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Good afternoon,

We are long time users of SSI Park. Our children grew up using this park. Now grandchildren are using the park. We are thoroughly familiar with our neighborhood park. Now MNCPP wants to makes changes inconsistent with the delightful nature of our neighborhood park.
The open green spaces makes our park attractive and inviting for a range of activities. Twice a week, a neighborhood volleyball team for over 20 years uses this park. Neighborhood soccer teams use the park, early mornings before families with children arrive, neighbors congregate with their dogs in the park and then disperse. Yesterday, the park was filled with people. The parking lot was filled and cars crammed the street. People parked in the No Parking zones which creates a traffic flow problem where the Boston Ave narrows. Only one car can get through when this happens. Please leave the parking lot as it is. Houses on the streets bordering the park don't have off street parking and traffic congestion is already a problem.
ADA changes are required. We understand that, but we hope they too will have minimal impact on the park. Exercise stations - NO! This idea may be appropriate for a much larger park (we consider daily aerobic exercise essential, but not at the expense losing the idyllic feel of our park. Dog features - Absolutely Not!!
The memorial bench stands as a symbol of what this park should be. A place where people are not herded on paths that carve up the park into zones of prescribed activities, but a place where people find their own joy.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Murphy
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Sent from my iPad