Current	Proposed	Net Increase
Fall	Field Hockey	1	2	1
	Football	4	5	1
	Boys' Soccer	1	4 (Varsity A, Varsity B)	3
	Girls' Soccer	1	4 (Varsity A, Varsity B)	3
Spring	Boys' Lacrosse	0	2	2
	Girls' Lacrosse	0	2	2
Totals		7	19	12

Rules & Guidelines

Memorandum of Understanding

- Agreement
 - Board of Education
 - Maroon & White (The Light the Future Committee)
- Outline
 - Responsibilities of each party
 - Conditions of gift acceptance
 - Costs
 - Mitigation
 - Recognition
 - Maintenance

SEQR Process

New York's **State Environmental Quality Review Act** (SEQR)

- Discretionary decisions
- Environmental impact
- Social and economic factors

When considering an action that has been the subject of a Final **EIS**, SEQR requires the agencies to balance the environmental impacts with social and economic factors when deciding to approve or undertake an "Action".

SEQR Process

Scope and focus of the independent review process

- 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).

Light Use Regulation

- 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

- Gift to the District or School (Policy 1800)
- Recommended procedures should reflect historical examples
 - Location
 - Form
 - Placement
 - Consistency

M&W's Proposed Recognition

The purpose of M&W's proposed recognition plan is to:

- beautify a part of the school.
- be contained in a walkway that is currently asphalt.
- get away from any "naming rights"; there is no naming in the plan.
- be in-line with donor recognition from 15 years ago with the fundraising for the original Butler Field turf.
- simply say "thank you" to generous tax payers for privately funding this project.

Village Ordinance Restrictions

1. Noise (§205-1 (D)) – 11:00 pm to 7:00 am
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

Future Plans

Current & Upcoming Work

- Memorandum of Understanding – (under review)
- SEQR – Proposed gift to cover costs (April 8)
- Penultimate list of usage, concerns & mitigation (April 10)
- Solution to contain amplified sound within the “stadium”
- Event management procedures

Current & Upcoming Work

- Finalize review of usage, concerns & mitigation
- Review report for completeness (Light Use Regulation)
- Submit report to BoE

Meetings (upcoming)

1. **April 10** – Architect, Facilities, Audio Visual, &
2. **April 10** – Concerned Residents, Neighborhood Association Presidents, Independent Sport Organization leadership, Parks, Recreation, & Conservation
3. **TBD** – Committee
4. **TBD** – Committee