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To: North Canton City Council:

Subj. The Destruction of one Recreational Facility to Build Another.

Ref: Kelly Hill's article in the Repository 6 Feb.2002

I am against the destruction of the Dogwood Tennis Courts for the purpose of building a facility for skaters.

I am not against a facility for the skaters.

I use the Dogwood Courts to play singles and doubles with friends, to help others improve their game, to improve my game, and , to practice before a match. I work with my grandsons to help improve their game.

Many people from toddlers to Senior Citizens use these courts often. Kids use these courts to practice and play when there is a break in the weather all year round even if the nets are not up.

There are other places that a skate facility could be built. Price Park has lots of room. The West end of the football parking lot. The parking lot at the pool.

In talking with Mr. Cooksey he mentioned that they did not want to pour more asphalt but look what is being done at the baseball fields east of the city. As for noise at Price Park there is plenty of that when bus loads of kids arrive or when there is a good softball game going.

The five new tennis counts behind the high school are nice. But no lights, no restrooms, no drinking water.

TENNIS IS A GAME FOR A LIFETIME ! I don't know
about skateboarding.

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