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Greetings Ashland School Board and Ashland Parks Commission, I am wishing to submit public comments regarding the agenda item Lincoln School Field.

I have been participating with both the Ashland School Board and the Ashland Parks commission for the past decade in efforts to Save our Playgrounds and Parks. I am an active member of Save Our Schools and Playgrounds which has advocated for retaining these open spaces as recreational playgrounds with better management and long-term preservation plans in place for perpetuity.

I encourage both these bodies tonight to develop a sustainable plan that will allow this Lincoln Field to have a long-term solution that will keep it as a park for the school district and community of Ashland. Our citizens of Ashland have a lot of interest in this field being protected from commercial development or from neglect.

It seems like much time has passed (years) and with multiple changes of the school board members, that this matter has been left on the table. Unfortunately, this means that this situation has no resolution. And because of this, the maintenance has not been kept up over the years (until recently).

Making a permanent decision about the future of Lincoln playground/park would alleviate the problem of who is to maintain the field, water the field. Please consider many of the sound proposals on the table tonight and please make a sensible decision that could protect this open space and allow the school and the community to enjoy this park! It was done at Briscoe and it can be done at Lincoln.

Thank you for your time.

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Cheers! Keep smiling

Celine Buczek