

Neighbor Representative Comments on Schematic Design for Stadium Field and Track Report  
Cliff Canaday, Neighbor Representative to the High School Field Task Force

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School Committee  
Playing Fields Task Force  
Wellesley, MA

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The High School Field Task Force has commissioned Stantec to provide a schematic design for the proposed changes to the stadium field. I and other neighbor representatives were included as a part of the task force working with Stantec to create and review the report. The task force voted unanimously to approve the design and report.

The High School Field Task Force, under the leadership of Tom Harrington, has created an excellent design. A design that will provide Wellesley with much benefit over many years and it will serve to beautify and strengthen our community. I commend my fellow task force members on their efforts in compiling this report. Special recognition goes to Tom Harrington. This task force would not have been as successful if it were not for his leadership.

The design includes provisions for lights and a PA system. While the report clearly states that these features must be studied and approved before they are implemented, it is the desire of many on the task force to push for the installation of these features. However, that is not the desire of most of the neighbors. Most neighbors remain steadfastly opposed to making the field ready for night time use and are strongly concerned about the noise generated from activities there. While the design includes the features of lights and a PA system, in no way should the approval of the report by the neighbor members be construed as neighbor endorsement of these features.

The changes to the field as designed by this task force and Stantec allow for a functional and aesthetically pleasing space for citizens of Wellesley to enjoy for years to come. These benefits will be provided even without making the field ready for night time use and with mechanisms to control noise from activities. When considering this report, please consider the impact to the neighbors.

Sincerely,

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