



Naperville
Park District

March 14, 2007

RE: Naperville Park District Expansion of Nike Park

Dear Naperville Park District Residents:

The Naperville Park District is pleased to announce that a contract has been negotiated that may lead to the Park District purchasing 20 additional acres for the actively utilized Nike Park. The Park District adopted Ordinances on March 8, 2007 providing for a 90 day due diligence review of the 20 acre parcel, and is in the process of undertaking certain environmental and other investigation to determine if the parcel will be suitable for Park District uses. The environmental and geotechnical borings will begin the week of March 19th and will include parts of Nike Park as well.

The Park District Recreation Master Plan has revealed a significant short fall of park land and facilities in the north sector of the City of Naperville, and the active use of existing Nike Park facilities is symptomatic of this shortfall. The Park District has evaluated the acquisition of this additional 20 acres, and has concluded that it represents an opportunity to introduce additional lighted ballfields, soccer fields, tennis courts, and potentially a public recreation center for the north end of the City of Naperville. These uses would necessitate either the annexation of the property to Naperville or connection to the Naperville potable water supply in an agreement similar to the adjacent Knight's Subdivision.

This property is currently owned by a development partnership, and has been planned by this group for either mixed residential uses, or mixed uses incorporating both residential and commercial development. The City of Naperville staff recommended that the Naperville Park District review potential acquisition of some of this property, and many of the residents in the area have encouraged similar consideration by the Park District.

Attached with this letter is a graphic of the area with a list of possible amenities, including lighted active recreational fields or a north side recreational center. This list provides you with some idea of the Park District's present thinking regarding the potential land uses associated with this additional property. It has been suggested that some residents would prefer residential or commercial development at this corner, while others would clearly prefer parks and recreation as an active land use. We wanted to give both sides the opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns with the Naperville Park District, while the Park District's opportunity to purchase the property remains contingent.

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Please recognize that we need your comments and thoughts on this potential acquisition prior to May 1, 2007. To help gather this feedback, the Park District will host a **public information session on Monday, April 2 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the City's Municipal Building's Rooms B & C.** The municipal building is located at 400 S. Eagle Street. This feedback will allow us to make a determination as to whether or not the purchase of this property will be undertaken to fulfill the Park District's active recreational needs as identified in the Recreation Master Plan. If you are unable to attend the meeting on April 2nd, please send your input to Eric Shutes, Director, Park Planning & Development, Naperville Park District, 320 West Jackson Avenue, Naperville, Illinois 60540 or eshutes@napervilleparks.org.

Thank you for your attention to this inquiry, and please feel free to share this letter with neighbors and other Park District residents. We want to assure that we get as much input as possible from the general area surrounding Nike Park and the Naperville community.

Very truly yours,



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Possible Lighted Athletic Facilities:

- Ballfields
- Tennis Courts
- Soccer Fields
- Multi-Purpose Fields
- Basketball Courts

Other Possible Facilities:

- Cricket Pitch
- Trail
- Playground
- Recreation Center
- Parking

