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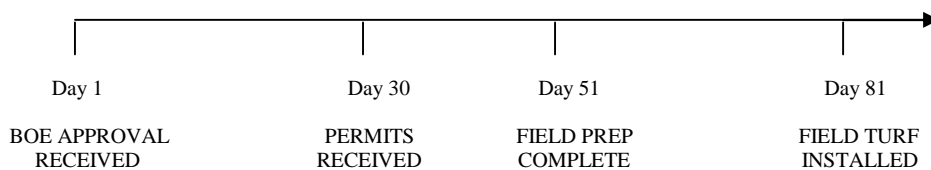
In 2006, the New Providence Athletic Foundation was formed, based upon the vision that funds could be privately raised to improve both the availability and condition of the Borough’s playing fields for the benefit of all our citizens, and our youth in particular.

For more than 18 months, the Foundation has been working closely with—and has received tremendous assistance and support from—a wide range of constituents. To date, in excess of \$580,000 in donations and pledges have been received, in addition to the \$125,000 offered by the New Providence Board of Education to assist with the fundraising for a turf field at West Field.

The Foundation believes that by focusing first on the successful completion of Lieder Field, our community will more quickly be able to enjoy the benefits of field turf and state-of-the-art focused lighting. The Foundation currently has more than sufficient funding to install field turf at Lieder Field, including contingencies. Fundraising efforts targeted at installing lighting at Lieder Field will continue, with completion of this next phase of the project anticipated to occur within six months.

Based on our strategy, the Foundation has concluded that the \$125,000 offered by the Board would be best spent at the present time on making improvements to West Field as it is currently configured. If the community embraces the Lieder Field turf and lighting improvements, the Foundation will, in the future, undertake a new fundraising effort to upgrade the turf and lighting at West Field.

The projected maximum time required to install field turf at Lieder Field is 81 days, as follows:



***The New Providence Athletic Foundation respectfully requests that the New Providence Board of Education immediately approve the installation of turf at Lieder Field, with ground breaking to be scheduled in time to fully complete installation of the field turf on or before September 7, 2007.***

By approving this request, the Board will provide our community with the equivalent of three times the amount of field usage that is currently available on Lieder Field in its present state.

We thank you for your continuing support for this project.

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