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Dave Plyman
City Manager
420 North Sixth Street
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Dear Mr. Plyman:

On behalf of the GREDCO Board, I would like to request that the City of Rochelle recognize the efforts of Ken Wise for his dedication and years of service to Rochelle. The idea for the rail park came from Ken's observation of people from all over the country coming to the area to watch the trains. They would stand on the edges of the track so they could take pictures near and around the diamond crossing. It was Ken's vision to create a safe and convenient park for rail fans to enjoy the diamond where two main railroads cross. Ken was able to accomplish this with minimal cost to the City through grants and by helping to establish a tourism tax.

The GREDCO Board would like the City to consider changing the name of the Rail fan Park in honor of Ken Wise. We respectfully request it be renamed "***The Ken Wise Railroad Park***".

Sincerely,

Randy Wakenight

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Vice President
GREDCO