March 4, 2021

To: Leland Township Board

I am writing this letter it pertains to the ongoing improvement and planning process at Hancock Field.

Again, as the granddaughter of the benefactor of Hancock Field, the late Paul A. Hancock, I speak on my ancestor’s behalf as to how I believe they would want this public legacy field to be sustained. As with the proposal last summer to install and update soccer fields, I believe it to be in the best interest of the Leland community to continue to upgrade, enhance and beautify Hancock Field. I also believe that now is the time to do so.

When my grandfather donated the land back in the late 1930’s, the park was no doubt a place of beauty and a gathering place for the community to enjoy. Much like anything that has been around for almost a century, time has taken a toll and the park is now showing its age. It’s said “the more things change, the more they stay the same”. I agree with that, and feel that Hancock Field can, and would, benefit from structural and communal “changes” and upgrading to the facilities.

I speak as proxy for my grandfather, that the Hancock family would support the proposal to engage a landscape architect to develop ideas and plans to upgrade and enhance the beauty of Hancock Field and once again restore it to 21st century beauty and usefulness for the community.

Sincerely, and with appreciation for the interest and process of ensuring my Grandfathers legacy continues for the next century and generation.

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