



# Butterfield Park District

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Dear President Kartholl,

As you know, when I testified before your Committee on behalf of the Butterfield Park District, we did not formally oppose the project, but moreover raised several significant concerns and tried to keep an open mind regarding the proposed project. Since hearing the various explanations to the Board we are deeply concerned and strongly opposed to a project of this magnitude and scope. After careful review and consideration, we feel that the project and its requests for variances from the code does not take into consideration any of the impacts on the Park District, the children and families who are served on a daily basis immediately adjacent to the project, nor the safety and wellbeing of the employees and volunteers who work in this facility on a daily basis.

While still wishing to be good neighbors, when we were informed at the hearing that should the Zoning Board grant them their requested variations, the owner will be asking for a liquor license as well, it was clear that we needed to strongly oppose this project. There seems to be no sense of responsibility or accountability to the children who attend daily pre-school at the Park District facility throughout the school year. In addition there are daily before school and after school care services for the working families in our community. I realize that the liquor license is not the Zoning Board's purview, but it is a legitimate concern if we, in any way, condone this project.

The General Provisions and Standards state that the County Board may vary the bulk regulations if such variations are consistent with the general purpose of the ordinance and result in better developments and thus **"be of greater benefit both to the occupants of the development and to the surrounding neighborhood."** Any one aspect of this development might not be offensive; however, when combined together, the size and scope of this development is significantly injurious to the Butterfield Park District, the adjacent neighbor, as well as potentially to the neighborhood surrounding the property.

The owner also testified that they will be removing the entire forested area adjacent to our property and it would be replaced by a fence and five trees. I have enclosed photographs of the property clearly illustrating the proximity of this clearing to the Pavilion, which hosts day camps and community rentals throughout the year. The signage they have proposed will not only be intrusive, but it will completely destroy the experience our residents have enjoyed, which is that of being in an urban retreat preserved for the enjoyment and peace. If allowed to go through, instead of hundreds of trees, they would be faced with signage, plastic fencing, and 15 cars in a waiting line immediately adjacent to the Pavilion and pool. Instead of the sounds and smells of nature, they would have the experience of high volume car drying machines and the toxic emissions of automobiles in line waiting for the car wash. This is just wrong.

