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Dear Editors:

Chicago Executive Airport is currently in the process of updating its Master Plan, systematically evaluating all aspects of its operations and infrastructure to determine how best to serve the needs of its users. The Master Plan update is encouraged by the Federal Aviation Administration, which will reimburse their share of the cost of the study upon its completion. The Village of Wheeling co-owns the airport with the City of Prospect Heights.

In the interest of maintaining the integrity of the update process and allowing it to continue without political interference, the Village's officials have largely avoided making statements that might affect its results. However, given serious concerns that have been publically expressed by residents, businesses, and nearby communities, it now seems appropriate and responsible to clarify the Village's position.

While the Village is deeply committed to the continued success of Chicago Executive Airport, and believes in the value of the Master Plan update process, we have previously stated and now reiterate that our first duty is always to safeguard the safety, prosperity, and comfort of the Wheeling community. Therefore, on behalf of all Village of Wheeling elected officials, I affirm that we strongly advocate the optimization of the airport's operations within its existing boundaries, but we do not and will not support expansions of the runways that would negatively impact our community or our neighbors.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to continued cooperation with the City of Prospect Heights as we foster improvements at the airport with the guidance of the Master Plan once the update process concludes in the autumn of this year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Horcher". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patrick Horcher
Village President

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