



Rosemont-Villanova Civic Association




The Board of the Rosemont Villanova Civic Association (RVCA), by a vote of 8-1, has adopted the following resolution regarding Oakwell:

The vast majority of the Board of Directors of RVCA and community members surveyed by the RVCA do not support the original LMSD plan to convert the Oakwell site to multiple athletic fields.

As a result, we support the plan reached by the LMSD and Lower Merion Commissioners to use an alternate site (the Haverford Polo grounds) to provide playing fields for use by Black Rock Middle School. We applaud the work of Commissioners Gavrin and Zelov in making that happen. To the extent the need for additional playing fields remains, we favor the use of sites other than Oakwell. If locations other than Oakwell cannot be secured, then we urge the LMSD and the Township, working with groups such as Natural Lands and the Lower Merion Conservancy, to develop plans that preserves as much as possible the natural landscape, heritage trees and historic buildings at Oakwell.

In addition, those plans must consider the impact to the directly affected residential community, solicit the input from those residents and minimize traffic and maximize pedestrian safety in those affected neighborhoods.

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William Young
Secretary

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