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Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Secretary Jennifer Ringold
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners
Superintendent Jayne Miller
2117 West River Road
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Dear Secretary Ringold, Commissioners, Superintendent Miller, and Staff,

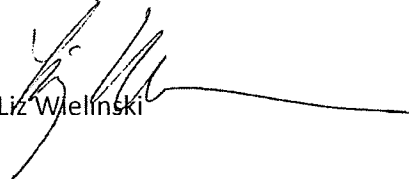
It has been an honor to serve as president of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the past two and a half years. Securing passage of the 20-year Parks and Roads Plan, and the corresponding ordinance for distributing the funds using our equity matrix, was a labor of love for me on behalf of this organization and the residents of Minneapolis. We have done a lot of good work together and that effort has manifested itself in the quality of parks our city enjoys today. Thank you to all the staff and fellow board members who have helped make that happen.

Because of that success, it is with an extraordinarily heavy heart that I must inform you of my intention to step down as president of the board due to health concerns. Unfortunately, my position and the pressures involved have taken a heavy toll on my health. This is most certainly not the way I hoped to wrap up my tenure as president of the board, but after consultation with my doctor and family members, and with consideration for the importance of the board for the parks in this city, I have decided this move is best at this juncture in my life. My resignation as president of the board will become effective at the time of the election of my replacement at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners on July 20, 2016.

I have so thoroughly enjoyed my time serving as president and feel my contribution to this city's parks and overall quality of life has been positive. As the late Mohammed Ali said, "Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth" – I could not agree more, and my service to others will continue as a regular voting member of the board.

Again, I want to thank all the staff, commissioners, and constituents, from my district and outside, who have contributed to the parks during my tenure. It has been an honor for me to serve you as board president.

Sincerely,


Liz Wielinski