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Happy Friday!

I swim at the RHAC 2-3 days a week and noticed that the Woodgrove park has several soccer fields and all without lights. Why is there such a need for the Fields Farm project to have lights until 11:00pm at night 7 days a week when Woodgrove Park, only a few miles away has no lights and no one ever on those soccer fields? I see people using the baseball/softball but not the soccer fields, if there is such a dire need for 8+ more fields with lights until 11:00 pm every day, why is there no one at Woodgrove during the week in the summer practicing and playing on those soccer fields? Why do students need to be out until 11:00pm and later a night playing sports? What study supports the need for 8+ fields to operate from 8:00am (likely 7:30 as teams and coaches need to prepare for the start of the games at 8:00am) until 11:00 pm at night 7 days a week. That is 15 hours a day, 7 days a week, where is the recent study that supports 105 hours a week and 420 hours a month of need for these fields. Why is dawn to dusk not enough hours for the teams to utilize the proposed Fields Farm sport complex fields? Are those extra 2-3 hours a day really needed? If yes, where is the data to support this assertion and this need? Woodgrove Park does not have lights, if these lights are so desperately needed at Fields Farm, why are there no lights at Woodgrove Park?

My neighbors and myself have school age children and younger plus we should be able to determine our own bedtimes and not subjected to when the lights and noise stop on the fields so that we have peace and quiet to sleep. Many neighbors rise well before dawn to commute into work as well as have infants that are in bed by 8:00pm. Please vote no to the Fields Farm project and no to lights are the fields.

Lastly, who will access to these fields? Will they be locked and only available to those that pay for their use? These fields seem geared only to the highly popular travel leagues of soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, and football to generate revenue for Loudoun County. These travel leagues schedule tournaments which last all weekend with each team playing at least 3 games or more depending on their wins and losses. Please explain how these fields will benefit Western Loudoun children? Please explain how data from a recent study supports the children in Western Loudoun's need for the fields at Woodgrove Park, other fields in Western Loudoun plus the 8+ new at Fields Farm. How many child live in Western Loudoun that need these fields? How has this demand been determined – where is the data that supports this need? How many fields exist today and what are the loads of each of these fields? Where is the data to support the need for the lights at Fields Farm and the need for the lights to be on until 11:00pm every day?

Please, with all due respect, vote no to the rezoning of Fields Farm. Please read this email into the minutes of the meeting.

Best regards,

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