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Re: Ongoing Spencer Campus Residential Parking Issues

Mr. Kevin Shannon:

The New Lenox Community Park District held a Workshop prior to the start of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting on May 18th, the Board of Commissioners were updated on several issues. The residential parking issue at the Spencer Campus was one of the items. Numerous times over the last two years and most recent, this Spring, Park District Staff has reached out to New Lenox Soccer Association-Legacy Board to take action, yet the Park District Staff continues to shoulder a bulk of the issue.

Currently, the Park District Staff and Board are working with the New Lenox Township Officials and Will County Officials as well as Staff Members to establish an enforceable "No Sport Event Parking/Use Spencer Campus" sign, the number of signs required, and the placement of said signs if approved. This is a process which by all indications is progressing and will help the residential parking situation, however it is neither guaranteed nor the total solution.

Signs are being installed on School/Park Property at Spencer Campus today, Friday, May 5th, at the northwest side (Hazelwood Drive) and south side (Brogan Drive) of the property in the vicinity of the dead-end roads. Signs viewable by pedestrian traffic will read as follows: "No Sport Event Parking on Residential Streets/Use Spencer Campus/Ongoing Parking Issues will Result in the Loss of Field Use"

Past Soccer Boards, other Athletic Associations Boards, as well as, other organizations have used various types of self-monitoring with volunteers and/or paid for municipal and/or private organizations to monitor parking issues, drinking issues, smoking issues etc. within their organization when dealing with participants, spectators, coaches and officials. To date I am not aware of any type of active monitoring being attempted, what has been done is either non effective or not enough and the Park District expects the New Lenox Soccer Association-Legacy Board to correct the issue immediately.

Over the years, especially this last year, too much staff time has been expended dealing with parking issues at this campus. If parking issues on residential streets surrounding the Spencer Campus do not show significant improvement by the end of the Spring Soccer Season, the Park District Staff and Board of Commissions will reduce the number of fields allocated for use this fall. Soccer fields at the campus which are in the closest proximate to the subdivisions impacted by the parking, will be removed from use first.

If you have any questions and/or concerns please contact me at 815/485-3584 or g Lewis@newlenoxparks.org.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Cc: George Travnicsek, Director of Parks-Maintenance
New Lenox Community Park District Board of Commissioners