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# Adirondack Park Agency

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Date Issued: June 13, 2025

In the Matter of the Application of

# CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 Permittee

for a permit pursuant to § 809 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act

To the County Clerk: Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following name(s):

1. Central School District No. 1

#### SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION

This permit authorizes the construction of four 80-foot-tall and two 60-foot-tall light poles and related infrastructure in an area classified Hamlet on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the Franklin County Clerk's Office within 60 days of issuance of a signed and notarized permit. The signed and notarized permit shall be recorded in the names of all persons listed above and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein is in existence within five years of the date the permit is recorded in the Franklin County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when the light poles have been installed.

The project shall be undertaken in compliance with all conditions stated herein. Failure to comply with this permit is a violation and may subject the permittee, successors, and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings.

This permit does not convey any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to undertake the authorized project, nor does it authorize the impairment of any easement, right, title, or interest in real or personal property.

Nothing contained in this permit shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the permittee to comply with all applicable laws and regulations or to obtain any governmental approval or permit from any entity other than the Agency, whether federal, State, regional, or local.

## **PROJECT SITE**

The project site is an 83.98±-acre parcel of land located on Canaras Avenue and NYS Route 3 in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County, in an area classified Hamlet on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 446.75, Block 1, Parcel 1 and Tax Map Section 446, Block 4, Parcel 13, and is described in a deed from Francis Casier and William G. Scheefer to Central School District No. 1, dated December 19, 1966, and recorded December 22, 1966 in the Franklin County Clerk's Office in Book 434 of Deeds at Page 620.

The project site contains palustrine scrub/shrub and emergent wetland cover types to the west, south, and east of the existing track. Additional wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Project Plans may be located on or adjacent to the project site.

The project site is improved by the Saranac Lake Central School District facilities, athletic fields, and accessory structures.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves the installation of four 80-foot-tall light poles and two 60-foot-tall light poles at the existing track and athletic facility.

The project is shown on the following maps, plans, and reports:

- A 66-page report titled "Musco Lighting Submittal for Production, prepared for Saranac Lake CSD Multipurpose Stadium; Lighting Project, Saranac Lake, NY February 4, 2025; Project #232533," prepared by Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, and received by the Agency on April 4, 2025 (Lighting Plan).
- A 20-page report titled "Saranac Lake Multipurpose Stadium," prepared by Musco Lighting and received by the Agency on March 10, 2025 (Lighting Analysis), including Environmental Glare Impact (January 28, 2025), Solutions for Lighting (undated schematics), Project Summary and Illumination Summary (September 5, 2024), and Lighting Performance review by DarkSky International (September 20, 2024).
- A 225-page report titled "Stormwater Management Report and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan," prepared by Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture, dated March 2025, and received by the Agency on April 4, 2025 (SWPPP).
- An 18-sheet set of plans titled "High School Turf Field & Doors, Saranac Lake Middle/High School," prepared by Mosaic Associates, dated September 1, 2024, last revised and received by the Agency on May 9, 2025 (Project Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of Sheet LA-103 of the Project Plans is attached as a part of this permit for easy reference. The original, full-scale maps and plans described in this paragraph are the official plans for the project, with copies available upon request from Adirondack Park Agency headquarters in Ray Brook, New York.

#### **AGENCY JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to the construction of any structure in excess of 40 feet in height on Hamlet land use area lands in the Adirondack Park.

## **CONDITIONS**

#### THE PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. The project shall not be undertaken until this permit has been recorded in the Franklin County Clerk's Office.
- 2. This permit is binding on the permittee, all present and future owners or lessees of the project site, and all persons undertaking all or a portion of the project, for as long as the light poles remain on the site. Copies of this permit, Lighting Plan, Lighting Analysis, SWPPP, and Project Plans shall be furnished by the permittee to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the permittee and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all persons undertaking any development activities authorized herein.
- 3. In addition to complying with all terms and conditions of this permit, all future activities on the project site shall be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of New York State's Adirondack Park Agency Act, Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the Adirondack Park Agency's implementing regulations [9 NYCRR §§ 570-588].
- 4. All deeds conveying all or a portion of the lands subject to this permit shall contain references to this permit as follows: "The lands conveyed are subject to Adirondack Park Agency Permit 2025-0050, issued June 13, 2025, the conditions of which are binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the grantors and all subsequent grantees."
- 5. This permit authorizes the installation of six outdoor light pole structures in the locations shown and as depicted on the Project Plans and Lighting Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the development authorized herein, including the construction of any additional light poles in excess of 40 feet in height, shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 6. The authorized light pole structures and associated LED fixtures shall have or be painted with a non-reflective flat or matte finish.
- 7. All lighting associated with the authorized light pole structures shall comply with the Lighting Plan and Lighting Analysis to include fixtures that are fully shielded to direct light downward and not into the sky or toward NYS Route 3, Lower Saranac Lake, or adjoining property. Any change to this lighting shall require prior written Agency authorization.

- 8. Illumination of the authorized lighting shall only occur when the field is in use and no later than 10:30pm. Illumination of the authorized lighting after 10:30pm shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 9. Stormwater management for the project shall be undertaken in compliance with the SWPPP and Project Plans last revised May 9, 2025.
- 10. Within 200 feet of the light poles authorized herein, no trees greater than 6 inches in diameter at breast height may be cut, culled, or otherwise removed or disturbed on the project site without prior written Agency authorization, except for the removal of dead or diseased vegetation, rotten or damaged trees, or any other vegetation that presents a safety or health hazard.
- 11. When brought from off-site, all equipment, including but not limited to trucks, excavators, tractors, etc., and hand excavation tools such as shovels, rakes, and picks, to be used on the project site shall be clean and free of soil, mud, or other similar material. If washed on the project site, equipment shall be washed in one location to prevent the distribution of propagules among different wash sites.
- 12. Within 30 days of project completion, the Agency shall be provided with color photographs showing the light pole structures both as they appear during the day and when illuminated at night, showing the entire completed project. All photographs shall identify the date the picture was taken, the location of the photograph, and the lens size employed. Photographs shall be taken during clear conditions with little cloud cover.
- 13. The light pole structures and lighting fixtures shall be removed from the project site within two years of discontinuance of use for sports lighting purposes. Any change in use of the authorized pole structures and associated lighting shall require prior written Agency approval.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Agency has considered all statutory and regulatory criteria for project approval set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act, and 9 NYCRR Part 574. The Agency hereby finds that the project authorized as conditioned herein:

- a. will be consistent with the land use and development plan;
- b. will be compatible with the character description and purposes, policies, and objectives of the Hamlet land use area;
- c. will be consistent with the overall intensity guidelines for the Hamlet land use area;
- d. will comply with the shoreline restrictions of § 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act; and
- e. will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project.

PERMIT issued this 3 day of June, 2025.

#### ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

Ariel Lynch

Environmental Program Specialist 3 (EPS3)

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 3 day of time in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Ariel Lynch, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Stephanie L Petith
Notary Public, State of New York
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Commission Expires April 15, 20

Notary Public

