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To: Rochester Park and Recreation Board
From: Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Konicek
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Volunteers who circulated these petitions, and especially members of the American Association of University Women, are to be commended for their contribution to the project. Workers were interested to note that the large majority of people contacted showed active interest in formation of a park. I have personally contacted the responsible individuals who own this property and they have indicated to me their willingness to negotiate with the Park Board for the sale of this land.

A park of this type in Northwest Rochester would fit well into the highly developed area which is not presently served by a major park. The long-range city park plan established some years ago included this area. This area is within walking distance of six schools: John Marshall, St. Pius, Washington, Northrup, Hoover, and Kellogg. This would afford an opportunity for continued nature study in the earth sciences, ecology, biology, and botany.

The number of people who signed this petition is an indication of the broad-based interest in this park project in Northwest Rochester. These homeowners and business men and women are fully aware of the increasing costs of securing and maintaining park land, but they are also aware that the location and features of this area are of such a unique character and outstanding potential that they cannot be duplicated.

We know that funding is a major problem in acquiring this property for a park, and our committee and a number of the individuals contacted indicated a willingness to assist the Park Board in securing public and private funding.

The initial step I took in this project for establishing a park was to deposit a sum of money in the Olmsted Federal Savings and Loan for the Grindlay Park Fund on October 23, 1970. This was prompted by the enthusiasm of people who visited us and saw the well established nature trails, virgin woods, and scenic overlook of the city of Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudie Konicek

