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SUBJECT: Community Park – Carol Stream, Illinois

This letter serves as a formal request for an additional extension of two months, taking the completion date to September 1, 2024 for the Carol Stream Park District's Community Park Project. This extension is requested for multiple reasons. The primary need for an extension is related to weather conditions; Mother Nature hasn't been working in our favor this spring. A majority of the remaining work after January 1 was fine grading. That type of work simply cannot be accomplished when site conditions are significantly saturated. Additionally, there have been multiple vendors who have not been able to deliver products on time. At the time this letter is being written, I am happy to report we have received most products needed to finish the project, however, we are still in need of a few smaller playground pieces to complete the playground.

Below you will find a detailed list of items not completed. I've included their expected completion dates. I'm happy to provide additional detail if you have any questions/comments with regard to any of the items below.

Items Not Completed To Date:

- **Playground** – Two steppers are needed to complete the playground installation, along with a few bolts that were missing when the playground was delivered. This isn't a new phenomenon and this is fairly common in the post-covid world we live in. For whatever reason, we are seeing this across the board throughout our entire park system. Replacement parts are incredibly challenging to get in a reasonable amount of time. Playground representatives have stated these pieces will arrive in 4-6 weeks.
- **Color coat on basketball court(s)** – This portion of the project is weather driven. In order to apply the color coat and complete this portion of the project, the asphalt needs to be dry. We have had to continuously adjust the schedule with this contractor due to rain. We are scheduled to get it done and then it rains and pushes us back, etc. An extension will allow sufficient time to work around rain delays.
- **Flagpole** – The sleeve the flagpole sits in, in the ground, was not delivered with the original order. We have been patiently waiting for it. The vendor has notified us that the sleeve will be

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delivered in approximately 3 weeks or less. Once received, our contractor, Construction Inc., will work quickly to get it installed.

- **Site grading** – This particular project has quite a bit of grading, so every day it rained we were truly set back multiple days as it is virtually impossible to accomplish the necessary work under saturated conditions. The extension will allow sufficient time to work around rain delays and ensure the proper grading.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions/comments with regard to any of the items listed above, or would like clarification on anything related to this fantastic project, please feel free to contact me via email at shaneh@csparks.org or by cell phone at 847-774-0380.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

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