Photographic Inventory & Simulations

Proposed Field Lighting

Site Name: Lower Makefield Township - Snipes Tract

Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County Quarry Road, Yardley, PA 19067

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Project Summary:

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, a balloon test was conducted at the project site located at Quarry Road, Lower Makefield Township, PA. To conduct the balloon test, Seidel Planning & Design, Ltd. visited the location of the proposed athletic fields. Ten (10) red balloons were inflated with helium. Two (2) 36-inch balloon were tethered to the ground and flown to a height of 150-feet above grade with balloons on the same lines flown to a height of 80-feet and 70-feet above grade. Two (2) additional lines were flown with balloons at a height 80-feet and 70-feet above grade. The purpose of the smaller balloons are to develop a scale by providing a 10-foot difference between the balloons and mark the proposed light standard elevation to be utilized in the preparation of future photographic simulations. The purpose of the larger 36-inch balloons are to identify the location of the lights in areas where the 80-foot and 70-foot balloons were obscured. The balloons were released into the sky at 7:30am removed at 10:00am the same day. The balloon lines were flown at the proposed location of the light standards and rotated around the site based on the location of the camera to the nearest light standards.

While the balloons were in flight, a photographic inventory was conducted by obtaining photographs throughout the surrounding community to identify locations where the balloons were and were not visible. Photographs were obtained from public areas such as public roadways.

To conduct an accurate balloon test, clear skies and wind predictions below 8 miles per hour are preferred. Weather conditions during the duration of the investigation were sunny and clear. Winds were very low during the first few hours of the investigation and had virtually no impact on the flight of the balloon. Starting at approximately 8:30am, an occasional wind draft would slightly impact the flight of the balloon. "Calm" winds of under 3.5 miles per hour were recorded by the local weather service in the times of the test, resulting in an accurate balloon test.

At the conclusion of the field investigation and after returning to the office, photographs depicting the balloons were enhanced to insert the image of a LED style light standard on the subject parcel. A key map was also prepared utilizing an aerial photograph and identifying the location where photographs were obtained. The result of the investigation contains the 'Photographic Inventory & Simulations' found on the following pages.





























































































