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5. Parking. Parking facilities seem to be best confined to an area near Oak Street in order not to unnecessarily cut up the park area. They might even be crowded further north than shown. The area as drawn would allow about 40 cars to park at right angles without supervision. If more facilities are desired, please notify me. I would recommend a blacktop parking area, since it is by far more servicable than gravel and requires much less upkeep. If the initial cost on this would be too high, gravel would be a second choice. In either case, a "buffer strip" of grass (and possibly some low shrubbery) between the parking lot and Oak Street would be desirable.
6. Foot Bridge. This location is only "guess work" since I do not know the condition of the river bank at this spot.
7. Walk-Service Drive. This would not be open to the public as a road. It should be primarily a walk-way but built to accommodate vehicles necessary to service the area. If I remember correctly, the area to the other side of the creek can be reached from another road. If this road can be used for an occasional servicing of the southwest corner of the park, then the bridge (item #6) can be built for pedestrian traffic only. If it can't be used for servicing, then a vehicle bridge might be desirable.
8. Areas for croquet, shuffle-board, small children's playground equipment, etc. have not been shown on the plan, since there is sufficient room for them in a variety of places on the proposed plan. A final plan will include locations for these facilities.

It is very important that we agree on the location of these things so that tree plantings and shrub plantings can be suggested. A planting plan is worthless if the general layout is altered later. If all of the proposed areas can't be constructed in the first few years, space for them should still be protected for future development.

I would suggest that you discuss all of these points with the park committee and notify me of the results of the meeting, so that any necessary alterations in the layout can be made before a planting plan is developed. Since my schedule for this autumn is completely filled, I will not be able to attend this meeting. Perhaps Mr. Stansfield could be present, however, and this would be very desirable.

I shall be in Warsaw on Friday, September 20. If the park committee has had a chance to discuss the situation before that date, perhaps we could get together at some time during the day. Such a meeting would have to be in Warsaw, since I will not be going through, and will not have time to go through Mentone. Final arrangements, if any, would have to be made