

SHP Field Lighting Project -Public Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sehmel Homestead Park - Volunteer Vern Pavilion -10123 – 78th Ave NW
Comments Summary

6:10 Introductions and Background

Handouts included Agenda, FAQ Sheet with backside of site plan and lighting pictures.

6:23 Andrew Montgomery - Children played soccer; difficult to find training field time during the winter; evaluate expenses vs. revenues.

6:24 Jeff Wheeler – Olympic Hills; Nobody on 74th (north) attending; but they were very vocal against lights from beginning; neighbors didn't want lights; what will be changed next.

6:26 Dale Farr – 74th (south); against lighting; love the park, but can't support lights; LED reflection from mist, fog, turf; Noise from announcers last weekend; decreased property values; permitting would require addendum to existing permits if lights added; Cost for non-renewable resource.

6:29 Greg Nordquist – Kids play soccer; fields are packed with several teams; lights would be off around 8:30 or 9pm; practice and development time is important for quality programs for the kids.

6:31 Melissa Sherwood – Neighbor; quoted 2011 letter from Mary Kenney; no lights by choice of neighbors; assisted with fundraising for park; donors understood day use only; planning agreed day use only; park to be a good neighbor.

6:33 Bill Krueger – Resident NE corner of District; appreciates PenMet; kids participate in PMP programs; kids play soccer; 8 years coaching; play all over; GH great community, but weak for facilities; lights needed for winter; very little noise; rarely Fridays; estimate usage.

6:36 David Kinley – Harbor Soccer Club Executive Board Member; Neighbor with just chain link fence to park; HSC has 1400 players, but drops to 500 during winter, somewhat because limited fields; kids need opportunities; many other organizations; HSC appreciates PenMet considering this project; community growing and growing younger.

6:40 Amanda Walston – The planning process is involved with many reviews, and restrictions can still be imposed on the project to curb concerns; kids play soccer; this is a good use of an underutilized existing resource; original planning was visionary; we need progressive thinking; reevaluate.

Additional comments:

8/9/19 Letter received from Nancy Anderson & Bill Brizius – The area adjacent to this park is Rural 10 and just because you are labeled parks and recreation does not mean you should be able to change the nature of your park. When this park was put in promises were made to the neighborhood that the intent was to never light this park and that its use would be restricted to dawn to dusk. Also, you cannot make assumptions about how much noise will be generated or how much additional traffic will result from these changes. Lights and noise not only affect the neighbors but also potentially impact the goals of the conservancy provisos. This park is utilized by local wildlife and it contains wetlands that are to be protected.

8/14/19 Two neighbors came on Wednesday, one in support, one not. Both given meeting information, comments summary, and contact information for submitting their own comments. Another person (3rd) came to express support for the project.

8/15/19 Mark Mastin – Neighbor; higher elevation to SE; hear play and maintenance; original plan without lighting, why changing; kids, teenagers are just noisy; what will be next; best attribute of park is the undeveloped area; how will light affect surrounding forest habitat; not supportive of SHP field lighting.