



January 8, 2013

Roland Bourdon
Chairman, Acton Community Preservation Committee
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Chairman Bourdon,

Thank you very much for considering funding for the design of a permanent comfort station near the Joseph Lalli Miracle Field in Acton through the Community Preservation Committee. The Miracle Field provides a safe environment to allow those with special needs to enjoy participating in an organized baseball league. The intent of this field was to eliminate the hurdles which discourage these athletes and to give their peers an opportunity to see them as baseball players rather than kids with special needs. Unfortunately, one hurdle remains at NARA Park – an accessible restroom near the field.

Currently, we lease an accessible portable restroom which is placed at the edge of the parking lot behind home plate. Many of the players need the assistance of at least one parent and there simply isn't enough room in this stop-gap solution. Though the games last only an hour, many players travel an hour each way so an accessible bathroom becomes very important. A permanent comfort station would eliminate the final hurdle for these athletes and further enhance NARA Park as a premier recreation facility for those with special needs. As an organization, we are committed to providing a donation toward the construction costs and/or organizing a fundraiser to support this very worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Andy Richardt
Treasurer, Miracle League of Massachusetts



February 1, 2013

Catherine Fochtman

Director, Recreation Department
Town of Acton
472 Main Street
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Cathy,

Thank you for providing updates earlier this week regarding NARA Park's Miracle Field, and the plans to design and build a *Comfort Station*. As requested, I am here by writing to you to express interest and support for this new building / facility to be located between the new Miracle field, the softball field, and the parking lot.

The way you explained it and I understand it, the proposed Comfort Station would address a variety of needs ranging from storage to concessions. To the extent possible, on behalf of AASL I would like to volunteer time, resources, and funding to this project assuming the facility can be designed to offer some shared space to address the needs of our organization. We are specifically interested in storage space for field equipment, bags of lime, drying agents, wheelbarrows, shovels and even a small tractor.

I would also be interested to participate in the design process as appropriate.

Please let me know if the project coordinators are interested in AASL involvement, funding, and participation in the proposed Comfort Station at NARA. You can reach me anytime using the contact info shown below.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Gottesman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rich Gottesman, Commissioner
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