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Anderson Township Park District
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via email and U.S. Mail

Dear Commissioners:

The Anderson Township Board of Township Trustees (Board) continues its efforts, in consultation with the Anderson Township Park District (ATPD), to reach an agreement with Beech Acres Parenting Center (BAPC) to purchase the real property located at 6881 Beechmont Avenue, as we had agreed to do some time ago. Earlier this month, Beech Acres informed us that they need four weeks or longer to finalize a timeline for the transaction; therefore, negotiations which are expected to progress, are on hold for the moment.

Ken Kushner and I met on January 12 to review where the transaction stood in light of the passage of the resolution by FHLSD Board of Education concluding that the relocation of AHS to the Beech Acres site was not feasible. We agreed that proceeding with the transaction and maintaining a RecPlex was in the community's best interest but that certain aspects of the purchase agreement would have to be addressed and renegotiated. I reviewed with Ken, at that time, the fact that the Board had indicated early on in this process when you first asked our Board for funding to acquire the Beech Acres property that 100% of the Beech Acres site would not be committed for park purposes. The Township is still willing to buy the Beech Acres property and is waiting to hear from BAPC.

In the meantime, as part of the Township's update to its Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan Update) and in accordance with past practice, our consultant will create a market study which will identify the highest and best use for three large tracts of land within the Township. These properties include Beech Acres and Skytop, both along Beechmont Avenue, and the Dorn parcels located on Five Mile Road & Kellogg Avenue. A representative from the ATPD will be invited to participate as a member of the Steering Team for the Comp Plan Update. There will be multiple opportunities for public comment during the Comp Plan Update.

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The Board is committed to working with the Park Commissioners to ensure that ATPD continues to provide indoor recreational opportunities to our community either through the existing RecPlex or a renovated/rebuilt indoor recreation facility. However, the Board does not, and never has intended to lease, sell, donate, or otherwise convey all of the Beech Acres land to ATPD.

Moving forward, the Board believes it imperative that a Township Trustee and Park Commissioner be involved in discussions between our two entities. While this may be cumbersome, it will go a long way toward rebuilding the trust that currently appears to be lacking.

On behalf of the Board of Township Trustees,



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