



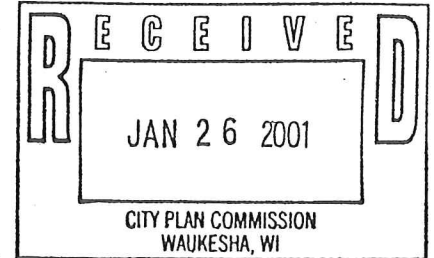
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Dear Dave:

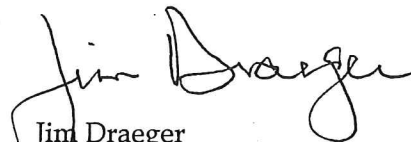
I am writing to share my observations about the significance of the Moor-Downs property based on my site visit of January 8th. As you know, I extensively toured the Moor-Downs complex and viewed the snow-covered landscape from all accessible angles. Clearly, the Moor-Downs complex is significant, as evidenced by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. At the time of its listing, the golf course was included in the nomination, the boundaries were drawn to encompass the course, and the course was noted as a contributing element.

As you know, the resort era of Waukesha is of immense importance to the historic character of the city. That history shaped the physical appearance and development of Waukesha and created an imprint on the city that is still visible today. The Moor-Downs is a seminal feature of Waukesha's resorts era. No other property so strongly embodies Waukesha's resort history. The golf course is exceptionally important, because it is the sole property that tells the story of Waukesha's struggle in the early twentieth century to create an economic transition from springs-based tourism to more active recreational tourism.

Although, the course was snow-covered at the time of my visit, the presence of large, mature trees and stands of mature shrubs, stone bridges, and other landscape features would suggest that the course retains significant landscape features that contribute to the ability of the property to convey its historic importance.

If you have any additional questions or if I may be of further assistance, please contact me at (608) 264-6511.

Sincerely,


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Architectural Historian