



DeKalb County

Park and Recreation Department

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Dear Mr. Lowry:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to questions submitted to my attention in your Email of May 24, 2007. The responses to your questions concerning Brook Run are listed below in italicized print.

1. The skate park plan has changed from the plan (wiring for lights, speakers, new building with possible party room and retail, additional parking, lack of buffer) ...

The park plan is being confused with the master plan. The plan for the skate park was determined with input from the public. Until the design charrette was completed, the plan for the skate park did not exist. The final plan did include a speaker system for managerial control and entertainment. Lights were also part of the final plan, thus the development is following the adopted plan. The construction documents were reviewed and approved by the County's Planning and Development Department and all zoning/buffer issues regarding the facility within the park were approved. The building was designed to handle a number of activities for small event rental, as well as food and beverage concessions.

2. When will lights and speakers at the skate park be used?

Not yet determined.

3. Will there be nighttime operation?

Yes.

4. What time?

Not yet determined.

5. In the Parks meeting we attended, you stated that the lights might be used at dusk to add a little time.

The lights and speaker system will be used in the operation of the facility. Hours have not yet been determined.

6. Will there be marketing of the skate park? If so, what is the marketing plan, target markets, geographies, events, number of skaters, etc? Will there be an admission charge?

The facility will be marketed in the same manner as we do with the swimming pools, recreation centers, golf courses and tennis facilities. We depend on fliers, public service announcements, press releases, DCTV. Citizens of Dekalb County between the ages of 8 and 45 are the target population. We anticipate patrons will come from the metro Atlanta area. The department will recommend resident and non-resident user fees. The actual cost has not been determined. We are not comfortable making predictions on attendance at this time; however, we will implement a managerial plan that is flexible enough to manage the attendance peaks just as we manage them at other Park and Recreation facilities.

7. There are many painted and flagged markings on trees in the park. What are the future plans for more tree cutting in the park?

We do not have plans at this time to fell additional trees, other than to remove those that may pose safety concerns; e.g., severely leaning, dead or diseased trees. The trees you mentioned that are flagged may have been the result of survey crews marking the location of trees for their engineered site survey plans. We will investigate further to confirm. Flagging will be removed by the end of June.

8. During the planned demolition, how trees, hollies and other mature landscaping will be protected? Will orange tree protection be used? This was scheduled to begin on 3/15/07.

Much of the landscape material will be lost due to the final grading plan. The demolition of the hospital and power plant will leave a very deep hole in the ground. The final grade will be resolved by a cut and fill method to reduce the amount of dirt to be hauled into the site. Thus, many of the plants will be destroyed. The abatement/demolition contract was awarded on January 23, 2007 and the notice to proceed was issued with a start date of March 15, 2007. The contracted period is 180 days, and the ending date is September 2007. We will not be placing any orange fencing around the trees as the significant trees are outside of the Construction area.

9. What is the plan for the maintenance facility and equipment space requirements? There are many trucks, equipment and material now stored in the park on hard courts, parking lots, fields, etc. There has been much trash including broken beer bottles in that area.

The plan is to continue to operate the North area maintenance facility at Brook Run. We are investigating options for screening the equipment from view by path users in other areas of the park. Debris found in and around the maintenance facility will be removed daily.

10. What are the plans for walking trails?

Walking trails in the park remains a high priority. We will determine the exact layout at a later date.

11. How will security and public safety be implemented at the park, especially with the skate park?

Security has and will continue to be addressed by a Security Guard, currently assigned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as well as the North Precinct, which patrols Brook Run as part of their overall community policing program. Parks and Recreation has met on-site with staff from the North Precinct relative to the upcoming opening of the Skate Park to familiarize them with the facility and to request input from them on overall park and facility security. Adjustments will be made as deemed necessary.

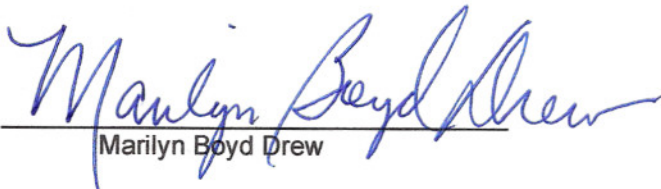
12. Trash pick-up... Peeler, North Peachtree, Shallowford and within the park. Will there be trash pickup and more trash cans? There is a lot of trash on the Park property along Peeler Rd. It is never picked up (except by me and a couple of my neighbors in the past.) The trash is mowed over by Parks maintenance. It creates a mess. Will the Parks Department keep the park and boundaries (e.g. Peeler Rd.) clean and pick up trash?

Additional trash receptacles will be placed in the park by the end of June. Trash pick-up along the perimeter of the park will take place weekly. Maintenance of the right-of-way along Peeler Road is the responsibility of the Sanitation Department. We will contact Sanitation to initiate a coordinated effort to maintain the area.

13. Some walking trails next to the dog park were fenced off when the dog park was moved due to complaints of barking. The dogs were moved but the passive trails have been left fenced off and are not accessible for walking. Other walking trails were lost due to the skate park development. Can these trails near the dog park be reopened for walkers? There were never complaints regarding walkers on these walking trails.

The series of events regarding the trail is correct. The department was made to leave the area closed as walkers with dogs on a leash continued to use the trail and the dogs in the homes continued to bark. This area will remain fenced off. Walkers will have to exit that leg of the trail at the dog park and utilize the sidewalks along the roadway.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.



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