



**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** City of Laurel Planning Commission

**FROM:** Joshua Mitchum, Planner II

**CASE:** **Amended Site and Landscape Application**  
Laurel High School  
8000 Cherry Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**APPLICANT:** Prince George's County Public Schools  
14201 School Lane  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**OWNER:** Same as Applicant

**LOCATION:** Laurel High School  
8000 Cherry Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707

**ZONE:** R-55, Single-Family Detached

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Amended Site and Landscape Plan approval to renovate existing stadium field.

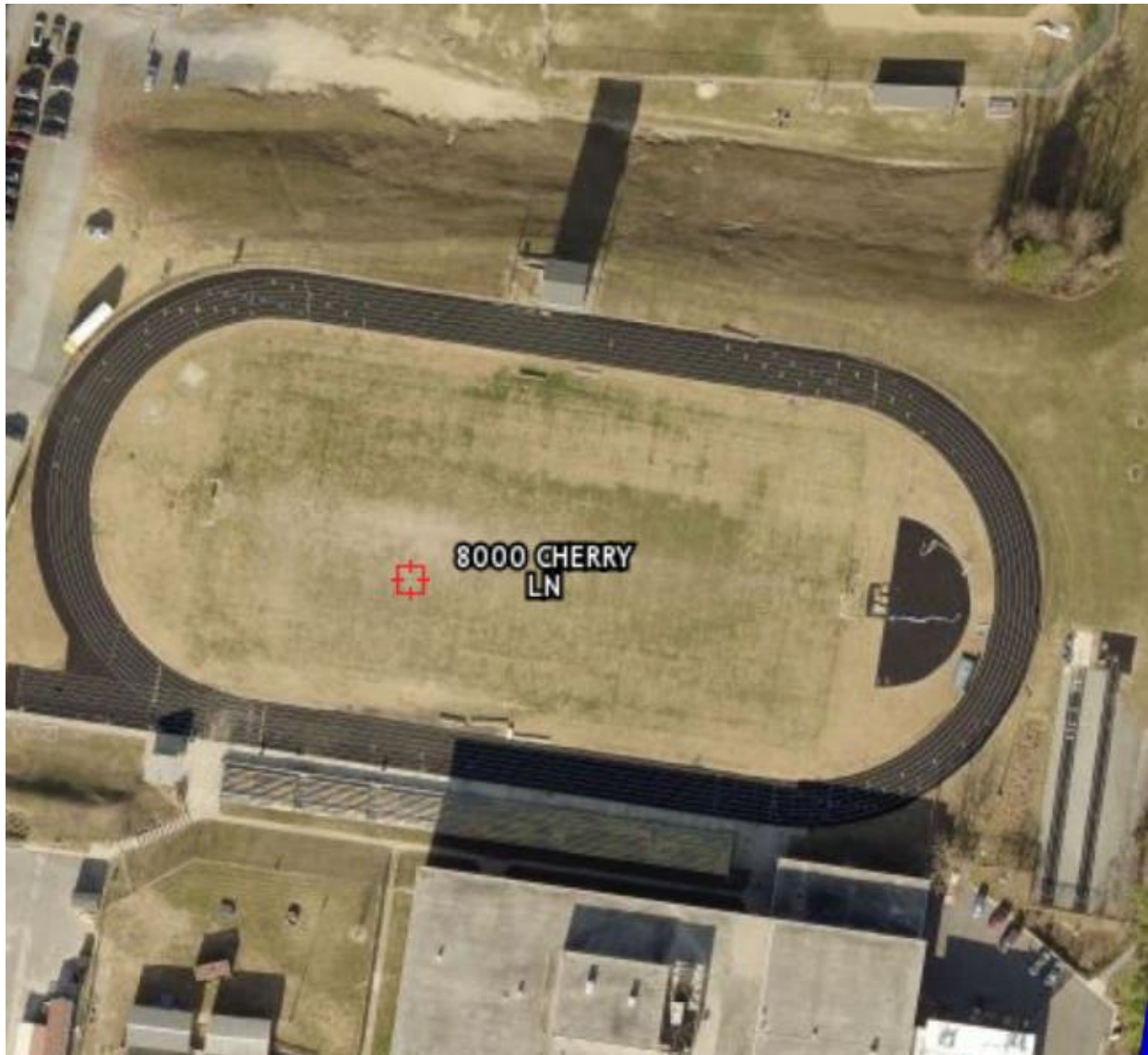
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Applicant, Prince George's County Public Schools, is seeking Amended Site and Landscape Plan approval to renovate the existing stadium field of Laurel High School, located at 8000 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707. The renovation project includes new field surfacing, replacing and relocating existing field events, installing new sports and egress lighting, a new bleacher system, a new press box, new storage sheds, fence, and new flag poles.

**INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMENTS**

<b>Department or Agency</b>	<b>Comments Received</b>
City of Laurel Department of Public Works	<i>No comments or issues with application.</i>
City of Laurel Police Department	<i>No comments or issues with application.</i>
City of Laurel Department of Parks and Recreation.	<i>No comments or issues with application.</i>
City of Laurel Building Official and Fire Marshal	<i>Green-stamped plans will need to be submitted.</i>
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)	<i>No comments or issues with application</i>
Prince George’s County Health Department	<i>No comments or issues with application.</i>
Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)	<i>No comments or issues with application</i>
Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (MNPPC)	No comments received.
Prince George’s County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE)	No comments received.
Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE)	No comments received.
Prince George’s County Public Schools Department of Capital Programs	No comments received.
Verizon	No comments received.

**Below is a photo of the subject property:**



**ANALYSIS:**

The Applicant is seeking Amended Site and Landscape approval to perform a number of renovations to the existing stadium field located at Laurel High School.

- **Stadium field surfacing:** The Applicant is proposing to replace the existing natural grass stadium field with a synthetic, multipurpose turf surface and stone base, along with the milling/overlaying of the existing track with new track surfacing.
- **Stadium field events:** The Applicant is proposing to replace the existing track and field events. A new shot-put area with a 21'x 23' concrete pad is proposed in the northeast part of the field. A new high jump pad with track surfacing and landing area is proposed in the east part of field, to the immediate right of the football field. A 150' long/triple jump runway is proposed in the southeast part of the field. Lastly, a 130' pole-vault runway is proposed in the southeast part of the field.

- **New lighting:** The Applicant is proposing to install new sports and egress lighting.
- **New bleacher system:** The Applicant is proposing to replace the existing wooden bleachers with new steel bleachers in the same location (the south end of the field). The bleachers will have ADA access on a new concrete pad and concrete sidewalk in front of the bleacher pad.
- **New press box:** The Applicant is proposing to replace the existing three (3)-story CMU press box with a new steel press box. The proposed steel press box will have three (3) interior rooms and a rooftop filming platform, located at the north end of the field.
- **New storage sheds:** The Applicant is proposing two (2) new metal storage sheds, one on the left and right sides of the proposed press box. The sheds will have roll-up garage doors.
- **New flag poles:** The Applicant is proposing to install three (3) 35-foot-tall flag poles on the left side of the field.
- **New fencing:** The Applicant is proposing to install 790 LF of black vinyl chain-link fencing on the north side of the field and approximately 563 LF of 3-foot-tall black vinyl chain-link fencing on the south side of the field.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

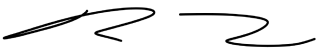
Staff recommends that the City of Laurel Planning Commission **APPROVE** the Amended Site and Landscape Plan application for 8000 Cherry Lane with the following conditions:

- 1) The Applicant shall obtain all applicable City of Laurel permits.
- 2) The Applicant shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations for protection of the use of the property.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Amended Site and Landscape Plan
2. Amended Site and Landscape Plan application.

**REVIEWED:**

  
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 Robert Love  
 Director