



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 3/8/2022

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on sub facility naming of Freedom Park fields one, two, three, and four.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$0

FUNDS REQUESTED: None

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 25, 2022, City Council approved the attached Facility and Park Naming and Memorial policies. Judge Matt Sebesta previously expressed interest regarding facility and sub-facility naming rights of Freedom Park baseball fields. Staff sent approved Facility and Park Naming policies and procedures to Judge Matt Sebesta and he subsequently submitted the following requests in writing to the Mayor, City Manager, and Parks & Recreation Director:

- Field #1: Reuben Welch field - He is the namesake of Welch Park which is no longer used for baseball. He was a tremendous volunteer in the late 60s and 70s to the Angleton Baseball Association (not sure what it was called back in the day as I was young at the time). His volunteerism was enough at the time that the Park was named after him after he passes away from a sudden heart attack.
- Field #2: Leonard Edwards Field - Leonard was a longtime volunteer to youth baseball until he passed away 20-30 years ago. Dad, coach, umpire – he did it all as well as a Lions Club member who was involved in the community. The fields located where the new bus barn is being constructed were named after him.
- Field #3: Sgt. Millard D. “Dee” Campbell Field - Dee was an outstanding baseball player growing up in Angleton in the 1980s. He was also nicknamed “Soup”. He was drafted out of Angleton High School to play professional baseball instead. Dee joined the Air Force and was stationed in Saudi Arabia when on June 25, 1996, terrorists exploded a truck bomb at Khobar Towers killing Dee and 18 other members of the US military.

- Field #4: Thomas Warren “Tom” Muecke, Jr. Field - Angleton High School graduate in 1982. Mr. AHS and known as one of the finest human beings you would ever meet. He was a 3 sport all start in High School earning many accolades in football and baseball. He played football at Baylor then went on to the Canadian Football League and then the NFL for a short stint. He later became an eye doctor and tragically passed away on April 23, 2016 from a heart attack.

Judge Matt Sebesta has followed the protocol for sub facility naming and suggestions have been presented to City Council. City Council has the prerogative of accept or reject the final proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the proposed sub facility naming of Freedom Park fields one, two, three, and four to Rueben Welch Field, Leonard Edwards Field, Sgt. Millard D. “Dee” Campbell Field, and Thomas Warren “Tom” Muecke, Jr. Field accordingly.

SUGGESTION MOTION:

I move we accept the proposed sub facility naming of Freedom Park fields one, two, three, and four to Rueben Welch Field, Leonard Edwards Field, Sgt. Millard D. “Dee” Campbell Field, and Thomas Warren “Tom” Muecke, Jr. Field accordingly.