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2024-10-14 20:15:36	Jim	Bongiorno	Odenton	Maryland	21113	Yes		<p>ISSUE: Since May 2024, the Gambrills/Odenton Recreation Council (GORC) has regularly left the field lights on for EMPTY fields at the GORC Park. The park is officially open from dawn to dusk. There is no reason to light an EMPTY field.</p> <p>The additional electric cost for lighting EMPTY fields may be approaching \$50,000. Also, the light pollution disturbs the community including local wildlife. For example, the artificial light is attracting more deer to Strawberry Lake Way. That's a driver safety issue.</p> <p>I tried to resolve this issue with Recreation and Parks and the GORC over the past five months to no avail. GORC President Stephanie Mutchler, a school board candidate, threatened in writing to sue me for following a reporting process her board agreed to in September.</p> <p>Also, it appears that the county regulation governing the operation of field lights was changed on 10/02/24. Now, the GORC no longer faces a financial penalty for failing to comply.</p> <p>The county auditor is investigating the entire situation.</p> <p>ASK: 1) Let the coaches and use the new Musco system mobile app or call the 24/7 Musco support center to turn the field lights on/off as needed as they did under the old manual process. Give me access to Musco, too, as a failsafe. (The county authorized this access 11 years ago under the manual process. That kept the peace.) 2) Act on the county auditor's findings once they are available.</p> <p>EVIDENCE: See the attachments for a small sample of my documentation.</p>	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/40103/gorc-lights-evidence-of-non-compliance-2024-10-14.pdf