



December 6, 2018
Via E-mail and US Mail

David Gill, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation
City of Concord
14 Canterbury Road
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Concord Little League/Memorial Field

Dear Director Gill:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Concord Little League (CLL) providing the City of Concord with notice of our organization's intent to reinvest in, and reinvigorate our usage of, the little league-sized baseball diamond at Memorial Field.

You will recall our recent written request for usage of Dillon Field, a baseball/softball-sized diamond located adjacent to Grappone Field at Liberty Street. Grappone Field is CLL's primary practice and game facility. Our prior request was largely motivated by our desire to consolidate baseball operations for the convenience of our almost 300 players, player families, coaches and spectators. Our request was submitted after our continued observation that the merger of Concord American Softball League with Concord Northeast Softball League had resulted in a dramatic reduction of softball games at Dillon Field. Also, as we had discussed, we postponed plans for repairing Memorial Field while our request for Dillon Field was being considered.

Unfortunately, our proposal met with resistance from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, which made its formal recommendation against our request to the City Council. Specifically, the Committee recommended updating the Concord American Softball League license for the rest of its term, and against CLL having use of Dillon Field. Thereafter, CLL reached out to Softball in an effort to agree on some modest shared usage of Dillon Field, but those efforts were similarly unsuccessful.

Given CLL's need for field space, we again must return to reliance on Memorial Field. While we had hoped to yield Memorial Field back to the City in exchange for consolidated usage at Dillon Field, Memorial Field is now central to our facilities plan. To help bolster our limited resources, and to achieve the commitment necessary to maintain playable conditions, CLL would also like to notify you of our partnering with Seacoast United Cubs Baseball Club, based out of the Seacoast United Concord Sports

Arena. The Seacoast Cubs are already offering sports opportunities to Concord youth, so their resources and manpower would greatly fortify our plans for joint usage of Memorial Field.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B McGahan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Mayor Bouley and Members of the Concord City Council, via E-mail