



March 10, 2008

Ms. Melissa Creech  
697 St. Charles Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Ms. Creech:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Request we received on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, and questions you raised at the Park Board meeting that evening.

As was explained to you on Tuesday evening, the stakes with the pink flags you see in Ackerman Park are due to a storm water project the Village of Glen Ellyn is undertaking on Park District property. Through an intergovernmental agreement with the Village, the Park District agreed to allow the overland flow of water from the north side of Geneva Road at 5-corners, onto Ackerman Park property, in return for the Village constructing two soccer fields in the park. One a 110 x 70 regulation size field and one 50 x 80 field. Currently the overland flow is directed toward the same location due to the lower elevation. After a 10-year rain, the smaller soccer field will detain water and remain wet for a period of less than a day.

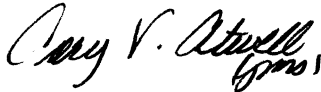
- Bullet Point #1      Please refer to Attachment A which is the plan prepared by the Village Engineer, Bill McGurr.
- Bullet Point #2      Please refer to Attachment B which is the project budget included as an exhibit to the regional storm water agreement between the Park District and Village.
- Bullet Point #3      Please refer to Attachment C, the Village wetland preservation plan for the project.
- Bullet Point #4      Please refer to Attachment D, the Village tree preservation plan for the project.
- Bullet Point #5      The only additional maintenance cost to the Park District would be the mowing, aeration, etc. as is done in all parks. Staff estimates the cost for maintaining the two new soccer fields at \$1,800 per year.
- Bullet Point #6      There is no facility usage study for the additional soccer fields. With over 1,200 children in the soccer program, any parent of one of those children can tell you more fields are needed. In addition, Glenbard West also uses the Park District's soccer fields.

Bullet Point #7

As for the long-range plan for Ackerman Park, you may recall that in November 2006, voters approved a \$11.9 million Park District referendum. The money was earmarked for land acquisition, renovating the interior of Main Street Recreation Center and constructing an indoor sports complex in Ackerman Park. Please see Attachment E for the location of the facility in Ackerman Park. Construction of the facility should begin in the fall of this year.

Please feel free to call Dave Scarmardo, Superintendent of Parks, if you need additional information.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cory V. Atwell" with a date "6/20/08" written below it.

Cory V. Atwell  
Executive Director