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**TO: John Bonanni, Morris County Administrator**

**FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa**

**REF: Requesting Consideration for Shared Soccer Field at Tourne Park**

**DATE: November 25, 2008**

Dear John,

Denville Twp. has entered into agreements with businesses, Lake Associations and with Morris County to share recreational fields in 2008. We have five such agreements in place so far this year. They constitute formal and informal agreements. I have discussed with you and several Freeholders the use of several areas. As such this letter represents our formal request for consideration of the use of these fields. They are listed below.

- 1) The open area near the Tourne Park that is on Old Boonton Road just as you leave Denville provides easy access for Denville residents. This area would be wonderful for a temporary soccer/lacrosse/rugby/football field. The parking is inadequate, but I think we could arrange for people to park on Bush Road and walk to the field, as it is just a short walk. There is only parking for about 15 cars on site. I can ask our recreation department to provide field striping.
- 2) Another area in question is the all-purpose field at Tourne Park. It is the established field near the picnic area. What are the terms under which we can use this field? It is also not far from Denville.
- 3) Recently I attended a forum at Morris Plains Municipal building and the topic was the future use of State owned properties in and around the former Greystone Hospital. The map we used indicated there are also developed and undeveloped flat areas on County property near where fields could be located. Is it possible to use some of these fields as they are very close to that part of Denville? Also, are there any opportunities to share services in developing new fields.

Please let us know if we can count on any of their option for fields in the future. Please call me at 973-625-8300 X 224. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

P. Ted Husa  
Mayor