

February 2, 2024

Mayor Jacque and City Council Members
City of Dyersville
Memorial Building
340 1st Avenue East
Dyersville, IA 52040

Subject: Request for Reallocation of ARPA Funds for Ballfield Light Fixture Replacement

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

As we continue our efforts to enhance the recreational facilities within our city, I am writing to request the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address urgent issues related to the ballfield light fixtures at Candy Cane and Westside Park.

The City has committed \$250,000 from ARPA funds towards constructing a restroom and concession stand at Commercial Club Park Little League ballfields. However, unforeseen challenges, including logistics of utility services and lease agreement complexities, have emerged, potentially delaying the expenditure of these funds beyond the federal grant's timeline.

Considering recent events, Candy Cane and Westside Park are experiencing disruptions in their operations due to storm damage and the age-related deterioration of their light fixtures. The significance of these ballfields to our community cannot be overstated, and the absence of proper lighting threatens the safety and usability of these recreational spaces.

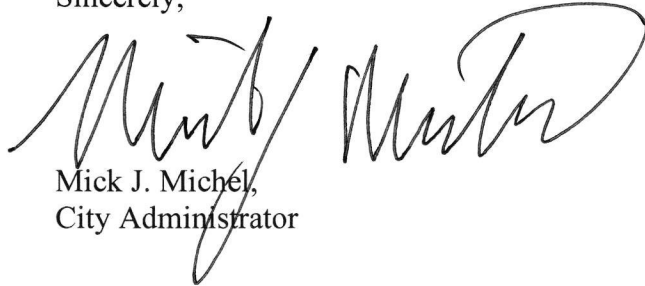
To address this pressing issue, I recommend that the City Council consider reallocating the \$250,000 earmarked for the Commercial Club Park project and directing these funds towards replacing the main ballfield Candy Cane and the big field Westside Park light fixtures. This strategic reallocation will allow us to promptly address the critical need for lighting at these facilities, ensuring the safety and enjoyment of our residents while utilizing available funds more effectively.

I understand that such reallocation decisions require careful consideration, and I am available to provide any additional information or clarification needed to facilitate this process. Timely action will enable us to initiate the replacement project swiftly,

minimizing further disruptions to the community's access to these valuable recreational spaces.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to discussing this proposal at our upcoming City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Michel", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mick J. Michel,
City Administrator