

Building community is an important value to our family. One of us is a nurse concerned about health and the other is a plant scientist – both of us are outdoor enthusiasts. We recognize that too many children and adults spend too little time outdoors and this is negatively affecting our individual health and lessens the potential quality of life of our community. The previous referendum on purchasing land for a park created quite a bit of conversation among us residents as pros and cons were discussed. A friend who opposed the land purchase asked us a rhetorical question, “How would you like a park behind your house?” Well, we thought about that and decided that we would welcome the sound of children playing, or the opportunity to participate in sports ourselves, or knowing that community was being built because people were interacting outdoors. So, when the referendum was defeated, we decided to explore the possibility of donating a parcel of land for this purpose. Most of the concerns raised in the previous proposal would be either non-existent or minimal with the parcel we had in mind and it would help address the pressing need for more athletic fields and parkland for our neighbors to enjoy. This donation is something our family can do to give back to a community that supported us so well as we raised our children here. We hope others will help bring to fruition the vision of a park near the village where residents can recreate, enjoy the outdoors, and improve their health and well-being.

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