



Commission Meeting of August 19, 2015
Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville, NY

Present: Mr. Andrew Freleng (Suffolk County), Mr. Edward Romaine (Brookhaven),
Mr. Sean Walter (Riverhead), Ms. Anna Throne Holst (Southampton)

**Adopted Resolution on the
Core Preservation Area Jurisdiction Determination
Application of NYSDEC Rocky Point Ballfields and the
North Shore Little League
South side of New York State Route 25A, Rocky Point
Tax Map #: 200-238-1-1.3**

Vacant
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Anna E. Throne-Holst
Member

Sean M. Walter
Member

Whereas, on June 23, 2015, John Wernet, Supervising Forester, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) (the Applicant), submitted to the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission office information on a proposal to install four light poles on one of six existing ballfields (the project) on a 1,500 acre property owned by New York State known as the Rocky Point Pine Barrens State Forest (the project site), managed by the North Shore Little League and identified as Suffolk County Tax Map Number 200-238-1-1.3; and

Whereas, on July 1st, 3rd, and 6th, additional information on the project was submitted by Gary Catalanotto, President of the North Shore Little League, including a Site Plan prepared by MJG Architect dated 11/5/12; and

Whereas, the project is proposed on the westernmost field closest to the south side of New York Route 25A, opposite its intersection with North Country Road, on the northerly edge of the project site in a 10-acre area developed with a complex comprised of six ballfields, driveways, parking areas, and a concession building which was constructed in the 1980s and is within the Core Preservation Area of the Central Pine Barrens, in Rocky Point; and

Whereas, the purpose of the project is to allow more games to be played during the spring and fall seasons to accommodate the continually growing little league enrollment, and

Whereas, the lighting is proposed to only illuminate the field, there will be no back lighting or lighting of the wooded area or the roadway and no clearing, cutting or trimming of any existing trees or shrubs is proposed; and

Whereas, the Site Plan and materials prepared by MJG Architect dated 11/5/12 indicate two of the four poles are at a height of 60 feet with three fixtures each (type A poles), and two poles are at a height of 70 feet with six fixtures each (type B poles), for a total of 18 fixtures, and

Whereas, the light fixtures are to be shielded with external hoods and installed with timer controls for operation and light timers will be set for lighting to shut off at 11:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, on February 27, 2015, NYSDEC issued a Temporary Revocable Permit to Mr. Catalanotto for the project; and

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Whereas, on July 1, 2015, Commission staff inspected the project site; and

Whereas, a presentation of the project occurred at the regular Commission meeting of July 15, 2015; and

Whereas, the project is a Type II action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as, pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, Section 617.5, the project entails “*construction or expansion of a primary or accessory appurtenant, no-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities*” and “*routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities than may affect the environment;*” therefore, no further environmental review is required; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof; and be it further

Resolved, the project does not constitute development as it does not meet any of the development definitions pursuant to New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 57, Section 57-0107(13); and be it further

Resolved, the project, as per the details contained herein including, but not limited to, construction of lighting on one existing ballfield including four, 60 to 70 foot tall light poles with a 18 total of shielded fixtures to shut off at 11 p.m., involving no clearing or disturbance to existing natural vegetation, does not constitute development pursuant to ECL Section 57-0107(13) of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, as it does not constitute a material increase in the intensity of use of land or environmental impacts as a result thereof, and be it further

Resolved, that the project appears to be consistent with the goals and objectives of ECL Article 57; and be it further

Resolved, the project must conform to all other involved agency jurisdictions and permit requirements in effect on the project site including, but not limited to, the Town of Brookhaven Dark Skies Code, as applicable; and be it further

Resolved, this determination applies only to the instant project and is subject to change if any element of the project is modified or a new project is proposed; and be it further

Resolved, no further Commission review is required.

Record of Motion:
Determination of Non-jurisdiction
Motion by: Mr. Romaine
Seconded by: Mr. Freleng
Yea Votes: 4
Nay Votes: 0