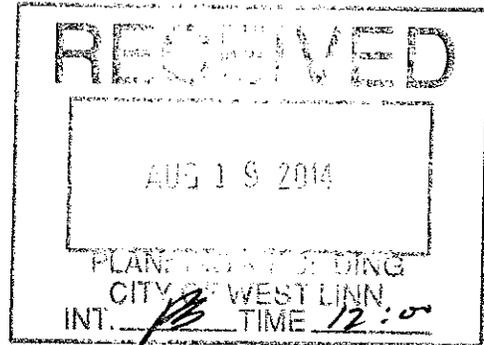


SENT FAX 503 656-4106  
 AT: PETER 8-19-14

To the City of West Linn Planning Commission,

File no. Misc-14-04

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I live and run the family farm directly south of the school. My house sits less than 30 yards from the softball field along Salamo Rd. As you can tell by our above address name, it proceeds Salamo road and still holds the original Day Rd Name. I am the fourth generation to run this farm. Our farm sandwiches two sides of the school property. So in short, we will be most affected by your decision.

We would like to go on record against this decision and put the planning commission and school on notice of our reasons why.

1. The lights are already intrusive to our residence and farm and have been left on many evenings late. The lights infringe on the quality of our life and we have a problem with that. Also our cattle operation which is still based in rural Clackamas County and has been in existence for almost ninety years will be effected by this increase of light. By allowing people access at a later time affects cattle passage along the strip between the track and our historic barns where the cattle are fed. People stand at the fence and haze the cattle to the point they won't come up and feed. The cattle wait for the lights to go off and the people to leave to come up. As a good neighbor we have tried to live with this, but our cattle have suffered the brunt with the hazing from people along the track. Our family farm of Ninety years is suffering and at what point should damages be considered? We feel this decision could take us over the top!
2. We were promised screening from the school and the trees planted by my grandmother were left to do just that. Recently, and shockingly, these trees were limbed up from the bottom so high that the existing noise barrier was completely removed and our privacy screening as well. Those trees were left there after they condemned are property from us, to screen the remainder of our property. That promise has either been forgotten or purposely neglected. I can look directly from my elevated deck to the people sitting in the dugout. At ten at night we get to hear every cheer and ball hit on that field as well as the blaring music at 7am as the practice on the weekends. All while we are lying in our bed. This has completely disrupted the quality of our life. Again, we feel by allowing them to keep the lights on even later will infringe even more on the quality of life and that of our surrounding neighbors. Not to mention if they can't even keep simple screening promises how we can expect them not to abuse the lighting and noise.

2. We have buckets of baseballs sitting in our barn and finally when the balls started to hit our vehicles we had to take legal action. Even after that, no screening to protect our property has been erected. My house sits less than thirty yards from the home run fence. This is an example of our neighborly rights being neglected. How far will the lights on issue be pushed if you find in their favor?
3. We also endure numerous trespassing issues, harassing our cattle, theft, and property damage. We feel that more light means more access, which will equate to more property damage. On a daily basis, people trespass down our driveway to jump the fence to access the schools facilities. Illumination of our driveway and later access to the playing fields due to later lighting will cause even more access to our property at an even later time. This is a problem and once again we have to endure the brunt of the damage. Ten O'clock is too late for this school to be lighted.
5. We have been great neighbors to the school and have endured many hardships due to its presence. How many more do we need to endure? Twice our property has been brought in to the urban growth boundary and twice the city has made it their cause to have us thrown out. Forcing us to stay rural. While forcing unbearable hardships our way to our farming operation. At what point is enough, enough!
6. I am starting to wonder what is going on. This was supposed to be a simple middle school on the edge of rural Clackamas County. Not a commercial sports complex for rent. We don't believe that was the school's purpose. These lights will just promote this even further. We feel this is becoming a revenue sligh not a place to educate and instruct students. This is not what we feel the intent should be and it is getting out of hand. There is so much activity going on there all the time that it is very difficult to run our family farm with any kind of security and or efficiency.
7. With some of the revenue they are getting from what is turning into a 24 hour sports complex. They could put up screening and sound barriers like they promised us and you, when they got their original permits.
8. Most importantly, the additional lighting time clearly violates the conditional use for the school and turns it into a commercial operation which is not allowed in this zoning.

Let us come into the urban growth boundary or quit hurting our family farm and quality of life. We are just trying to coexist as a family farm in Rural Clackamas County. Stop pounding on us, we ask you to vote no on this issue.

Thank You!  
Dave Seider  
Kelly Seider

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DEAR WEST LINN PLANNING COM.,

My Family and I VIGOROUSLY  
OPPOSE the Request to Modify the  
 ORIGINAL CONDITION OF APPROVAL  
 FOR ROSEMONT Ridge Middle School, to  
 ALLOW SPORT Field lighting UNTIL 10:00PM.

This School is the RESULT OF A  
 CONDEMNATION OF A PORTION OF  
 OUR HISTORIC FARM. (the LAST one in  
 the Area) My GRANDSON is the FIFTH  
 GENERATION and I HAVE NO PLANS  
 TO SELL the REMAINDER OF OUR FARM.  
 OUR FARM and the surrounding  
 Area HAS been BROUGHT INTO the  
 URBAN Growth Boundary TWICE and  
 WEST LINN city HAS Fought to  
 the DEATH TO get it TAKEN OUT  
 and REMAIN RURAL, Now the school  
 WANTS TO TURN the LAND, TAKEN by FORCE,  
 INTO ~~BE~~ A School ~~with~~ A COMMERCIAL  
 OPERATION TO BE RENTED OUT, FOR PROFIT.

2.

IT IS LIKELY THAT NONE OF YOU ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WERE PRESENT WHEN THE SCHOOL TOOK OUR LAND BY FORCE, AND THE PROMISES THAT WERE MADE AT THAT TIME. THE IDEA WAS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN. THAT WAS THE POINT PUSHED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOT TO HAVE A SPORTS COMPLEX FROM 7:00 A.M TO 10:00 P.M.

THE LOUD SPEAKERS START IN THE MORNING AT 7:00 AND ARE TO BE ALLOWED TIL 10:00 P.M.

WHERE ELSE IS THIS ALLOWED SEVEN DAYS A WEEK IN THE CITY IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

THIS WOULD BE A CODE VIOLATION AND A TICKET ISSUED WITH A FINE.

THIS IS NOT ABOUT EDUCATION OR STUDENT ATHLETES BUT ABOUT MONEY. IS THIS GROUNDS TO MODIFY THE CONDITION OF APPROVAL??

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OUR COWS WILL NOT COME UP TO THE BARN TO EAT UNTIL AFTER THE PEOPLE AND NOISE LEAVE. THAT MAKES IT HARD TO KEEP THEM IN GOOD SHAPES WHEN THEY ARE UNSET.

THE SCHOOL CUT THE LOWER LIMBS FROM THE FIR TREES MY MOTHER PLANTED THAT WERE A NOISE AND VISUAL BARRIER, AND HAVE NOT REPLACED THEM WITH ANY SCREENING TO REDUCE THE CURRENT IMPACT AND NOW THEY WANT TO EXPAND IT.

NOT ONE OF YOU WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE BASEBALLS DENTING YOUR CARS, PEOPLE CLIMBING THE FENCE, NOISE AND LIGHT SO YOU CAN'T SLEEP. PLEASE DO NOT FORCE THIS ON US

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and the neighborhood just  
so the school can expand  
its commercial sports complex  
operation to make more  
money, in an area that  
is not zoned for ~~any~~  
type of commercial use,

We would invite this  
planning comm. to spend a  
day at our farm house and  
endure the impact that  
the school has made on our  
lives and the neighborhood  
since they went from education  
to sports complex. It was  
fine when they started but  
not now, and certainly not  
with this requested expansion.  
Please vote No.

Thank you

Kent Seid