



AGENDA ITEM # 5.2

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Date: June 5th, 2023

Subject: HOTGL – School Request

Report:
Request as attached

Council Action Requested: Council action as they see fit.



May 16, 2023

To: Pequot Lakes City Council

From: Kurt Stumpf, Pequot Lakes School District Superintendent

Re: Interest in Property

Thank you for the ongoing collaboration with the Pequot Lakes School District. Our continuous partnership benefits our students and families as well as city and district residents. For instance, the City's recent lease of Olson Street to the District has had a major impact on students and visitors of the District. The District was able to add thirty-three parking spaces to Olson Street, with the only expense being materials.

As the District continues to evaluate and investigate our current and possible future facility needs, we again are looking to partner with the City of Pequot Lakes. Thank you for considering the following request.

Land Partnership

Request: The City of Pequot Lakes consider sending a Letter of Intent to the District highlighting their interest in "selling" (\$1) roughly 25-35 acres of land in the Heart of the Good Life in order for the District to build two baseball and two softball fields as shown in Diagram 1. The District understands the layout of the fields will likely need to be altered to maximize the land usage on the south end of the property.

Rationale:

The District property located at Olson Street is land locked and lacks sufficient outdoor space to meet the needs of students. Over 60 students, staff, parents and community members participated in a Facilities Planning Team. During this 5-night series, Facilities Planning Team members toured district facilities, reviewed the facility maintenance needs and the enrollment study as well as worked on prioritizing a list of potential facility improvements from students and staff.

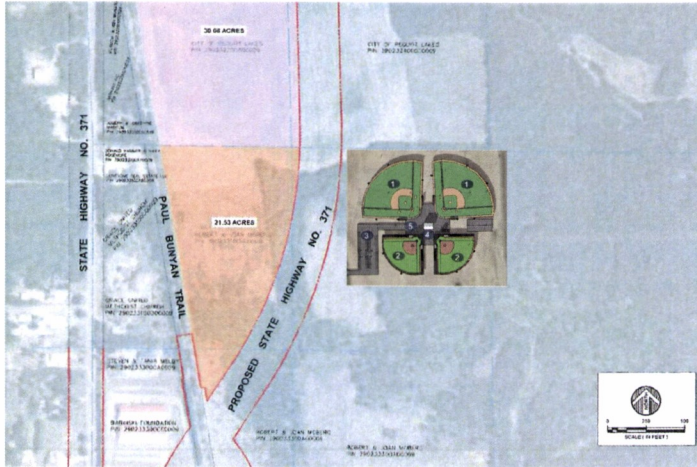
The additional space for two baseball and two softball fields was a recommendation by the Facilities Planning Team. This recommendation aligns with the discussions that took place in 2017 between the City of Pequot Lakes and the District.

It is important to note that the proportions of the property are as critical as the total area itself. The range of 25-35 acres is the result of more investigation on the proposed facility, such as parking, site access, and site water retention. The rectangle in Diagram 1 scales at roughly 20 acres, a corner or two could get trimmed but it all depends on proportions of the property



including what setbacks and easements are going to be required.

Diagram 1



Thank you in advance for this consideration.