



Planning & Zoning Commission

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Minutes

Planning and Zoning Commission's Recreation Subcommittee

Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 12:00 pm

No physical location. The meeting was held electronically.

P&Z Commissioners in Attendance:

Michael Cammeyer, P&Z Commission Secretary, Recreation Subcommittee Chair
Paul Lebowitz, P&Z Commission Chairman, Recreation Subcommittee Member
Breanne Injeski, P&Z Commission Alternate Member

Planning & Zoning Staff in Attendance:

Amanda Trianovich, Planning and Zoning Planner

Members of the Public In Attendance:

Julianne Mulvey	Barry Beattie	Danielle Dobin	Emma Cusato
Jeff White	Jeff M.	Kathleen Galley	Saran Ferraro
Jim Wolf	Johnny Ferraro	RO	

Agenda

1. Review of draft text §32-19, Lighted Athletic Fields on Town Owned Public School Property.

Michael Cammeyer, P&Z Commission Secretary, Recreation Subcommittee Chair started the meeting and read the first agenda item into the record.

Mr. Cammeyer stated any application for new field lighting would require a §8-24, Municipal Improvement positive report issued to the First Selectwoman and Special Permit/Site Plan approval by the Commission so each field can have their own set of rules.

A copy of the draft text was also reviewed with the Planning and Zoning Commission during a work session held on Monday, November 4, 2024, to get their initial feedback.

Amanda Trianovich, Planning and Zoning Deputy Director stated only three (3) properties would benefit from this amendment.

- 70 North Avenue: All athletic fields such as Wakeman, Staples Stadium, and Jinny Parker.
- 65 Easton Road: All athletic fields on Coleytown Elementary and Middle Schools.
- 170 Riverside Avenue: Doubleday Fields and PJ Romano Field

Clarification from the Town Attorney is needed on what happens to the existing fields that have field lighting.

Mr. Cammeyer shared the draft text and attendees of the meeting shared feedback which included:

- Review max height needed with the Director of Parks & Rec. to see if we can include limitations for types of fields, location of fields, and temporary vs permanent lighting.
- Setback conditions should be implied.
- Include specs of the new lighting that would be requested. Specifying permanent vs temporary.
- Maximum limit on hours of the day should be implied.
- Should there be time limitations from games vs practices and diming of lights.
- No amplified sound or music during practices.
- Review seasonal caps.
- No lighting on Sundays.
- Enforcement and who should the neighbors contact if lights stay on longer than approved.
- Parks & Recreation will regulate and permit specific groups that use/rent the fields.

Paul Lebowitz, P&Z Commission Chairman, Recreation Subcommittee Member thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

A full audio recording of the meeting is archived and available on the Town of Westport's website, [here](#).

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amanda Trianovich, Planner

November 15, 2024