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To: Park Commissioners From: Adam Zettel, AICP

RE: September 19, 2023 Park Board Meeting

Hello everyone,

We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. We will be back at the city council chambers!

All tennis court and basketball court work is complete! The sandbox and related equipment for Abrams Park has also been ordered but not yet delivered/installed. I will have updates on the completion of the Genesee Valley Trail, Safe Routes to School work, park use, and regular maintenance.

The slip and slide went well, as did the Shattered Chains volunteer work day. Prior to meeting (this coming Sunday), the bike race will be held at Otterburn. We should have a good idea of how that went by the time we meet.

For our meeting, we have overnight parking in Abrams Park on the agenda. Parks are to close at dusk, but some residents use the park parking areas for overnight parking or even longer term storage. This comes with its share of problems and/or potential problems.

In addition, we have an opportunity. The rehabilitation of the asphalt at Elms Park provides a mulit-use surface that does not have a dedicated use. This area is underutilized. With simple striping, many uses could be activated. With limited investment, there is potential for more courts or a skate park. I am certain there are other opportunities as well.

Lastly, a resident on County Line Road has a large, decorative rock that used to be a feature of the Crapo Farm. She is donating it. If we can collect it, it makes sense to have this placed at Abrams Park. One day we can likely add some interpretive signs to add value to the rock. I would like to hear the park board ideas on this one.

Contact me with additional future agenda items, questions, or comments.

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Sincerely,

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