



PUBLIC COMMENTS –  
for the Tuesday, May 26, 2026 Board Meeting

From: Laura Lopez  
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 12:40 PM  
To: Hofeld, Rich; puliccomment@homewoodil.gov  
Cc: generalinfo  
Subject: Petition  
Good morning Mr.Hofeld,

I would like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Laura Lopez and I have been a resident of Homewood for almost 7 years. My family and I moved here from the Chicago northside. Best decision we could have made for our family. We love Homewood! We love all the village events. My family enjoys taking walks to the parks. We are very excited about the renovation of Irwin park. This is our spot for the 4th of July parade. My oldest son is graduating from HF in a few days! I have another son attending James hart and my youngest daughter will be attending churchill. My boys love playing soccer and have been training at HF high school turf field. Unfortunately this past Friday my son was kicked out of the field. He was not causing any trouble. We have been going to the turf field since we moved here! The turf field is always full of people playing sports. I reached out to the athletic director at HF who explained the field actually has some kind of signage. Apparently this explains that residents are not allowed to do any training or sports. I'll be honest I have never seen them. I don't believe anyone is aware considering how busy this area can be during warm days. My son and his friends ended up going to Marian high school to continue their soccer training. I'm not familiar with politics and village budgets, liability issues etc. The situation did not make any sense to me. I am a Homewood resident whose children are not allowed in the public high school. I understand we have other parks where they can play soccer. Most of the time the grass is too tall or fields are just too muddy. James Hart soccer team this season had to reschedule several games due to the conditions of the fields. There is just something about playing in a turf field that really motivates a student athlete. I would like to petition for a public turf field in our community. One that all families can access without security kicking them out and forcing our own children to unsafe neighborhoods. I ask Mr.Hofeld how do we move forward with my petition?

Thank you for your time,  
Laura Lopez