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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please note that on **September 6, 2023** at 7:00 p.m., the undersigned shall appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Wilmette, in the Council Chambers of Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois to request an expansion of an existing special use (educational facility, secondary), a special use for outdoor recreational facility lighting, a 62.0' light pole height variation, a variation to permit luminaries that are not fully shielded, a 5.0' side yard adjoining a street light pole setback variation, a 5.5 foot-candle illumination variation, and a 49 decibel variation to permit the installation and operation of permanent stadium lighting to permit the night-time use of the existing stadium.

The petitioner proposes installing lighting to illuminate the athletic field for the purposes of allowing night-time use of the existing stadium and field. The proposed night-time use is considered an expansion of the existing special use as a secondary educational facility due to an expansion of the hours in which the use is active. The type of activity is consistent with the existing use. Because the Zoning Ordinance lists secondary education facilities a special use, an expansion of an existing special use (education facility, secondary) is required.

The proposed light poles are 80.0' in height. Because the Zoning Ordinance limits light poles to 18.0' in height, a 62.0' light pole height variation is required. In addition, because the Zoning Ordinance designates new lighting for outdoor recreation facilities as a special use, special use approval is required.

The proposed light fixtures are designed with shields to limit the amount of light distribution and glare upon neighboring properties, however, due to the height of the lighting and the angle at which the light fixtures are positioned they may produce some glare visible from neighboring properties. Because the Zoning Ordinance requires luminaries for non-residential uses to be fully shielded, a variation to permit luminaries that are not fully shielded is required.

The proposed lighting is located on four light poles surrounding the field. Two light poles are located east of the field and have a setback of 15.0' and 16.5' from the east property line, considered a side yard adjoining a street. Because the zoning ordinance requires a minimum side yard adjoining a street setback of 20.0', a 5.0' side yard adjoining a street light pole setback variation is required.

The proposed light fixtures will produce illumination at the east property line of 6.0 foot candles. Because the Zoning Ordinance limits illumination at the property line to 0.5 foot candles, a 5.5 foot candle illumination variation is required.

With the addition of night-time activities, additional sound will be produced by stadium speakers, band instruments, and crowds. The anticipated sound produced by these sources at their peak level is 94 decibels. Because the Zoning Ordinance limits activities from generating a level of sound on a property in a residential district greater than 45 decibels between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am, a 49 decibel variation is required.

You may appear at the hearing if you so desire. The application is on file in the department of Community Development where it may be viewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you are a person with a disability and need special accommodations to participate in and/or attend a Village of Wilmette public meeting, please notify the Village Managers Office at (847) 251-2700 (TDD #7-1-1) as soon as possible.

**Dated:** August 16, 2023  
**Name:** Loyola Academy  
**Property:** 1100 Laramie Avenue  
**Case No:** 2023-Z-14