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Dear Mr. Justin Atlas
Commissioner
Albany County Parks & Recreation

The Town of Colonie requests \$19,000.00 through Albany County's Improvement Initiative, Resolution No. 448 to upgrade and repair the Lisha Kill Pocket Park located at 44 Amelia Drive, Schenectady NY 12309, in the Town of Colonie. This is a 6.30-acre park that provides recreational opportunities for the local neighborhood. It is comprised of an ADA playground, tennis courts, basketball courts and a large sports field. Over the years, the courts and fencing around the courts has become deteriorated to the point that they can not be used safely. Attached are pictures of the courts and fencing as they appear today.







The objective of our proposed project is to revitalize this park by installing all new fencing and replacing the existing blacktop courts with new blacktop and striping.

We appreciate Albany County taking the interest in helping its local communities and your continued interest in investing in Parks and Recreation. If at any time you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at 518-783-2760 Ext.1555.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Breslin

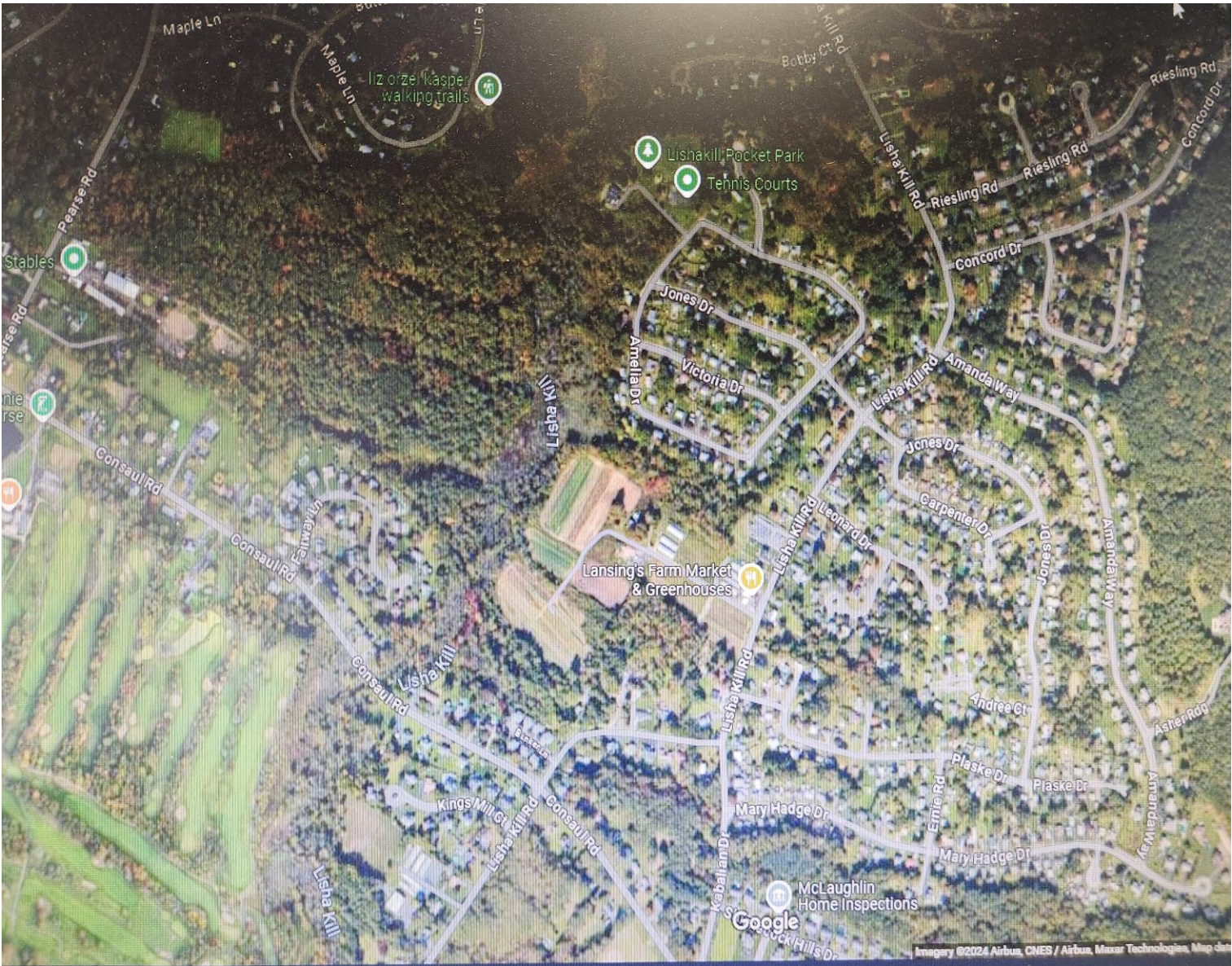
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ii.
Anticipated Project Expenses

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Pave 160' x 104'	\$200	190 Tons	\$ 38,000.00
Tack Coat on top			\$ 3,000.00
Rout and fill cracks			\$ 10,000.00
Raise the court drains, Dig out raised net line, sleeve posts			\$ 15,000.00
Striping of court (Estimated)			\$ 3,000.00
Remove old and install new Fencing and gates(estimated)			\$ 34,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 103,000.00

iii.

The Lisha Kill pocket park serves a large portion of the western part of the Town of Colonie. The Town of Colonie constructed these pocket parks throughout the town enabling the neighborhood residents to walk to the parks for recreational activity. As you can see by the picture of the area on the next page, there are approximately 25 streets within walking distance and many more in the surrounding area. This project will allow these residents the opportunity to have a state-of-the-art facility for tennis and basketball.



iv.

As with any Town or Village government, there are limited financial resources available and projects have to be prioritized. The Town of Colonie is committed to bringing our parks back to the conditions that the community expects. We are currently upgrading the parks that we partner with Albany County Parks and Recreation for their summer youth camps (Flag Football, Baseball, Pickleball, Lacrosse) and are also revitalizing the waterfront for the community to once again enjoy. With the cost of doing over just the Basketball and Tennis courts for one small park is well over 50 thousand dollars, we are limited financially to how much can be accomplished each year.

v.

At this time there are no matching funds for this park in 2024. Hopefully this grant can be utilized in a later fiscal year

vi.

Attached with this submission are two letters of recommendation. One letter is from Albany County Legislator Frank Mauriello and the second letter is from Albany County Legislator Susan Laurilliard.

I want to thank you once again for your thoughtful consideration of our request for funding. The county's willingness to take the time and effort to invest in Parks and Recreation has not gone un-noticed by the community. We look forward to hearing from you and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Breslin