

Kate,

Oct. 25, 2015

This comes very delayed but still, we, ^{our family} wanted to thank you so much for all the work, thought, effort + time that went into upgrading Hardwood Park in Bly. From the moment of completion of playground area, paving around ^{playground} (which kids are using along with new loop path around the park with their scooters, ^{scooters} bikes), the outdoor fitness equipment + fields of course, have been in very good use. So many people in our neighborhood have congregated their

to use the space for various outdoor activities. I'm happy to say that I feel like the park is being used to its maximum efficiency for its space + our other goal was that the park would be a place for our neighborhood and league communities alike to use regardless of age. There is always someone walking around the park, families even using outdoor equipment ^{at different hours of day} the picnic tables, we have used, as others, as well as the double way benches. The movement forward of the rocks/boulders have definitely improved the parking situation as cars are not getting out so much. So many new people we haven't seen before are using park as well. We understand

↳ See attached paper

NOTE

"Hardwood Park" should be "Harwood Park".

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↳ We understand you had to work with a certain budget, and with appreciation we want to thank you for doing the best you could with it. I've noticed also there are now a few more picnic tables close to Canada Way. We want to also thank you for ensuring that there was a gravel path placed from the lights at Canada Way: Hardwick to the park baseball diamond. This is a much safer option than trying to walk with children behind parked cars on street or on bumpy wet grass. It really welcomes people to the park from that end 😊 So thank you! This summer was great to meet at park various times of the day. We would picnic for lunch + sometimes dinner. After dinner Liam + Liv would meet up with neighborhood friends + those that were playing baseball (siblings). The trees around picnic tables and ~~by~~ along the east fence have been great nature play + climbing up + jumping down the rocks/boulders.

We had a beautiful and hot summer... I know speaking to many of the parents in the neighborhood that they would still wish for some sort of water spray source. I mentioned to them the concern about the noise level, however we are wondering if the city could provide the time limits, months + times of days that the water would be on, that would be respectful to the neighbors... →

Some neighbors say they are used to noise: shouts at the park from soccer + baseball games. For example, (June) July, August, from 1am-5pm? There were quite a few ~~the~~ day to Sept. long weekend

Camps that also visited the park as well. ^{Some} Parents I know would like, if possible, to have a Parks Rec. person come to do some fun crafts/activities with neighborhood kids; not sure who to speak to? But there are children that have 'immigrated' to this park more so now.

In summary, we are super thankful for all your listening + diligence + work you did to improve our park. There are a lot more people healthier & more active as a result, & our community has really shown up + connected too. We are grateful!

I hope this finds you well.

Sincerely,

Nelly, Sean, Liam & Olivia Gaster

P.S.

My mom walks now almost daily around the park. She's grateful as well for your efforts + design, as well as all the neighbors in our community. Thank you!

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