



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND MUNICIPAL PARK ADMINISTRATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Champaign, Illinois 61822

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Mr. Joseph Fabbrini
194 Hoffman Estates
P. O. Roselle
Illinois

Dear Mr. Fabbrini:

As agreed in our recent phone conversation, I am enclosing two copies of "A Digest of Basic Provisions of the Park District Code."

If you require additional information, please write me. You can also obtain useful materials from the Illinois Association of Park Districts, by writing to their Executive Director, Miss Marjorie Dickinson, Illinois Association of Park Districts, 603-6 Ferguson Building, 522 East Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

If your committee would like me to schedule a visit when I am in your area, please advise me. I will be in the area in mid-February and again in March.

I wish you every success in your efforts to organize a park district.

Yours sincerely,

Edward H. Storey
Chief, Field Service

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cc: Miss Marjorie Dickinson

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Appointed as Park District
Commissioner

HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT INFORMATION

1. What is a Park District? In brief, a park district acts to maintain parks and recreation in any given community and its activities are regulated by the State of Illinois. The district is governed by five commissioners who serve alternating six year terms without compensation. A park district is not under the jurisdiction of the village municipal government.
2. Why do we need a Park District?
 - A. Recreation is now one of the biggest needs in Hoffman Estates.
 - B. If we do not organize our own park district, we may end up in someone else's district and pay taxes to support their recreation and parks.
 - C. There is a need to assure that any future development of the community will have adequate plans for space and recreation.
 - D. We also need a park district to organize, establish, and maintain a long-range plan to meet the present and future recreational needs of this area.
 - E. There is the need to facilitate the efforts of the many fine civic groups in our community which are, in some instances, overlapping and in other cases leave gaps.
 - F. If we do not progress in the recreational development of our community, we cannot expect our property values to appreciate or maintain their present level.
3. How much will it cost? For the average home in Hoffman Estates assessed at \$9,000 the cost would be \$8.10. With this money, if the referendum passes on May 2, we can be offering a summer playground program by the end of June, and a lighted schoolhouse program in the fall, as well as maintain our parks.

However, the State of Illinois is specific and sets a ceiling on the amount of tax that may be levied. This would amount to \$13.50 for that same average home assessed at \$9,000.

4. How can you help to get a park district? Vote "Yes" in the May 2 referendum, and volunteer your services to help conduct a telephone survey. We feel if everyone can hear our park district story, they will see the opportunity for progress in the community and be in favor. Won't you help us for this worthy cause?

Joseph Fabbrini
Park District
Steering Committee