

**To:** Darien Planning & Zoning Commissioners  
c/o Jeremy Ginsburg – Director  
**cc:** Jim Coley, DJFL Board President  
DJFL Board Members  
**From:** Darien Junior Football League  
**Date:** December 1, 2015  
**Re:** Follow up Report on Temporary Lights Project at Darien High School  
for the 2015 Season

**Background:**

The Darien Planning and Zoning Commission has approved a five-year permit for use of temporary lights at Darien High School, for use by the DJFL. DJFL agreed to abide by the outline stated within the adopted resolution, Special Permit Application #188-B(2) / Site plan: Darien Board of Education, 80 High School Lane. This permit became active for the 2013 season and will remain active through the 2017 season. Thus, this was our third year of the five-year plan for the Temporary Lights Project.

**Logistics:**

None of the logistics have changed; thus this section is copied verbatim from last years report: As specified in the special permits, six direct plug-in electricity powered lighting units were set up at the Darien High School Field. The lights were positioned in the general areas as outlined by the project's application with six units along the east side of the field along the running track, at a height of 30 feet, facing west, away from surrounding residences. The units on each end were angled inward, towards the center of the field. A schedule of usage is attached in this report.

**Summary of Feedback:**

From the DJFL: The conditions were suitable to execute safe practices at a satisfactory level. Lights were turned on and off by custodial staff, via schedule supplied to them by DJFL Lights Committee. There was one reported incident where the team scheduled did not show up, and custodial staff shut lights off when it was obvious that no one was coming. This amount of unused lighted field time is included in the total number of hours of DJFL light usage time.

From the neighbors of DHS: There were no issues reported, or complaints filed, with regard to the lights usage at the DHS stadium field.

Note: Lights were never turned on (for the DJFL) before 5:30 pm and were never turned off later than 7:00 pm.

**Areas for Possible Improvement:**

The 2015 DFJL season's team practices at Darien High School concluded without incident, and the temporary lights continue to be an integral part of the league's success. Coaching staff would like to note that, with low directed lighting, the ability to see when passing the ball is limited. Additionally, changing from temporary to permanent lighting would be a huge asset to the league.

**Conclusion:**

Once again, the 2015 DJFL season was a successful one for both the DJFL and the Darien community. The DJFL has seen a significant rise in the number of participants, and the use of temporary lights gives our players the opportunity to have access to the same amount of practice hours as their competitors, and keeps everyone well conditioned and on an equal playing field. The DJFL looks forward to continued work with the Planning and Zoning Commission, and greatly appreciates all of the considerations granted thus far. We thank not only P& Z, but also members of the school administration, the neighbors of Darien High School and Holahan Fields, and the Darien Community as a whole.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Arledge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

**Diane Arledge, DFJL Board Member**

Darien High School Turf Field  
Use of Temporary Lights, 2015

October 12		NONE
October 13	6:30 – 7:00	30 minutes
October 14		NONE
October 15		NONE
October 16		NONE
October 19		NONE
October 20	6:15 – 7:00	45 minutes
October 21		NONE
October 22	6:05 – 7:00	55 minutes
October 23	6:10 – 7:00	50 minutes
October 26		NONE
October 27	6:20 – 7:00	40 minutes
October 28	6:20 – 6:55	35 minutes
October 29	5:55 – 7:00	65 minutes
October 30	6:00 – 7:00	60 minutes
November 2	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 3	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 4	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 5	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 6	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 9		NONE
November 10	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 11	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 12	5:30 – 6:15	45 minutes
November 13	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 16		NONE
November 17	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 18		NONE
November 19	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes
November 20	5:30 – 7:00	90 minutes

Total Hours:

23 hours, 35 minutes