



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 for usage by DJFL at
Holahan Field for the 2015 DJFL Season

Background:

The Darien Planning and Zoning Commission has approved a five-year permit for use of temporary lights at Holahan field, for use by the DJFL. DJFL agreed to abide by the outline stated within the adopted resolution, Special Permit Application #125-D(3) / Site Plan DJFL Holahan Field. 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 being copied verbatim from last years report: In accordance with the special permit, three temporary lights were set up at Holahan field. These units are diesel powered. These lights were set at a height of twenty feet, and positioned such that no illumination was directed toward surrounding residential properties. 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.

From the neighbors of Holahan Field: There were no complaints filed or issues reported this season.

Note: Lights were never turned on before 5:30 pm or turned off later than 7:00 pm.

Areas for Possible Improvement:

The 2015 DJFL season at Holahan Field was deemed adequate by the DJFL's board members, coaches, parents and players. The following concerns were reported by the coaching staff: The town hall lighting is limiting in coverage area and thus makes it difficult for more than one team to practice with good lighting, and it becomes marginally adequate for three teams to use the field.

Conclusion:

The 2015 DJFL season was another successful year for both the DJFL and the Darien community. The usage 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 loop at the end.

Diane Arledge, DFJL Board Member

**Holahan Field
Use of Temporary Lights by DJFL, 2015**

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| October 12 | | NONE |
| October 13 | 6:30 – 7:00 | 30 minutes |
| October 14 | 6:30 – 7:00 | 30 minutes |
| October 15 | 6:30 – 7:00 | 30 minutes |
| October 16 | 6:30 – 7:00 | 30 minutes |
| October 19 | 6:15 – 7:00 | 45 minutes |
| October 20 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 21 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 22 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 23 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 26 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 27 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 28 | | NONE |
| October 29 | 6:00 – 7:00 | 60 minutes |
| October 30 | | NONE |
| Total Hours: | | 9 hours, 45 minutes |