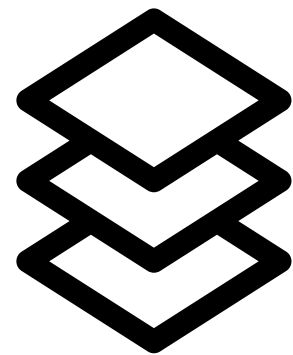


# Mosle Field Improvements

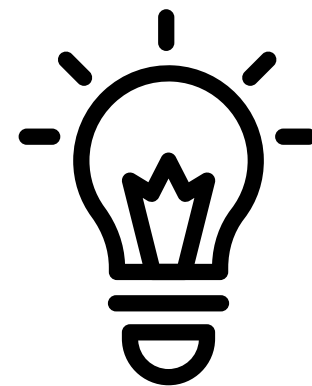
March 7, 2023

Presented by  
David Guida

# Agenda



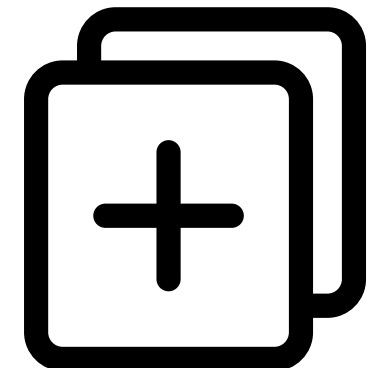
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Lighting  
Options








Proposed  
New Plan



Additional  
Inclusions



# Lighting Options

	Current	Upgraded Portable	Musco
Downlighting		No, but improved LED Lighting	
Pole Height	25 ft	25.5 ft	70 ft
Environmentally Friendly			

# Updated Proposed Plan

## **Safety**

The primary goal is to increase the safety of our community members at an existing park.

## **Improvements**

The community has surfaced the concern of current conditions at Mosle Field, voiced by sports organizations and the general community.

## **Community Compromise**

The community has also surfaced concerns of additional lighting being added to baseball fields, which we are addressing tonight in hopes of finding solutions for all.

# Safety

## Lighting the Parking Lot

- Permanent lighting is proposed to be installed.
- 8 - 30' Permanent Lights
- The parking lot is an immediate requirement, according to the Police Department.
- There will be no paving of the parking lot

# Improvements

## Lighting the Football Field

- Permanent lighting will be installed to replace the existing portable diesel lights. The field needs 4 lights that are 70 feet tall.
- The field will remain a practice field with no increase to the current usage
  - Monday through Friday from 5:00-8:30
- The previous lighting was not ecologically, lighting, or labor efficient
- **According to three companies (Musco, Boss and Beacon) we contacted for quotes on portable lights, portable/temporary lights are not recommended for regular use**

# Community Compromise

## Lighting the Baseball Field

- Portable solar lighting will be purchased for the baseball program. The portable light towers are 25.5 feet tall.
- Based on community concern, the permanent lighting for the baseball field has been removed from the proposal.
- Portable lights will support the baseball and softball teams using Ralston, in addition to the option of Mosle. They will also be a valuable asset for the Township, used for the Fourth of July fireworks display and in case of any emergency.

# Community Compromise



**\$80,000**

4 Light Towers  
\$20,000 per tower

**\$10,000**

Convertible  
pitchers mound

**Total: \$90,000**

for baseball  
improvements



# Summary of Proposal

- CREATE SAFER FIELD CONDITIONS - **\$180,000** - The parking lot needs 8 - 30' lights in order to meet safety standards for use by sports teams.
  - *Township to cover 100% of expenses*
- IMPROVE EXISTING LIGHTING - **\$420,000** - The football field needs 4 - 70' permanent lights. Usage levels make portable light towers unsafe and inefficient.
  - *Township to cover 50%, Twin Boro Bears to cover 50% of expenses*
- COMMUNITY COMPROMISE, MEETING NEEDS - **\$90,000** for the purchase of four solar powered light towers and the purchase of a convertible pitchers mound for Mosle Field
  - *Township to cover 80%, Twin Boro Bears to cover 20% of expenses*

**\$690,000 - Project Total**

# Musco Lighting Video

# Additional Inclusions

## Traffic Safety

- Traffic is not expected to increase since the usage of the field will not increase.
- However, existing safety concerns will be addressed by the MTPD, which is investigating the installation of a speed monitor sign.
- There will also be increased patrol during scheduled usage.

## Agreements

- A binding agreement with the leagues to commits to
  - **No turf being installed for a minimum of 15 years**
  - Enforceable 10-year payment plan
- A revised ordinance will provide time limitations:
  - Fields close at 9pm

# View Agreement + Ordinance

# Survey Results

- 249 respondents, **177 Mendham Township residents**
- **Of MT residents:**
  - 60% have children participating in rec sports
  - 72% agree or strongly agree that lights should be added to the Mosle Field parking lot
  - 40% agree or strongly agree that traffic safety/enforcement should be increased
  - 68% agree or strongly agree that the Mosle Lights should be upgraded
  - 37% agree or strongly agree that the Mosle Lights should be upgraded with usage restrictions
  - 20% agree or strongly agree that the Township should pursue lighted fields, but not at Mosle
  - 63% would be willing to pay \$20 in municipal taxes to support financing for a lighting project

# Thank you!

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<https://www.mendhamtownship.org/recreation-department/pages/mosle-field>

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