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2024-12-01 15:53:05	Jim	Bongiorno	Odenton	Maryland	21113	Yes		<p>Per my testimony over the past three county council meetings, it is clear that the field lights at GORC Park are not being managed responsibly. It also appears that the Facility Rules and Guidelines issued by the Parks and Recreation Director were arbitrarily changed on or about 10/01/2024 to remove the "Operation of Field Lights" requirement.</p> <p>I propose that the county council override the Parks and Recreation Director by adding the Operation of Field Lights rule that existed as of July 1, 2018 to County Code Article 14: Park Rules and Regulations. This code amendment would eliminate the cost of lighting empty fields while allowing the fields to be enjoyed by adult-supervised sports teams. This amendment would be consistent with other requirements in Article 14 that range from preventing the use of alcoholic beverages to preventing cruelty to wild animals.</p> <p>Per the attachment, as of July 1, 2018, this was the rule:</p> <p>"Operation of Field Lights: Facility user groups should operate field lights in a responsible manner, using them only for scheduled games or practices when conditions make their use necessary. All field lights must be off by 11:00 p.m. or earlier if required by local regulation. The user group is responsible for observing lighting curfews. Field lights shall be used only when needed. Turning lights on earlier than necessary or leaving lights on after the last evening activity will result in a charge of \$50.00 per hour per field payable to: Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks."</p>	https://www.aacounty.org/system/files/webform/cc_general_testimony/43617/aa-county-park-rules-and-regulations-2018-07-01.pdf