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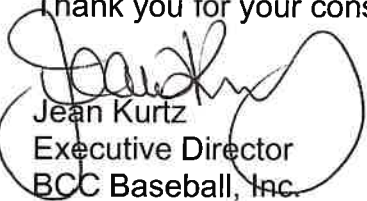
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Dear County Council Members:

I am writing to you today to ask you to strongly consider the MNCPPC athletic field program when constructing the 2024 budget for the parks department. As one of the larger users of fields in Montgomery County over the last 30 years, those facilities are absolutely the most important resource we at BCC Baseball have. We are serving over 2500 families each spring, summer and fall and the need for safe playing fields is of the utmost importance to us. The cost of everything has risen in the last couple of years and I believe that is the case for supplies and materials and personnel for parks as well, which would mean the need for an increased budget over 2023 to just maintain what they have been doing to support maintenance of parks. Although MNCPPC's athletic field program has made great improvements on athletic fields in Montgomery County over the last few years, the job is not done. On top of just the regular maintenance on these fields, there is a great need for continuing improvements which includes infield renovations, drainage, irrigation, lights, scoreboards, etc. to provide the community of this great county the youth sporting experiences which we expect. These things also need to be considered when creating the budget for 2024.

Please help us at BCC Baseball representing a large group of the community with the safe playing fields that our children deserve by giving parks the money needed for the the resources they need to make our athletic fields the best they can be.

Thank you for your consideration


Jean Kurtz
Executive Director
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