

## Town of North High Shoals

Jeff D. Thomas  
Mayor

Office of the Mayor

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### Minutes September 10, 2001

#### Members Present:

Mayor Jeff Thomas  
Councilman Wade Thomas  
Councilwoman Violet Dawe  
Councilman David MacIntosh

Town Clerk: Sherry Bales

City Attorney: Donald Hansford

#### Others Present:

J. Ritzler	Press
Fred Johnson	Resident
Heike Mueller	Resident
Todd White	Press

#### Monthly Business:

1. Approval of the *August* Financial Statement. Motion to approve by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All other Council Members present approved the motion.
2. Approval of the Draft Copy of the *August* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. All other Council Members present approved the motion.
3. Approval of the Draft Copy of the *Public Hearing* minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Councilman MacIntosh. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. All other Council Members present approved the motion.

## **Public Hearing:**

Mayor Thomas reviewed with the Council members and audience that in order for the property taxes to remain the same this year and in order for incoming tax moneys for this year to fall in line with the current budget, the millage rate would need to be dropped from 2.0 mills to 1.879 mills.

The Mayor went on to remind the Council if they did not want to reduce the millage rate to at least the 1.879 mills, a series of three public hearings would need to be held to discuss the options of lowering or raising the millage rate.

Councilwoman Dawe expressed her concern over not having enough of a reserve in case something unexpected came up.

After some discussion, Mayor Thomas asked if the Council was prepared to make a motion on this issue.

Councilman MacIntosh made a motion to approve the 1.879 mills for the upcoming year. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. Councilwoman Dawe opposed the motion. Motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

1. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas discussed the suggestions from the council members as what needed to be done at the park and in what order.

After some discussion, it was decided that the most crucial items should be as follows;

1. Secure the old buildings on the property and fill in the old well.
2. Get driveway and parking area graveled.
3. Get the walking path established.
4. Get the open area bushhogged.

The Mayor turned the discussion over to the public for suggestions. It was suggested that a pervious material be used for the walkway. It was also suggested that an area be made for small children to play.

The discussion to the filling or covering of the old well and securing the area around the house was held. It was decided that it would probably be better to fill in the well and to put a fence around the house and board up the windows of the house.

It was also decided that when the parking area is graveled it would be large enough to hold twenty vehicles.

The Mayor stated that he would like to see \$5000 to \$6000 set aside to begin on the walking path.

It was decided that for this next month we would need to try to get the following accomplished;

1. Secure house
2. Fencing around the house
3. Well filled in
4. Gravel for entrance and parking

It was decided that at next month's meeting a discussion will be held for the walkway, the ballfield/basketball court and a Board of Donations sign up.

2. **Elections:** Mayor Thomas reported that qualifying began today and the other days for qualifying would be on Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 10:00 and 4:00. The Mayor went on to note that there was a \$1.00 qualifying fee and the Posts open were 3,4,5.

3. **Cell Tower:** Mayor Thomas reported that there had been no action taken with American Tower at this point. The Mayor went on to note however that the county had a new ordinance concerning cell towers and he asked the town attorney to look into that and develop the ideal situation for the town to have new enforcement.

4 **Sidewalks:** Mayor Thomas reported that the residents of Hickory Ridge and Hickory Lake would like to table the discussion for this month.

5 **Signs:** Mayor Thomas asked that any signs that were put up to advertise a meeting be taken down as soon as possible after the meeting so as not to cause any confusion.

Mayor Thomas also reported that Councilman Cape had received a cost estimate of \$231.00 for a double sided sign which would advertise city council meetings and public hearings. The Mayor asked that the council think about it and be prepared to vote on the signs at next months meeting.

6 **Millage Rate:** Mayor Thomas asked for a vote on the millage rate at this time. A motion was made by Councilman MacIntosh to accept the 1.879 millage rate. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. Councilwoman Dawe opposed the motion.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Gas Company:** Mayor Thomas reported that the gas company had sent out pamphlets for the residents of the town. The Mayor went on to state that he felt like the issues had all been worked out with the company except the one about the running line only 250'. The Mayor stated that if there was a resident that had an issue with this that he should be contacted and he would work on a one on one basis with each resident.

2. **Business License:** Mayor Thomas reported that Ms. Ronda Webb wanted to do bookkeeping for her Interior Design company at her home and therefore she was requesting a business license. The Mayor did not feel it was necessary for Ms. Webb to have a license but he would agree to grant her one because she needed one in order to get an FEI number.

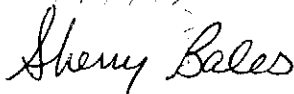
#### **Mayor's Update:**

1. Councilwoman asked about having the ditches pulled on Frazier Hill road. Part of the road had already been done but she felt that the entire road needed to be done.

Councilwoman Dawe shared some information on a Community Wildlife Habitat and Schoolyard Habitat.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman MacIntosh to conclude the September meeting. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Thomas. All council members present approved the motion.

Respectfully,



Sherry Bales  
Town Clerk

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September 10, 2001

The Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals welcome you to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council. Please sign your name in the space provided. If you wish to address the Mayor and Council concerning a specific issue on the agenda, please indicate this in the space provided. In accordance with the standard practices of this governing body, we desire to give every individual an opportunity to speak; however, in the interest of effective government, we ask that individual speakers avoid repetition of comments. The Mayor reserves the right to establish time limits as needed.

Name and Address	Agenda Item to Address (if any)
1. <i>Heike</i>	
2. <i>Fred Johnson</i>	
3. <i>J. Ritzler</i>	
4. <i>Todd White</i>	
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August 22, 2001

The Oconee Enterprise  
P.O. Box 535  
26 Barnett Shoals Road  
Watkinsville, Ga. 30677

RE: Notice for paper

Dear Maridee:

Please run the following ad in your paper on August 30, 2001 and September 6, 2001.

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The Town of North High Shoals will hold a Public Hearing, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, on Monday, September 10, 2001 at 7:15pm. The meeting will be held to discuss the millage rate for 2001.

If you have any questions, please call (706) 769-4289. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Feel free to call at anytime and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherry Bales  
Town Clerk

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RE: Notice for paper

Dear Maridee:

Please run the following ad in your paper on August 30, 2001 and September 6, 2001. This needs to go as a regular ad not a legal ad. I will trust your judgment on the size of the ad.

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Qualifying for City Council Posts 3, 4, and 5 will begin on Monday, September 10, 2001 beginning at 10:00am and lasting until 4:00pm. Qualifying will also be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 and Friday, September 14, 2001. The hours each day will be the same, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

City Council seats 3, 4, and 5 are currently held by Councilman David MacIntosh, Councilman Curtis Carter and Councilwoman Violet Dawe.

In order to qualify you must be a registered voter, registering no later than October 9, 2001 and never been convicted of election fraud, a felony, or a crime involving moral turpitude of malfeasance in office.

If you have any questions, please call (706) 769-4289. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Feel free to call at anytime and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely;

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August 13, 2001

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RE: Notice for paper

Dear Maridee:

Please run the following ad in your paper on August 23, 2001.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely;

Sherry Bales  
Town Clerk



The Town of North High Shoals does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, September 10, 2001 at 7:30pm and pursuant to the requirement of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>REAL &amp; PERSONAL</b>	4,346,267.00	5,954,200.00	8,165,373.00	9,720,666.00	11,540,411.00
<b>MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	509,430.00	286,352.00	504,252.00	664,902.00	786,660.00
<b>MOBILE HOMES</b>	43,230.00	32,810.00	43,133.00	30,663.00	31,202.00
<b>TIMBER TAX</b>	16,079.00	51,093.00			
<b>GROSS DIGEST</b>	4,950,020.00	6,273,362.00	8,712,768.00	10,457,926.00	12,358,273.00
<b>GROSS M&amp;O MILLAGE</b>	4,950,020.00	6,273,362.00	8,712,768.00	10,457,926.00	12,358,273.00

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## Agenda

September 10, 2001

### Monthly Business:

1. Presentation of *Financial Statement* for month of *August*.
2. Presentation of *Draft Minutes* for the month of *August*.
3. Presentation of *Draft Public Hearing Minutes* for the month of *August*.

### Public Hearing:

1. Millage Rate

### Old Business:

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. City Park  | 5. Signs (Banners) |
| 2. Elections  | 6. Millage Rate    |
| 3. Cell Tower | 7. Gas Agreement   |
| 4. Sidewalks  |                    |

### New Business:

1. Business License

### Mayor's Update:

The Mayor and Council encourage all persons interested to attend this meeting.

TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS  
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30645

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Aug-01

	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$22,563.17	\$10,013.94
<b>INCOME</b>		
INTEREST - GENERAL		\$7.60
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	\$69.92	
Ad Valorem Tax		\$61.83
1999 Taxes		\$174.20
Building Permit		\$564.00
2000 Taxes		\$171.33
Certificate of Occupancy		\$50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$69.92	\$1,028.96
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
High Shoals Hist. Comm		\$1,350.00
Bell South	Phone	\$64.82
Georgia Power	City Hall	\$103.92
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$389.29
Georgia Power	Street Lights	\$467.72
Walton EMC	Street Lights	\$51.00
Jack Daniel	Lawn Maintenance	\$25.00
Mellon Leasing	Copier Lease	\$80.25
Jack Daniel	Lawn Maintenance	\$25.00
Sherry Bales	Battery/Fax	\$23.79
Sherry Bales	Phone/Candy	\$75.74
Sherry Bales	Salary	\$302.76
Donald Hansford	Retainer for August	\$150.00
Jeff Thomas	Building Inspection	\$123.96
Oconee State Bank	Loan Payment	\$1,201.99
Total Expenses	\$1,201.99	\$3,233.25
GRAND TOTAL	\$21,431.10	\$7,809.65

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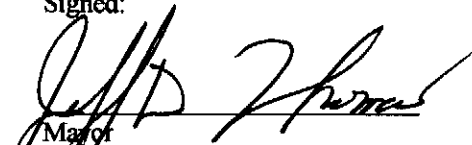
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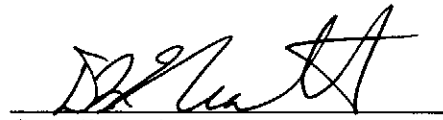
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The draft copy minutes of August 13, 2001 regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of North High Shoals are hereby officially approved as of September 10, 2001.

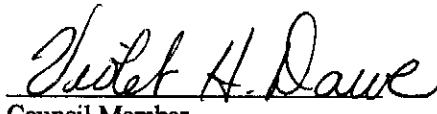
Signed:

  
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Council Member

  
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Council Secretary

To: Town of North High Shoals (fax 706-769-4289)

From: Council member David MacIntosh

Re: Plans for town park

Date: September 2, 2001

### *Introduction*

Presented in this memorandum are my thoughts and recommendations about the community park in North High Shoals. The ideas are a synthesis of input from residents of the town, members of the town council, and my personal values and preferences.

### *Themes*

I envision four guiding themes for the park: (1) Security; (2) Preservation; (3) Development; and (4) Community Involvement. The park should be safe for use by citizens of the town. We should take advantage of the opportunity presented by the park to preserve some of the natural and cultural aspects of the community. Recreational and educational opportunities developed in an aesthetically pleasing manner should be available at the park for enjoyment by the town residents. A secure, culturally relevant, and usable park should be developed and managed by involvement from individuals in the community and town council including the mayor. An outline of specific issues with a proposed coarse timeline is presented on page 3.

### *Management*

I propose that the park is managed by a set of four committees composed of volunteers from the town council and other residents of North High Shoals. The committees are each charged with setting and attaining goals consistent with the themes of the park.

**Operations Committee:** Composed of the mayor, town council, town counsel, and interested citizens and meets during regular and special town meetings. Responsible for legal and financial considerations as well as allocation of public resources. The operations committee should identify and pursue opportunities for financial and in-kind support for park development in the near term. In addition, the committee should make research of the legal and liability issues associated with fencing or not fencing of the park perimeter a near-term priority.

**Design Committee:** Led by a town council member and composed of other interested residents. Responsible for physical layout of park and recreational and educational development plans. Makes recommendations to town council and residents for park uses and landscape design. Design objectives should include reservation of approximately 50% of the area in a 'natural' or largely undeveloped state and multiple uses afforded by a modular layout consisting of small and large spaces delineated or accented by existing and new trees, shrubs, flowers, other vegetation and structures (including standing stone walls if present). The design should include a twenty-car parking lot in a rectangular shape with the long axis perpendicular to Hillsboro Road. Landscaping, whether existing and/or new planting, near the park entrance and along Hillsboro Road should be considered by the committee. The design committee should make development of readily achievable park uses (e.g., a lawn and mulch walking path) a near-term priority. The committee should also make completion of a proposed park layout a near-term priority as well. If a fence around the park perimeter is recommended by the operations committee based on legal or other grounds, the design committee should consider use of gates placed around the perimeter that can provide access to park visitor engaged in appropriate activities and prevent access for inappropriate activities such as off-road motorized vehicle recreation.

**Materials Committee:** Led by a town council member and composed of other interested residents. Responds to information requests from design committee for performance and cost data on materials and services available to complete a desired objective. The materials committee should make investigation of paving materials and performance with respect to drainage a near-term priority. The committee should also research materials for signs (e.g., wooden compared to steel) needed to identify the park and inform visitor of park rules established during previous meetings of the town council and residents.

**Implementation Committee:** Co-led by a town council member and a town resident and composed of other interested individuals. Coordinates community participation in construction of recreational and educational items and landscaping of the park. The implementation committee should characterize existing structures on the park property and their condition in the near-term and report the findings to the operations committee. The possible presence of an improperly secured former well should be investigated immediately. The committee should make community contributions to landscaping and fencing (if appropriate) a near-term priority as well.

### *Recommended Action*

I recommend that by the end of calendar year 2001 the town council and interested residents establish a management plan and establish a set of realistic short-term and long-term goals that can clearly be attained.

## Specific Items by Theme

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Near Term (July 2001 – June 2003)</b>	<b>Far Term (July 2003 – June 2008)</b>
<i>Security</i>	Old well Old house	Barn Parking Lot
<i>Preservation</i>	Signs Trees Research	Fence Possibility of certified nature preserve - wildlife -vegetation - bird Historic remains
<i>Development</i>		
	<u>Recreation</u>	
	Ballfield/lawn Climbing structures Mulch outer perimeter trail Research materials	Basketball goal Pavilion Bike area/trail Paved inner trail Playground
	<u>Education</u>	
	Research Preliminary flora id	Vegetation markers Indigenous flora examples and information
<i>Involvement</i>	Form park committees	Develop resource base

Eddie Cape  
Town of North High Shoals  
City Council  
201 Hillsboro Rd  
Bishop, Ga. 30621  
(706) 769-4558

I believe the following items must be implemented for the citizens of North High Shoals to begin utilizing the facilities at the City Park;

- (A) The existing terrain must be made safe or somehow quardoned off. These include, but are not limited to, any existing structures or facilities such as septic and/or water wells.
- (B) The perimeter should be established with some type of fence. Maybe, for maintenance reasons and to serve as part of the nature/walking trail, an area of appropriate width should be left accessible on both inside and outside of the fence.
- (C) Some type of signage and vehicle entrance should be installed to promote both community awareness and utilization. This, of course, would require regular maintenance on accessible areas of the Park.
- (D) The walking trail should be laid out completely. The front open area should be kept well groomed for use as a playing field surface.
- (E) Decorative foliage should be added to the entrance and other areas in the front of the Park to increase ~~visual~~ appeal.

This will allow for the community to begin to enjoy their park. I think an idea or suggestion box should be placed either at the Park itself or at the City Hall building to allow input from citizens who may not regularly attend the monthly council meetings.

After the Park is safe for use, the services of a professional should be acquired to determine what existing structures should be salvaged or dismantled. Depending on the outcome of this study, the council should then take appropriate measures to implement the suggestions of the study.

Since the development of this Park is to be somewhat slow and not place an added financial burden on the tax payers, the above items should carry the park into latter stages of planning.



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Jeff D. Thomas  
*Mayor*

September 5, 2001

Curtis Carter  
*Council Member*

Dear Council Members:

Eddie Cape  
*Council Member*

I believe that the public hearing concerning the park was a *tremendous* success and many good ideas were discussed. I have listened to the tape of the meeting and reviewed the minutes prepared by Sherry, and I have also received from Councilmen Cape and Thomas their summations and thoughts of priorities for park development after having considered all of the inputs from the meeting. I have tried to consider some possible *pro's* and *con's* for certain ideas, and in the course of this letter, I will offer my comments of the same. This does not mean that I am against a certain idea, only that its implementation may bring on more items of concern.

Violet Dawe  
*Council Member*

David McIntosh  
*Council Member*

Wade Thomas  
*Council Member*

For example, the idea of placing border areas throughout the park rather than to allow for larger open spaces will bring on the need for more grass cutting around these area where a large tractor, etc. cannot reach. I am certainly in favor of flowers and other decorative greenery in the entrance area and along the roadside view of the park, but I am concerned about *preserving* a low maintenance environment for the majority of the front lawn area, and I am unsure of how such flower areas will be maintained in the middle areas of the lawn. Perhaps it would be possible for individuals to assume responsibility for areas of the park – though I am not sure of the long-term feasibility of such a plan.

Sherry Bales  
*City Clerk*

Donald Hansford  
*City Attorney*

As to the question of lighting, I remain firm in my belief that we addressed this issue correctly from the beginning and decided that a lighted park would not be a good idea. There may be a time in the near future when security lighting around the walking path will be required, but our present inclination lends itself more to a dawn to dusk type facility.

While it might be feasible to go ahead and run a waterline into the park area, the truth of the matter is that we don't know exactly where to run such a line at this time, nor have we considered the ramifications or security issues of having an accessible water supply (though this is another potential issue if we intend to have flowers because they will most likely need to be watered periodically – though the question then becomes one of *do we want to go there* with the ongoing concern about drought conditions and water restrictions). In any event, the placement of a waterline at some future date seems problematic and in no way an insurmountable obstacle. I do not believe the decision has to be made or a pipe laid before some areas of the park are developed since such a project will not involve the mass destruction

that a 6-to-8 inch main waterline installation would entail.

The question was raised as to having playground type equipment for smaller children. My first desire was to say yes, yes, yes, but reality and financial considerations dictate that the sensible answer at this time must be a "No." Outside the obvious issues of liability, maintenance and child safety, the extra added burden of the expense of such structures would prohibit our ability to advance any other issues for several years, because any equipment placed in the park would have to be of the type and design most likely to absolve the City of liability – and such equipment does not come cheap. In any event, I believe that we are trying to develop a park that will be child friendly, usable for all ages, and not a burden upon the taxpayers, and I further believe that the park we envision can be a place where even the very young will be able to grow and develop muscles and memories without certain pieces of equipment.

As for labeling the trees, I am in favor of this and would like to see some money set aside to pay for the signs, etc., but I recognize my own lack of expertise in this area and will have to defer this project to someone else completely.

Several of the structures on the property are currently unfit and unsafe for a human or an animal presence. I believe that they must be cordoned off immediately and secured in such a way as to prevent access at this time. This funding should come out of this years budget and may possibly be considered as a maintenance cost. In addition, I would like to seek the opinion of someone with experience in renovation work as to whether we need to concern ourselves with setting aside future money for such a project. If it is determined to remove a structure(s), then we will have to plan accordingly for future years, but as long as we can isolate the area and provide a safe environment, then I see no reason why other areas of the park cannot be enjoyed by the public.

The idea of motorized vehicles has been fully addressed, and I see no need to allow unauthorized vehicles in the park.

If it is agreeable with the council, perhaps we could leave the dirt pile for the time being and let the children use the area to climb on; however, I question even this in a day and time when individuals are so quick to find an excuse to sue – most especially since large rocks are located in the dirt mounds.

Since I am unaware of exactly what limitations or benefits would be placed on the city if we designated it as a wild life preserve, I would hesitate to do so until someone has thoroughly researched the proposal and we have the actual plan on paper.

I would like to see a standard height basketball goal located in the park, and I do not believe that the surface needs to be paved, nor raised at this time. The area will be surrounded by grass, and I believe that there will be little danger of excessive runoff since the proposed area will be (out of necessity) quite level.

I believe the park already offers a great deal of diversity due to the very nature of the land. The natural lay of the woods and proposed trails, etc... offers what I believe to be very distinguished areas for various park uses. I would urge the council to consider very carefully before attempting to divide up the existing open spaces located in the front park area any further. Too many small spaces would eliminate the option of having any single area large enough to hold the majority of the community – if such an occasion should arise.

Among the long range goals for the park, I have include in my original drawing and plans (April of 2000) the layout for a bicycle area. I envision this area to feature the type of bumps and jumps that most young people look for today when riding/racing. For the short term, I believe that young kids should be able to ride on the grassy areas of the park in a fashion similar to the way they can ride in their front yards. But, yes. To the question of a bike area – we will need to develop one.

I would now like to offer my revised list (in order of priority) for this years park development, and I will also continue to present my ideas for future years development with an eye constantly on the financial burden that the tax payer may have to carry if we are not careful in our planning and frugal in our spending.

1. The fence surrounding the perimeter of the park is already in progress and needs to be completed. This expenditure will involve approximately \$2000 of money which was carried forward because it remained unspent from last years budget.
2. An area around the old house and well needs to be secured with fencing and the individual entrances to these structures need to be covered with plywood and nailed to prevent entry. In addition, signs need to be placed identifying the area as off-limits and condemned for public safety reasons. (Cost between \$400 – \$650).
3. The drive way entrance to the park needs to be paved or graveled along with a parking area sufficient to accommodate a minimum of twenty vehicles. (Cost between \$500 – \$3000).
4. A walking path/track should be paved (asphalt) around the perimeter of the original proposed area (if possible, a complete circle) even if the overall width is reduced to a minimum of four feet. (Budgeted cost of \$7,000).
5. A basketball goal should be erected on a pole. The area for the pole should be sufficiently flat in order to provide a suitable surface for “shooting baskets”. (Cost between \$125 and \$200).
6. Funding should be set aside to assist in placing flowers and other greenery along the front borders of the park. (Cost between \$1000 and \$1,500).
7. Plans should be in the making for designing a covered pavilion/picnic area. And the pavilion should be constructed as soon as financially feasible, but at least \$3000 should be set aside for next years budget to begin at least a portion of this structure.

8. Additional long range plans should include the renovation or demolition of some structures, additional border areas (small shrubs, flowers areas, etc), restrooms and running water, and others.

9. In conclusion, I would very much like to see the ball field area developed while my own son is of the size and age to enjoy it. Therefore, I am willing at this time to donate my time, tractors, and other associated equipment to help in establishing the area as to be suitable for "pick-up baseball games", etc. I have also received commitments from other individuals and businesses who will help in deferring some of the cost involved and will donate certain items or time for the project. At this time a commitment from the town for perhaps a maximum of \$2000 will insure that a ball field is in place before next spring. Even if this amount is not forthcoming, I would like to be able to organize these individuals and company sponsors to get the ball rolling (no pun) towards the ball field's development. While I have taken care to list this item as # 9, my reason for doing so is only because of the limited amount of funding which will be required and the number of people who will lend a hand in its completion – it in no way indicates my lack of desire to see this development through to its completion. I still feel that a ball field offers the first and clearest form of our desire to provide a recreational area that can be used by the majority of our kids on an almost daily basis, and in simple terms it should be the first priority after completing the paved walking/track area.

I am also a very active supporter of the development of a walking trail through the woods of the park – indeed, I have already established and collected several loads of wood mulch/chips to be used on such a path, and I am offering my time and equipment, which would include a tractor/ front-end loader to assist in the hauling/spreading of these chips. Ideally, I believe that the walking trail through the woods would also offer an excellent opportunity to perhaps place a strategically located wooden bench (or two) for people to rest on while enjoying the sights. I still own the necessary tools and hopefully retain the needed knowledge to assist someone in constructing and placing such benches if the Council would like to do so.

While I am sure that I have left out many ideas and issues, I believe this summary letter represents my understanding of the direction and development of the park always with an eye on the difficulty of balancing citizen needs with financial constraints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JH' or similar, written in a cursive style.