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Jeff - thank you for your time and advice as Catholic Memorial High School plans for permanent lighting the existing turf field on our campus. This has become immediately necessary as Carroll University has notified CMH that we will not be provided access to Schneider Stadium for varsity football games, as we have in the past, due to COVID, and resulting return to school planning. Carroll University will need Schneider Stadium seven days/week. Also, to ensure safety of their campus, the University will not provide outside groups access to their facility.

CMH included in its new adopted strategic plan, approved by the Board of Directors in May 2020, plans to add lights to the turf field. The lack of lighting limits the use of the field as soon as fall begins, as the sun sets earlier in the evening. New technology enables the school to add lighting with no risk of "spillover" to neighboring yards or homes, just as has been done at public schools in the area.

We have 405 parking spots on the property. We are also in discussions with St Mary's Parish behind the school for the use of their lots as well. Our history of hosting major events on campus without incident demonstrates our commitment to be a good neighbor.

The existing turf field will remain, as well as the track. We will add additional temporary seating / bleachers for football games and contract with a port-a-potty company. We will have security on site as we do now for games held at Schneider Stadium. Due to the timing of the Plan Commission meeting and lead time to install permanent lighting, CMH would plan to bring in temporary lighting in order to be ready for the start of the season.

Games would start at CMH in August. There are six home varsity football games with the potential of three playoff games. We would continue to use the turf field as we do now for practices and other sports. The varsity football games on Friday nights is new.

We appreciate the consideration and support of the Plan Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DONNA".

Donna Bembenek
President