

Good Afternoon Members of the Audit Committee. I apologize that I am unable to attend this Committee meeting today due to my work obligations. I have asked my Legislative Assistant, James Halverson to share my thoughts and concerns in my absence to address Resolutions 23-616 and 23-796. These items are very important to me and my ability to support the needs of my residents in District 11. For years now the ROC Sports Complex has caused issues with light and noise for the residents of Greendale and surrounding neighborhoods. The County has reached out to the ROC on several occasions in an attempt to address these concerns and seek out solutions to the issues caused by this venue. The management of the ROC does not seem interested in working with the neighbors and in some instances have made light of the concerns on social media including one of my fellow County Supervisors who works for the ROC by encouraging the ROC to “turn up the volume.” This type of behavior is not only inconsiderate but it has only served to complicate the matter further.

The management of the ROC fails to consider the best interests of their neighbors. As time is progressing the ROC has been hosting events of attendance numbers that exceed their available parking. This is creating concerns in the neighboring communities and has led to measures by Milwaukee County and the Village of Greendale that have been working to prevent overflow parking into the surrounding neighborhoods and illegal parking on 76th street. These types of events have led to the need for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Greendale DPW and Police Department to temporarily restrict parking in these areas. This not only is an inconvenience and has created extra work for Milwaukee County and the Village of Greendale but it also is costing extra money that the ROC should be responsible for. While I was not a Supervisor at the time the ROC deal was made with the County I do believe there are provisions of the initial agreement that have been completely ignored. Now that the Sound Study (which has cost Milwaukee County thousands of dollars) is complete and the results show clearly that there is a problem it is my firm belief that action needs to be taken.

I ask of this Committee and the entire Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors that action be taken to enforce the original agreement with the ROC. It is my belief that if the original agreement cannot be upheld by the ROC that the County has jurisdiction over rescinding the original agreement.