

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009  
TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN HALL  
9:01 P. M.  
SUMMARY**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Myers  
Councilman Baisley  
Councilman Seminara  
Councilman Cifone  
Councilman Tancredi  
Town Attorney Mahar  
Town Clerk Miller**

**ABSENT: Councilman Conte  
Councilman Krakower**

11:18-COW1 DISCUSSION                      Lee Subdivision – Gift To Town Of 7.5  
(ATTORNEY MAHAR)                      Acres

Mr. Yung Lee wishes to donate to the Town a gift of 7.5 acres of his land located off of Willowbrook Heights to the Town of Poughkeepsie since he wishes to move. The Town Board discussed whether the land should be accepted and how it could be used.

Mr. Tom Meyering, Recreation Director, walked the land and recommended that the acreage could be used for passive recreation.

**REFERRED TO THE LEGAL  
DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN  
BOARD TO OBSERVE THE LAND  
AND DETERMINE WHETHER IT  
WOULD BE A LIABILITY OR AN  
ASSET.**

11:18- COW2 DISCUSSION                      Town Of Poughkeepsie Little League  
(SUPERVISOR MYERS)                      Submitted A Grant Application For  
Additional Lights To Crestwood Field  
For \$50,000 To The Baseball Tomorrow  
Fund And Requests A Letter Of Support  
From The Town Board

A number of residents surrounding Crestwood Park vocalized their objections to the Park being equipped with lights for night games.

They felt that it would interfere with their privacy by the additional noise of the public address system during night games and having bright lights shining near

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their homes at night, disturbing their peace. Also, more trash and extra traffic would be created.

Three members of the Town Board objected to the lights being located at Crestwood and felt that another park would be more suitable.

Mr. Don Rhuda, from MUSCO Lighting, described the lighting technology and tried to reassure the residents that the lighting could be concentrated on the field without reflection to the neighbors.

Mr. David Dittman, who wrote the grant, discussed issues with the Board

**THE TOWN BOARD ASKED THAT  
THE GRANT BE CHANGED OR  
REWRITTEN TO HAVE THE LIGHTS  
AT ANOTHER PARK, SUCH AS  
JACKSON PARK.**

11:18-COW3 DISCUSSION  
(ATTORNEY MAHAR)

Review Request To Reduce Franchise  
Area To Service Area Regarding Time  
Warner Cable

The Town and the three cable companies, Cablevision, Time Warner Cable And Verizon Fios, have been in negotiation for some time. The Town is now negotiating with Time Warner Cable. The current issue is that Time Warner Cable does not want a franchise to service the entire Town. They want a franchise for a more limited area. Attorney Mahar presented this issue to the Town Board for their opinion.

**THE GENERAL OPINION WAS THAT THE TOWN BOARD WANTED THE  
TOWN RESIDENTS TO HAVE ALL THREE COMPANIES TO CHOOSE FROM  
FOR SERVICE AND NOT A LIMITED NUMBER. HOWEVER, COUNCILMAN  
SEMINARA SAID THAT IF THIS WAS PART OF THE NEGOTIATING  
PROCESS TO RESOLVE THE FRANCHISE NEGOTIATIONS, THEN THE  
BOARD WOULD BE WILLING TO REVIEW THIS MATTER IF ALL OTHER  
MATTERS ARE RESOLVED.**

**NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:52**