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Dear Board of Trustees,

It should be obvious that since I have been a resident of Scarsdale for 53 years and served as a trustee that I do love this Village. However, after reading the recent editions of The Scarsdale Inquirer I am concerned about several issues.

The first is the fields at Crossway and the Pool Complex. Preliminarily I will tell you that over the years one of the problems with the way big decisions are sometimes made is that the boards, including the ones in which I participated, respond to loud initiatives that may or may not truly reflect the community opinion. At this time this is the case when the discussion may drag on. It is especially so given the Covid distractions. It is important in the discharge of your duties properly evaluate the place of "public opinion" in the decision. At this time there is a proposal to spend 14 million dollars to renovate the pool complex. I love the complex and when my children were children we practically lived at the pool for the entire season. Times have changed. Pool attendance is not as it was. More children go to sleepaway camp and homeowners by droves are building their own pools. This should be evaluated to determine whether the renovation needs to duplicate the pool complex or whether it could be scaled back and enhanced by allowing for some pickle ball courts to be built there. This could increase usage of the pool. This is especially significant in view of the fact that we do not really have any

idea what the usage for pickle ball would be and because Crossway fields are already overburdened. The wet conditions there are notorious and the noise of pickle ball courts would certainly be an unacceptable intrusion on neighbors' rights to enjoy their properties.

The proposal to install lights at Crossway would overburden that field even more. This apparently was an issue dealt with by the courts abutting the Bronx River Parkway. The Crossway area residents are entitled to no less consideration. The other problem with adding any usage to the Crossway fields is that those fields are notoriously wet and soggy. Furthering overuse would in all likelihood result in significant deterioration and thus restrict use. Parking at night might well be another difficult and dangerous situation. I would also point out that the high school already has lit fields? Aren't they available?

Finally, I would like to comment on the recent trustees' review of the use of the downtown. I applaud the idea of looking ahead but this is not the time to undertake any major changes in the downtown. The time and money and surveys and controversy and debate is sure to be more than overwhelming. The Board should focus on the topics that are up for immediate review and move ahead with well thought and well-planned improvements.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,
