



Munster Lions Club, "Serving Munster Since 1938"

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Mark,

I am writing you this letter with the direction of Robyn Paulsen. The Munster Lions Club is seeking to rename the Munster Social Center to the Munster Lions Club Social Center. Below is a brief history of how Community Park was donated by The Munster Lions Club including the Social Center.

In the 70's, Munster did not have a political structure at that time nor a town manager, so Russ Snyder Town Council President was the highest elected official. He was also very active in the Munster Lions Club. At that time, The Lions Club Owned Community Park which was maintained as a private park. The federal government was offering matching funds for property donated to build parks. The Munster Lions Club under the guidance of Russ wanted to help the Town of Munster with this grant and donate the land to The Town of Munster but the park was appraised at \$1,000,000, and the feds had a limit of \$250,000 per year. so, with the skilled guidance of town attorney Gene Feingold, Park Board Chairman George Erickson, Lions Club Treasurer Jim Schmidt, and Russ Snyder coordinating from his dual positions, the park was divided into four parcels and donated over four years to The Town of Munster. The Town received the \$1,000,000 appraised park value that was donated by The Munster Lions Club and another million to improve it from the Federal Government.

The Munster Lions Club will cover all associated costs for the name change signage if approved by the Park Board. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Donald Erminger
Lions Club President