
Town Park Land Donation

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Hello,

I am writing today about the land being donated by the Pritz family. I appreciate the generous donation to the Town at large but I am writing you all tonight to explain why I am against it.

I have sat through a number of town board meetings this year in regards to this, as I am a resident of the road five houses down from where the proposed park would be. I know this location well, and I know how much this will effect the road and the residents nearby to it, let alone those of us scattered further along the road.

Of the 15 or so houses on this part of the road, the proposed park location is in the middle of most of them. It in fact, would have it's proposed right of way running into the door yard of one of them and it would let out on front of two homes. These are homes to retired folks, folks who work from home as well as law enforcement. The added traffic and noise from it would be an immense disruption on a road that is already narrow, barely wide enough at times for two vehicles to go down depending on the size of them. Add to it that it is an unlined country road often used as a shortcut around the village and people rarely honor the speed limit, adding more traffic from a park would only add to these disruptions.

The thought of a TCat stop on the road would also add to the congestion of it, as a bus would take up an entire side of the road, further disrupting things.

Before a trail could be added in along the old railroad that has been discussed, kids would be riding or walking 2 1/2 miles to this location after school of they would like to use it. Same with other folks who would like to use it. While not far for those with a car or kids used to riding bicycles and old enough to do so safely, that distance, coupled with the aforementioned traffic issues, is a dangerous mix.

Added to this is the fact that the driveway for this park in general, would cut through or border the yards of two homes. One of which would be required to move the leach field for their septic system according to the paperwork I have seen. Which leads to the question of where? That lot isn't large, and borders a creek, limiting the placement of it. How would the disruption of traffic be handled? How about their privacy and loss of land?

On top of all of this, the residents of the town have been asking for a place for recreation. From little league teams to soccer teams, the town wants land for ball fields and places to play their games. The time would be vastly limited on a weekday due to the limitations of lighting as outlined in the draft donation agreement as would noise. Having friends whose kids are on various teams I have heard the struggles of late afternoon games that are rushed in parks due to the lack of lighting at the field

making the games unenjoyable at times. And with all of that, any sort of sound from the games itself would be a disruption to the neighborhood. We can already hear Grassroots and the Fair, I can only imagine how much more disruptive noise would occur with ball games happening.

All this to say, the Towns eagerness to accept this donation feels rushed. At every turn we have been told that these are future concerns as the land hasn't been accepted yet. However the lack of forethought put into all of this has made me lose trust that the neighborhood issues raised will be handled with care. And as a member of a family who has lived on this road for well over 100 years, it's extremely disheartening to hear.

The word donation seems to have planted itself in people's heads as the easy solution to the town Park issue, without consideration of the issues it would raise in this location. I am not opposed to the town having a park, I just do not think this location is the best for it. And as a granddaughter of a former farmer, seeing 20 acres of agriculture land be taken away when it was actively used to instead be used for a park, maybe, when the town gets the opportunity to develop it, also hurts.

Thank you for reading this,

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