

Deputation to Add Lighting to the Baseball Diamond at Moreau Park

Presented to: Town Council, Town of The Blue Mountains

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Dear Mayor Matrosovs and Members of Council,

My name is Matt Hill, and I am a resident of Thornbury in The Town of The Blue Mountains. I am writing on behalf of many local residents, families, and baseball enthusiasts regarding a key recreational facility in our community: the baseball diamond at Moreau Park.

While Moreau Park is a well-used and valued community asset, the absence of lighting at the baseball diamond limits its usability. This is particularly true during the spring and fall seasons, when daylight hours are shorter and many working families rely on the evening for recreational activities.

I respectfully request that Council consider the installation of permanent lighting at the Moreau Park diamond, for the following reasons:

1. **Extended Usability:** Lighting would allow for practices, games, and community events to continue into the early evening, accommodating more users and improving scheduling flexibility. Currently BVAA has to use other diamonds on occasion due to lack of length.
2. **Youth & Community Engagement:** Improved access to safe and organized recreation supports healthy lifestyles and social connection, particularly for youth and families.
3. **Safety:** Proper field lighting improves visibility, reducing the risk of injury and enhancing overall safety for players, coaches, and spectators.
4. **Optimizing Public Investment:** Adding lighting would maximize the utility of this existing Town-owned facility, allowing it to serve more residents and community groups throughout the season.

Respect for the Surrounding Community:

We recognize that lighting can raise concerns related to noise and light pollution. To address this, we propose that any installed lights be equipped with timers to automatically shut off by 10:00 PM each evening. This curfew would ensure that the field is used responsibly and in consideration of nearby residents, while still providing enough time for evening games and practices.

Funding Partnership with the BVAA:

To help offset the cost of installation, the Beaver Valley Athletic Association (BVAA) is prepared to contribute funding toward this project. The BVAA strongly supports this initiative and recognizes the value lighting would bring to youth and adult sports in the region. We are

committed to being a financial partner and working collaboratively with the Town to secure additional resources—whether through grants, sponsorships, or fundraising efforts.

We believe that through partnership, this project is both feasible and sustainable, with lasting benefits for the broader community.

I respectfully ask that Council consider including this request in upcoming budget discussions or as part of future parks and recreation planning. A modest investment in lighting, supported by community funding, would greatly enhance this space and contribute to the well-being of Thornbury residents of all ages.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of recreational infrastructure in The Town of The Blue Mountains.

Sincerely,

Matt Hill
Thornbury Resident

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