

Hollywood Park Tele

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March 16, 1964

T. C. ABBOT SCHOOL  
2670 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 W. Stafford*

Burt Lamkin  
Don Lyon  
Robert Stafford

2794 Wagner Ct.

Ann Arbor

Michigan 48103

Dear Mr. Sproull,

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

Love

Kenny

weber.

August 18, 1964

Daniel Young Building Co.  
2368 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 RUEHNLE AVE)

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Graded by

Ms Spraul

635 Duane Ct.  
Ann Arbor  
Michigan 48103  
March 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Spraul,

I am a student in  
T. C. Abbot 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 tree should stay. But  
we know that you should do  
what you want to.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Hale  
Third Grade

1463 Bird Road  
Ann Arbor  
Michigan, 48103  
March 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Sproull,

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 Ramie

Third Grade

2659 Sequoia Parkway  
Ann Arbor  
Michigan 48103  
March 18, 1964

Dear Mr Sproull,

I am a student at Abbot 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. Sproull,

I am a student at Abbot 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

Abbot School Sequoia  
parkway  
Ann Arbor  
Michigan 48105  
March 18, '75

Dear Mr. Spruell,

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