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Dear Newton Park Neighbor,

The Glen Ellyn Park District will be applying for a State of Illinois Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant regarding proposed improvements to Newton Park for 2020. The District had previously identified existing assets within the park that are due to be replaced and/or renovated in the next two years because of age and life expectancy. Those assets include the playground and skate park components. If successful in obtaining additional funding, the scope of the project would be increased, and added improvements could be implemented. The proposed elements identified below address future asset replacement obligations while improving and enhancing the property. They are as follows:

- All Inclusive A.D.A. playground
- Enhanced playground amenities including seating area and receptacles
- Small Sensory Garden
- A.D.A. path to spectator area of baseball field
- Improved stormwater management south of west parking lot towards baseball field (berms/swales)
- Improvements to existing skate park
- Conversion of steep grade area south of turf field to no mow area
- Additional trees
- Updated park and interpretive signage

An open house for the public will be held on Wednesday, July 31st at Newton Park underneath the picnic shelter from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at which time, preliminary information regarding the proposed improvements will be available. Additionally, some Park District Commissioners and staff will be available for questions, comments and suggestions. There will be an opportunity to present your suggestions on a comment card as well.

We realize that the meeting notice and date of meeting is short, and we apologize. However, the grant cycle was recently announced with a deadline of August 19th 2019 for applications, so it is necessary to host the public meeting prior to that date. The proposed plan has been presented to the Park Board of Commissioners, three of whom reside near Newton Park, on July 16 and was received favorably by all in attendance.

For additional information, please go to the Glen Ellyn Park District website at www.gepark.org. If you cannot attend and have questions or suggestions, please contact Nate Troia, ntroia@gepark.org or (630)942-7265

Sincerely,

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