

I am unable to attend the meeting where public comments will be allowed so I am sending my written concerns. **How the Commons is used should be the driving force behind any improvements.** The following comments are the objections I have to Mr. del Rio's proposal for the commons. Please read them at the meeting for me.

**Playground Equipment-** replacing equipment is acceptable but climbing structures, a ninja course, and spinners are not because the current equipment is not used enough to warrant such expense. With these new items, I believe the town is inviting a lawsuit if a child gets hurt. A fence should be added around the current playground area to protect it from the traffic on the corner.

**Land Acquisition-** I was contacted by a member of the committee asking if I would sell my adjacent lot to the town for these improvements and my answer was no. Mr. del Rio states in his budget money for land acquisition. Where is he planning to get this land?

**Tennis Courts-**The replacement of the tennis courts is a waste of money because their use does not warrant such an expense. If repair is needed then resurface the courts.

**Permanent restroom facilities** should not be considered until we have town sewer. The portable toilets served the purpose for now.

**Drainage-** The property drainage was corrected by the installation of the drain tiles installed on the town property and my property to alleviate the drainage issue. The engineer stated that a permanent structure could not be built on either side of the property because it would negatively impact the drainage. The large ditch separates my property and the town property.

**Amphitheater-**is not needed, instead expand the gazebo for covered concerts if this is the goal. Walking trail is not needed as the town has enough streets and side roads for walking.

**Fitness stations** are a waste. How will these be maintained?

**The shaded benches** are an acceptable addition. Plant some trees to shade the benches.

**The charm of the town** will be impacted in a negative manner. The openness of the commons will be destroyed. The areas will be cluttered. The safety and liability issues are a major concern.

Our taxpayer dollars need to focus on securing a part time police presence in our town.

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