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To: Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Kelly Merrick

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For House Resources Committee

Thank you Representatives McCarty and Merrick for your sponsorship of HB 304. Your efforts to continue the stewardship of this incredible multi use recreational facility is extremely important to our community. I am an active Lion, and have witnessed, and have often been involved with, events and activities that take place at Eagle River Lions Park over many decades. The Lions build, improve and manage the park at no cost to the state or municipality for this work. Nor are the several thousand annual youth organizations charged. This is simply the Lions upholding our motto of "We Serve". I had the opportunity to first participate in Little League at Lions Park fifty years ago on their single field. Today the park has a state of the art baseball and softball complex. The Lions also host youth football, soccer, tennis courts, picnic pavilions, a playground and many other amenities, including the largest building (seating capacity), with a commercial kitchen, in our community.

This is all done without operating support from government.

Management and stewardship of this parcel by the Lions has been beneficial for our community, and has far exceeded what government could have done, and at with no government operating assist. Let's keep a good thing going by passing HB 304.

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