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Mayor Jonathan Hornik  
1979 Township Drive  
Marlboro, NJ 07746

Re: Municipal Turf Field

Dear Mayor Hornik:

As you are aware, numerous families in our organization have inquired regarding Marlboro Youth Football's use of the Municipal Turf Field for games and scrimmages during this 2009 season and the upcoming 2010 season. I have assured them that I am working on this issue, with the cooperation of your office, and the Recreation Department.

Our permit application submitted for usage of the turf field during the 2009 season was denied by the Recreation Department, as Marlboro Pop Warner (MPW) claims that they possess some sort of written agreement with Marlboro Township, executed many years ago, that entitles them to exclusive use of that facility. I would request that MPW be required to produce for your office, and the Recreation Dept., any document that gives MPW a special right to use that facility, whether exclusively or partially. Absent production of same, I would hope that Marlboro Youth Football will be permitted to share that facility next year.

With respect to the press box and scoreboard at that location, I do know that MPW built the press box, as I helped build it some years ago, But, it is my understanding that it is built on Green Acres, as is the turf field, and subject to Green Acres regulations. Consequently, I would suggest that any organizations using the turf field be provided access to the press box and speaker system for a reasonable usage fee. I do not know if the town or MPW owns the scoreboard, but some usage agreement should be in place for the scoreboard, as well. Without use of the press box, speaker system and score board, the turf field is not fully functional for our use. In addition, a snack stand exists at that location, and we will be requesting permits to use same, as well.

Apparently, MPW has some sort of rental agreement allowing them to use the land that the press box sits on, as well as the snack stand. I would request that those rental agreements be made available to your office, as well.

The final issue I must address is the lighted lower grass field. MPW obtains permits to use that

field for practice, as well as the turf field. Many nights our member families would drive by, only to see that field lit but not being used, as all of the MPW kids were on the turf field. We will be requesting permits to share the use of that field as well during the 2010 season, as it is apparent that more than sufficient room exists for both of our organizations to practice.

Please be assured that our member families do not desire to eliminate MPW's use of those facilities. They simply want to be provided with a fair share of the usage, since their taxes are paying for that facility, as well.

I have assured them that you, your administration, and the Recreation Department are making all efforts to find a fair resolution to this situation.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Sparacio  
President  
Marlboro Youth Football Association, Inc.