March 7 Meeting Minutes

Mosle Field Recreation Committee Meeting Public Meeting with neighbors March 7, 2023, Ready Room, ESB

I. Introductions

- II. Updated Presentation
- III. Recreation Committee Members made statements about the proposal & process.
- IV. David Guida represented the feedback from Chief Johnson regarding the issue of safety in the parking lot.
- IV. Open to the Public & Discussion
 - A request for rented lights v. permanent.
 - Does the project make economic sense? Request for a cost-analysis study.
 - Request for feedback from the Mendham Township Environmental Commission.
 - Why aren't other towns helping shoulder the cost?
 - A request for all documentation on the website (including the original DEP permit).
 - Concerns voiced about the scope of the proposal (how many lights, the height of lights, and the hour-usage
 of the lights), traffic impact of the proposal, and additional long-term plans (turf).
 - A desire to minimize the impact that the lights will have.
 - How can we ensure the use of the field is not increased.
 - Repeated requests for kids to be playing during the daylight hours.
 - Safety concerns are eliminated if you eliminate the lights.

The Recreation Committee has also rescheduled its budget presentation to the Mendham Township Finance Committee & Township Committee to Monday, March 13th at 6:30pm in the Middle School's All Purpose Room. The formal presentation of the project to the Township Committee will take place during a Special Meeting of the Township Committee on Monday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in the Middle School's All Purpose Room.