



Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary

To: Town Council
From: John C. Carrington, Interim Town Manager
CC: Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jay O'Keefe, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: March 9, 2020
Re: Ad Hoc Committee on the Naming of Southeast Park Field "A"

Subject Matter/Background

On February 5, 2020, the office of Parks and Recreation received a request letter (attached) from the Mansfield Little League to name Southeast Park Field "A" the "Andrew J. Baylock Field". The Parks and Recreation Department is in full support of this request for all the reasons identified in the letter. The request was forwarded to the Recreation Advisory Committee for their consideration and at their February 27, 2020 meeting, they unanimously supported the request and, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Town Council convene an Ad-Hoc Committee on Naming Ballfields for the purpose of naming Southeast Park Field "A" as the "Andrew J. Baylock Field". As a past practice, the Town Council has created an Ad Hoc Committee to name streets, buildings and the town square. If the Town Council forms the committee, and if the committee concurs with the request and recommendation, a formal ceremony will be held on the Little League opening day on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at noon.

Financial Impact

None, if approved, the Mansfield Little League plans to pay for the cost of a formal sign to recognize the field name.

Legal Review

Not required

Recommendation

Typically, the naming committees have been comprised of three members of the Town Council. If the Town Council wishes to establish the Ad Hoc Committee, the following motion is on order:

Move, to appoint Councilors _____, _____, and _____ to the Ad Hoc Committee on Naming of Ballfields, which is charged with considering a request

to name one of the Town's ballfields then report back to the Town Council for formal review and consideration.

Attachments

- 1) Memo from Parks and Recreation Department dated Feb. 27, 2020
- 2) Letter of request from Mansfield Little League dated Feb, 5, 2020



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TO: Town Council Ad-Hoc Committee on Ballfields
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SUBJECT: Field Naming Request

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February 5, 2020

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Mr. Vincente,

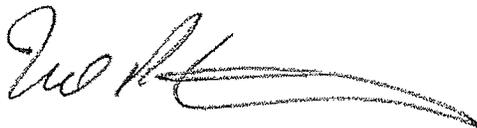
Please accept this letter as an official request from the Mansfield-Ashford Little League (M-ALL) for permission to name the Little League Field at Southeast Park currently designated as SE-A to Andrew J Baylock Field. This would be for signage added to this single field and no other area.

M-ALL has been the recipient of Coach Baylock's past generosity on many occasions. He has donated time, equipment and money to the program which continues to promote baseball and softball to the boys and girls of Mansfield and Ashford. We wish to honor this longtime Mansfield resident as part of his history with the great game of Baseball. Coach Baylock has been with the University of Connecticut for more than 50 years and has passed the Little League Fields every day on his way to work. He often stops by and watches games during the Spring and Summer. Coach Baylock has been elected to eight various Halls of Fame and his number 28 has been retired by UConn Athletics.

M-ALL would like permission to do this prior to our Opening Day Ceremony on May 2, 2020. We will require some time to order and install the signage as well as invite Coach Baylock to the ceremony. We believe that this is a unique opportunity for the League, Baseball and the Town of Mansfield to honor a man for his longtime service to his community, his profession and the games of baseball and softball.

I look forward to discussing this with you further and am available to answer any questions or concerns you have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pietras", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Pietras
President
Mansfield-Ashford Little League

CC: Jay O'Keefe