

INTRODUCTION

My husband, Doug O'Rear, and I, Jane Crisp, discovered Caldwell Park several years ago. It is a hidden gem valued by many residents of Ashland City and now by some that never knew it existed before recent publicity.

My husband died of Covid-19 on July 30, 2020. He expressed a wish to make a gift to a park or even gift a park as a memorial.

Amended Proposal to the Ashland City Council to Preserve Caldwell Park

In order to preserve what is now called Caldwell Nature Park and to honor my deceased husband, Doug O'Rear, I propose the following to Ashland City Council:

1. I, Jane R. Crisp, will make a one-time gift of \$200,000 to the town of Ashland City for use in any of the Ashland City Parks.
2. In addition I will make a one-time gift of \$50,000 to the town of Ashland City for the sole purpose of construction of restrooms with a conjoined, or separate, covered picnic pavilion near the entrance of what is now called Caldwell Nature Park.

In return I ask for the following:

1. That the Caldwell Nature Park name be changed to the Doug O'Rear Nature Park.
2. That a combination or separate restrooms/covered picnic pavilion be constructed near the entrance to this park.
3. That Ashland City arranges to place a sign on Highway 12 marking the turn off to said park.
4. The existing sign at the entrance will be changed to reflect the new park name.
5. In order to preserve the nature park for future generations, a conservation easement should be granted to preserve the stated purpose of the property. I would be glad to work with the City Attorney to craft appropriate wording for the easement. The front part of the park could be preserved for general park purposes while the greater part be preserved as a nature preserve.
6. That the town of Ashland City set a dedication and then memorial service for Doug O'Rear as soon as practically possible at the expense of Jane R. Crisp (including a tent, chairs, and port-a-potties if restrooms are not yet installed.)
7. A park bench with a life-size statue of Doug O'Rear with room for others to sit will be donated by Jane R. Crisp and placed in said park.
8. That the Ashland City Parks Department maintain the park including marking of nature trails and consider allowing the area of the park north of the small creek to return to natural meadow land with a trail through it going to the other trails.