

3/25/25

To: Jim Sofranco, Supervisor, Town of Olive

Dear Jim,

Greetings and happy spring to you.

I'm writing as a follow up to my email of 1/20. Spending more time in the neighborhood lately, I have been talking with the Lang Road residents and everyone I've spoken to is enthusiastic about the possibility of a tree planting campaign to beautify the West side of Davis Park, along the baseball field. I can tell you from our conversations that we're all grateful for the work that the Town Hall does for the community and we understand completely the value of the new building that was erected last summer.

We do hope, however, that the town will be open to the idea of minor landscaping to improve the aesthetics of Davis Park, not just for the Lang Road residents but for all the families that visit the park. For patrons of the town pool and pavilion, and for the baseball teams and summer campers that enjoy the field, some foliage between the field and the Town buildings would go a long way toward maintaining the natural beauty of the park. To that end, we would love to propose planting a row of fast-growing screen/shade trees and shrubs (Thuja, Cryptomeria, Cherry, Rose of Sharon, etc). This would look beautiful and act as a visual screen to the buildings along the field.

As of now, there are over a dozen local residents (the list is growing!) that would like to offer our support in any way that might help to achieve this goal. We'd be happy to come into Town Hall to make our plea, we could offer our help to research the best tree varieties, to assist with purchasing, and we'd be glad to offer our manual labor with digging and planting saplings. If the town can find a budget for the project, that would be fantastic, but we are also open to a fundraising campaign. As Spring arrives, we'd love to make this planting happen. Please let me know how we might move forward. We're very grateful for your time and attention.

Sincerely, Josh Dorman and the Davis Park improvement & tree enthusiasts

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Mock up with Thuja trees.

