



July 8, 2020

Ms. Danielle Dash – Chairperson
Planning Zoning Board of Appeals, City of Prospect Heights
8 N. Elmhurst Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Re: Lexington application for Rezoning & Special Use for Planned Unit Development

Dear Ms. Dash,

The Prospect Heights Park District has been in discussions with Lexington since early 2019 regarding the proposed townhomes on the former JFH Academy property.

Lexington has asked the Park District to swap a parcel of land adjacent to the JFH property which is essentially revising the park boundaries but the total area of Muir Park remains intact; Illinois Department of Natural Resources declared the park land is no longer encumbered by restrictions since receiving the OSLAD grant over 20 years ago.

Lexington's proposal to the Park District in addition to the land swap is to re-design the existing ball field, offered shared parking spaces and a walking path with sidewalk to connect to Wheeling Park District's Pheasant Run. The Park Board has appointed a subcommittee to focus on the proposed Muir Park project and make a recommendation to the Board to deny or accept the proposal. There are many details to settle before the subcommittee makes a recommendation and the Park District holds a public hearing for the park.

With boundaries revised, Muir Park will continue to be a 4.5 acre park. At this time no programming has been established while all this is being evaluated through the public process. This may be an opportunity to expand programming but we do not have details at this time. We understand Lexington's tree inventory identified 295 cottonwood trees onsite. However, we have yet to see the landscape plans for the development. The process may dictate what happens to that area once details about the storm water management system are shared. The parking and access will continue to be same as in the past for the Park District. Signage will be paramount for the park.

The subcommittee and Board of Commissioners will continue to discuss the Lexington proposal. Please contact myself (tjones@phparks.org) or Christina Ferraro, Executive Director, (cferraro@phparks.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Timothy Jones
President Board of Commissioners