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T. C. ABBOT SCHOOL
2070 SEQUOIA PARKWAY
PAUL W. WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL
TELEPHONE: NORMANDY 5-3639

Mr. Sheldon Sproull
Department of Parks and Recreation
City Hall
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Sproull:

As teachers responsible for the majority of science teaching done at T.C. Abbot school we have made considerable use of the woods area next to our school which is partially owned by the school and partially by the city. We were very concerned to discover that the majority of this "outdoor classroom for living things" has been cleared of many trees and undergrowth, and that therefore most of the plant and animal life which we have been studying will not be able to inhabit that area until it is allowed to return to a natural condition.

We urge you, very strongly, for the benefit of our science education, to stop the clearing work so that the area can gradually return to a usable outdoor classroom. We are reasonably confident that weeds will not take over, to any great extent, if it is left alone. Young tree shoots, and the cover that remains should help keep the weeds in control, but weed control spraying might be carried on for two - three years if this were the case.

Sincerely,

Burt Lamkin
Don Lyon
Robert Stafford
2794 Wagner Ct.
Ann Arbor
Michigan 48103

Dear Mr. Sproull,

Would you please not cut these tree's. I like the tree's very much.

Love
Kenny Weber.
August 18, 1964

Daniel Young Building Co.
2365 Abbott
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Young:

Since my family will be the first residents of Hollywood Park #3 (lot 281), I feel I should pass my comments on to you regarding the condition of the City park on Sequoia between Abbott School and Kuehnle.

The park now appears to have no maintenance at all and is overgrown with weeds. To add to the distraction, someone appears to be misusing the land even more by dumping grass trimmings, debris, etc. onto the park from Sequoia.

I realize there is a movement in Ann Arbor by naturalist groups to leave park areas in their natural state. However, I feel that this park, with its proximity to homes and school is not the place for a natural area overgrown with weeds, poison ivy and brambles. Further, it is now an objectionable area and without attention, comparatively soon, can very well become a menace to my four children. Instead, it is ideally situated for a neighborhood park, properly maintained in grass and trees for the residents of Hollywood Parks Number 2 and 3.

Therefore, by this letter, I am requesting that you as the developer of Hollywood Park #3 pass my request on to the City Administrator, City Council or the proper City department, that this park be cleared up as soon as is practicable and developed with grass and trees.

Very truly yours,

Orville E. Banker

(1116 Kuehnle Ave)
Dear Mrs. Spraully,

I am a student in T. C. Albot School. About the park next to it, I think that you should go ahead and build it. Other people in my class think that the trees should stay. But we know that you should do what you want to.

Sincerely,
Cindy Hale
Third Grade
Dear Mrs. Spruill,

I am a student at Abbot School and I would like you to know how I feel about the tree work they are doing here. I think that it would be nice to have the trees cut down to make way for a park. I also think there should be some trees too. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Gail Ramirez

Third Grade
2659 Sequoia Parkway
Ann Arbor
Michigan 48103
March 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Spalding,

I am a student at Abbott School. My classroom window looks out onto the woods you are cutting down. I think that you should cut down some of the trees but not all. The park will be prettier if it has some trees in it.

Sincerely,
Valerie Enlow
Third Grade
2642 Patricia Ct.
Ann Arbor
Michigan 48103
March 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Sproully,

I am a student at Albott school and I would like the

trees to stay. If you are going to

make a park, I would keep the

big trees and some of the little
trees. I think it is a good idea to

plant grass.

Sincerely,

Alice McLain
Third grade.
Dear Mr. Spreck,

I like the forest outside the window. I don't really care if you take them down because at home we have a forest. The forest does make me feel at home.

Sincerely,
Robb Holmes