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TO: Don Bogardus

FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa

DATE: July 8, 2008

REF: Ford Road Recreational Fields

Dear Don,

Recently we had the Green Acres required public hearings on the Veteran's Memorial Park recreational fields. As you well know there are serious construction issues in building the several all-purpose and baseball fields there. These logistical problems are bound to take many months if not years to bring that process to completion.

By the same token, the Green Acres purchased property at Ford Road is not encumbered in the same manner. What I mean is that there do not have to be so many trees removed. There is no particular grading issue. There will not be as much of a serious soil moving issue. In fact as you know on the Ford Road parcel, there is a relatively large flat area, that could be made into usable fields with much less effort. Our own employees could do much of the field preparation in-house. Much of the preparation is simply removal of weeds and underbrush and grading.

I see no reason to wait until the Veteran's Park project is done to begin the Ford Road project. I would like to see us have a public hearing on the Ford Road project at your earliest convenience, per Green Acres requirements. I would like us to have that public hearing as soon as possible and have our DPW begin the process this year of preparing the fields for seeding and whatever else must be done. The public has made it clear they want more fields and in order to accommodate them, we should begin the Ford Road project as soon as possible.

Please let me know of developments as this process is undertaken.

Very Truly Yours,

P. Ted Husa