

**State College Area School District
Office of Physical Plant
Ed Poprik, Director**

To: Board of School Directors, Facilities and Grounds Committee
From: Ed Poprik
RE: High School project – South Track field lighting
Date: September 24, 2018

Recommend that the Board of School Directors approve the preparation of preliminary documents for the lighting of South Track and submission of a text amendment to State College Borough as presented

Background:

Based on the location of the auditorium and music wing in the finished High School, the South track field would be a preferred location for evening band practices. Additionally, the need for additional athletic field capacity remains a concern.

If the Board would like to pursue lighting at the South track field, the next step generally would be for the district to request a text amendment of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance to allow for sports field lighting (up to 70 feet high) to be permitted in the R3B zoning district.

If sought, a text amendment would go to the State College Borough Council for consideration. This would then be referred to the Planning Commission for a recommendation and would also be subject to a public presentation prior to a final consideration by the Council. The process itself takes multiple months to complete

Once a text amendment is approved, the project will return for Board approval. Prior to requesting approval, a capital financing presentation will be prepared to understand those implications.

The estimated expenditure for the work needed at this point is \$1,000.00.