

Board of Park Commissioners,

I am attaching this letter in support of our request for a temporary trail cam at North Star Park to provide security to our portable restroom.

MUFA has utilized North Star Park as a priority field for several years now, and it is a crucial hub in our spring and summer operations hosting hundreds of players and their families four nights a week. We are proud of its place in the MUFA community and proud of the positive relationships we have worked to build with the surrounding neighborhood.

Like we do in all parks that do not have permanent restroom facilities, we have placed a portable toilet in the park each year during our time of play. This both supports our players and their families during games by making sure they have access to restroom facilities and supports the neighborhood by ensuring our players use the appropriate restroom facilities. We have adjusted the position of this restroom in the past to accommodate neighborhood requests, which led to its position close to the backstop in the park.

Last year, on June 4th, we received word from Parks that the portable restroom we rented had burned down. The restroom was completely destroyed and MUFA had to pay for its replacement. At the time we considered this a one-off situation and didn't think much of it.

This year, on April 6th, we discovered that the portable toilet we had placed there for the beginning of the season had been burned down. Once again, the restroom was completely destroyed. Madison Police and Fire were contacted and assessed the situation. One of their recommendations since this had happened twice in less than a year was to place a trail cam near it in case of a third event.

We have attended the most recent neighborhood meeting and are working to ensure we do everything we can to balance being respectful of the North Star Neighborhood while being attentive to the needs of our players and the families that attend games with them. We are also concerned about the mounting costs of repeatedly replacing portable toilets as well.

We would take full responsibility for purchasing, installing, and maintaining the trail cam. Any irrelevant footage captured by the trail cam would be deleted and not retained. Parks would not have access to this footage and it would not be used by either organization for purposes of surveillance. The trail cam would be removed promptly upon the removal of the portable toilet at the end of the season. We would work with Parks to choose an inobtrusive location for the camera that would minimize any potential privacy or personal property issues.

We understand the community concern about unnecessary surveillance in public spaces and want to do our best to be considerate of those concerns while maintaining our

relationship with neighborhood and protecting our ability to provide accessible facilities for our players and their families. We are also open to other ideas to accomplish these goals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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