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Board of Commissioners
Palatine Park District
250 E. Wood Street
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Dear Commissioners:

On June 13th, I presented a multi-use trail opportunity for a vacant strip of land located parallel and south of the Union Pacific Railroad in the northwest part of Palatine. Under the direction of the Board, Superintendent Pat Moser wrote a letter to IDOT, dated July 5th, requesting that a pedestrian underpass be installed during the upcoming Dundee Road bridge reconstruction project, to accommodate a future trail.

In IDOT's September 20th response, they cited the lack of Park District ownership or an agreement with the railroad as the reason the underpass cannot be included as part of their project.

The vacant strip of land in question is owned by Union Pacific Railroad, as noted on the bridge project's right-of-way plan. This strip is 85 feet wide at Dundee Road and is located OUTSIDE the typical 100 foot railroad ROW. This excess railroad property is not currently being used for any purpose and is overgrown with vegetation.

I am requesting that the Park District Board contact Union Pacific Railroad, to request a trail easement, lease, or transfer of this excess property. If an agreement could be reached, it is my hope that IDOT will re-evaluate the inclusion of a pedestrian underpass in their \$13.4 million bridge project.

Sincerely,

Steve Breese

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

Demosthenes (384 BC - 322 BC)