



Ringer Playground
Court Lighting Community Briefing

February 25, 2026

Boston Parks & Recreation Department held a community briefing to explain proposed court lighting improvements.

Meeting Summary

The discussion focused primarily on the proposed court lighting improvements. Overall, attendees were enthusiastic about the addition of court lighting, noting that it looks great and referencing successful lighting controls at other parks as a positive precedent.

Several questions were raised about operating hours. BPRD clarified that general park hours are dawn to dusk, which is the city standard. However, the courts will be lighted from dusk to 10:00 PM, consistent with city standards for court facilities. Pathway lights will operate from dusk to dawn to support safety along a well-traveled route through the park.

Attendees asked why lighting is not proposed for the dog park or lawn areas. BPRD explained that the dog park follows standard park hours (dawn to dusk), so lighting is not provided. The lawn will not be lighted because it is not intended as a sports field.

Questions were also raised about funding and whether court lighting would affect other planned improvements. BPRD confirmed that court lighting is funded through additional funds received after construction began and does not impact the existing project scope.

Additional topics included:

- Confirmation that more trash receptacles are proposed.
- Removal of existing solar lights, which have not functioned reliably.
- Clarification on proposed path light height and fixture type.

Overall, the lighting additions were viewed positively, with most questions focused on hours of operation, safety, and project funding.