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Subject: Request for direction on suggestion

Hello Board Members! On November 2nd I sent an email submitting a suggestion. I only received one acknowledgement and now I am wondering if I should have sent it to a different place. I realize you must receive multiple complaints, questions, and suggestions each month. I see that your meeting last night was cancelled for lack of an agenda. How can I get my suggestion on the agenda for your next meeting? Please let me know if there is someone else I can contact or at least acknowledge my communication. I will copy my original email below.

Thank you again for your consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Pat Howard

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Original email from 11/2/21:

Hello Board Members! Thank you for serving our community. I would like to suggest an improvement in our community that I believe would benefit many of our citizens. Many people in Jenison enjoy using the paved walking path around the lake at Maplewood park, including myself. It is level, open, has plenty of parking, and showcases a beautiful setting. I strive to walk in all kinds of weather. This leads me to my pitch- I would love to see the walking path maintained for winter walking. We live in Michigan. It snows. It gets dark early in the evening. We need places to get outside safely and enjoy the winter landscape. Minimally, I would like to see the path plowed after a significant snowfall and if there were some solar lights installed on the west end of the walk, that would be even better.

There is a city park in the middle of Traverse City that is open for walking/running all year. It is well lit and the roads, parking lots, and walking paths are kept free of snow all winter. On any given winter evening you can see people of all walks of life using that park for recreation. Our Maplewood Park is on a much smaller scale but could be used the same way. The path is 2 yards wide for a distance of 2 miles. I can't imagine that plowing that would be very costly. Even if one parking area was kept plowed, that would be enough for the winter season.

I am sure there are logistics to this suggestion that I have no idea of and I honestly do not know what cost would be involved. However, I would like my board to at least investigate the possibilities and let me know if this is feasible for our community. Thank you for considering this idea.