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Nowicki Park Planned Development - Please include on the October 7 Planning Commission Agenda

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Mayor Barnett and the Rochester Hills City Council

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Dear Mayor Barnett, Respected Members of the Rochester Hills City Council and the Rochester Hills' City Planning Commission,

I am writing to you on behalf of concerned residents in Brookdale Woods regarding the proposal to transform Nowicki Park on Adams Road into a city park featuring a dog park, parking lot, playground, trails, meeting space, and maintenance facility. While we genuinely appreciate the intent to provide additional recreational opportunities for our community, we are compelled to voice our serious concerns regarding potential impacts on the natural beauty and wildlife of this cherished area.

Historical Context of Nowicki Park

Nowicki Park, spanning over 34 acres, holds significant historical value in Rochester Hills. Originally established as a natural reserve to preserve local wildlife and flora, its intent was to create a tranquil space for residents to escape the urban environment. This park has become a habitat for various species that call it home. The proposed changes risk displacing animals that have thrived in this ecological niche, reducing biodiversity and altering the very essence of what this park represents.

The park's original design aimed to emphasize preservation and enjoyment of nature, serving as a testament to our commitment to environmental stewardship. As you evaluate new developments, it is crucial to remember this foundational principle in order to maintain the spirit of Nowicki Park.

Concerns About Increased Traffic and Noise

We are not opposed to the development of a city park, recognizing the benefits it could bring to residents, such as enhanced recreational options and community engagement. However, we do have significant reservations about the potential increase in traffic and noise that such a transformation would introduce. The addition of facilities like a parking lot and meeting space could create traffic congestion along Adams Road, potentially compromising the safety and comfort of our neighborhood.

The anticipated rise in activity may also contribute to elevated noise levels, diminishing the tranquility that Nowicki Park currently offers. This is a crucial factor for residents, particularly those living near the park's

boundaries.

Mitigation Request: A Row of Trees

To address these concerns, we respectfully request the planting of a row of 7 foot evergreen trees along the east side of Adams Road (set back at the park's west edge and beginning south of the new park entrance). The staggered row of trees would stretch south of the park's entrance to its south border of the park (approximately 180 feet according to Google Earth). An estimated [36 trees](#) (link) would be needed to fill this area based on a staggered, two row planting layout.

Please note that our property lies 103 feet away from the edge of the east side of Adams Road. This natural barrier would serve to mitigate noise and provide visual screening for the homes in our neighborhood. We understand that homeowners to the north of Baypoint on the west side of Adams expressed similar concerns and requested a row of trees to help alleviate those issues, which was approved by the planning commission. We ask for the same consideration for the park's neighbors that reside south of Baypoint. With your support, we can ensure that all residents impacted by this development have the opportunity to maintain their quality of life.

Conclusion

In closing, we urge you to consider the ecological impact, historical significance, and community concerns surrounding the proposed changes to Nowicki Park. While we recognize the necessity of developing public spaces, we must also remain vigilant stewards of our natural environment. Hopefully you have worked with environmentalists and landscape architects to find a solution that accommodates the needs of our community while preserving the beauty and spirit of Nowicki Park. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your thoughtful consideration of our concerns.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our community.

Warm regards,

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