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To: Tim Rooney, Grosse Ile Parks and Recreation Director

From: LSL Planning, Inc.

Re: **Parks and Recreation Master Plan – First Draft**

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The enclosed Parks and Recreation Master Plan First Draft is the result of several meetings and discussions held in November. Development of this Draft involved a series of public meetings held by the Community Recreation Commission to obtain comments about needed and desired park and programming improvements. The public involvement began with focus group meetings held the evening of November 18<sup>th</sup>. Four sets of focus groups attended: 1) the Environmental/Outdoor group; 2) the Arts, Music and Recreation group; 3) the Community Involvement group; and 4) the Athletic, Fitness and Health group, followed by two more intensive, park specific workshops held for Community Farm Park and Water's Edge Park. The result of these efforts is included on the concept plans attached to the Draft, and will be discussed in further detail in the Final Draft, once a consensus is achieved.

**First Draft Contents:**

- **Chapter One: Introduction** provides background about the project, explains the scope of the project, and past efforts.
- **Chapter Two: Planning & Administration** summarizes the Township's administrative structure for development of Parks and Recreation Plans. It describes the methods used to complete the plan, and the Township's budget for the past 4 years, as required by the State. Budget information is not contained in this draft, but will be inserted into the final draft.
- **Chapter Three: Recreation and Resource Inventory** identifies park facilities in the Township, surrounding communities, the school district, regional park authorities, the State of Michigan, private recreation providers and charitable/service organizations. The inventory lists the size of each park, and type of amenities currently provided, which becomes the basis for the analysis in Chapter Four.
- **Chapter Four: Basis for Action Program** compares nationally recognized industry standards for recreation facilities with those actually provided in Grosse Ile. This yields any deficiencies in available park land and facilities. The analysis indicated that the Township provides adequate park land to serve residents.
- **Appendix A: Community Description** explains the historic and regional context of the plan and describes local socioeconomic and physical characteristics that provide the basis for analysis that will be presented with the final draft.
- **Concept Plans** for Water's Edge Park and Centennial Farm Park incorporates recommendations and suggestions from the public meetings and workshops held in November.

**To Be Delivered With Second Draft:**

- **First Draft Chapters** will be revised to reflect discussion.
- **Chapter Five: Action Program** provides the goals and specific recommendations that comprise the “Plan.” It identifies the tasks needed to accomplish the goals. It is followed by an action table that lists specific tasks, generally estimates costs, and identifies potential funding sources for each.
- **Appendices** of the Plan of the plan address State-required information, with the exception of the Funding Sources, which is additional.
  - **Appendix B: Public Involvement** describes the public meetings and workshops conducted to gather public input.
  - **Appendix C: Funding Sources** is an additional appendix that identifies potential funding sources.
  - **Appendix D: Adoption and Transmittal Information** details the adoption process and includes required resolutions and minutes.