

# Request for Council Action

Originator Parks and Recreation	Item <b>Running Park Softball Field Naming Request</b>
Agenda Section Consent	Date 6/27/2016

Description

Periodically, the City receives requests to rename park facilities to honor organizations or individuals. Examples include: Gene C. Kelly Playfield, Bruce Gustafson Field, Red Haddox Field, Tony Oliva Field and the Tom Robinson Field House. The City recently received a request to rename Running Park softball field #1 (NW corner of park) as the “Scott and Stacey Ensrud Field.” Enclosed is the City Facilities Naming Nomination Form for this request as well as the backup documentation provided by the applicant, Anthony Ensrud, who is the son of Scott and Stacey Ensrud.

The City has a City Facilities Naming Policy which was adopted by City Council on August 6, 2007. The purpose of the naming policy is to provide guidelines for designating names for City of Bloomington facilities. A copy of the policy is enclosed.

The field renaming request was reviewed by the PARC at May 11 PARC meeting. The PARC voted 5 to 1 in favor of forwarding a recommendation to Council to approve the renaming request. Criminal background checks were completed on both Scott and Stacey Ensrud and no issues were identified.

The Parks and Recreation Manager has known Scott Ensrud for nearly thirty years and can vouch for his character and accomplishments. Scott and Stacey have been softball players and team sponsors for decades, often sponsoring four to five teams annually in the City of Bloomington adult softball leagues. The Ensruds’ sponsorships include financial support for the payment of league registration fees as well as the provision of team apparel through their screen printing/apparel business. Given that the Ensruds are long-time supporters, sponsors and participants in the Bloomington adult softball leagues, the Parks and Recreation Manager supports the field renaming request.

The costs for the manufacture and installation of the field sign will be paid by the applicant. The nominating applicant, Anthony Ensrud, will be in attendance at the June 27 meeting to address any questions on his field renaming request.

Requested Action

Approve the Running Park Softball Field Naming Request.

Attachments:

Ensrud Renaming Request Backup Documents