

Investors Bank Field and Upper Tatlock: Lights
Summary/Notes from previous committee meetings
1/25/2023

Why?

- We need a clear and concise statement of the need and return (business case), supported by data.
 - Key driver is to create additional “field space” by expanding time that Investors and Upper Tatlock can be used for practice and games. This approach optimizes existing infrastructure and acknowledges we are “land-locked” in terms of *new* field space. (Note: Transfer Station studies determined that it is not feasible to place fields there.)
 - Potential to create opportunities for more children to play a sport.
 - Comparability with neighboring towns, enhancing the appeal of our community.
- What is needed (for discussion with full Community Programs Board, Common Council and listening sessions with neighbors):
 - Mock-ups/drawings of the sites showing pole placement, and lighted areas and spillage; aerial view
 - Explanation and illustrations of “spillage”
 - Funding sources: Capital Budget, other? Can this be done in phases, e.g., electric, and then poles but likely that would increase the cost and disruption)
 - Address energy efficiency of lights, environmental concerns
 - Photos of comparable field lighting in residential sections of nearby towns, e.g., Madison, Millburn?, Cranford?
 - Detail on current field usage and what this added capacity would yield for users, i.e., SHS (football, track, lacrosse), Summit Lacrosse, other? Any intangibles for our teams?
 - Traffic study including parking
 - Input from police on any safety considerations

Potential community concerns and mitigation

- When lights would be on: We discussed from the first week in March until mid-December; as needed but potential for 7 days/week; turned off at 10:00 PM; *only* Summit-based teams will be allowed.
- Traffic and parking: Talk to police chief, traffic study?
- Safety/Security: pathways and parking lot (on poles)
- Crowds, noise, nuisance, trash
- Overall management: system can be programmed, and Community Programs can manage remotely

Reviews and Communications: Sequencing

- Committee ensures we have all the information and materials required to move ahead
- Committee reviews with the full Community Programs Board (a test run and to surface additional concerns and information needs)
- *Then – do we go to Council or have listening sessions with the neighbors first?*