



Naming request for Dripping Springs Skatepark in Founders Memorial Park

The Dripping Springs Skatepark Committee would like to formally request the future Dripping Springs Skatepark be named “Dorian Zev Kweller Memorial Skatepark” in honor of Dorian Zev Kweller.

This request is being made utilizing the new Dripping Springs Parks and Facilities Naming Policy under the following provision:

Park, Park Facilities & Infrastructure

- Predominant physical features (such as lakes, rivers, creeks, etc.) in or adjacent to the park; (In this case, the physical skatepark)

Procedure

Nominations

The Dripping Springs Skatepark Committee is requesting the park be named “Dorian Zev Kweller Memorial Skatepark” for the following reasons:

Dorian was a Dripping Springs High School Junior whose life was taken too soon in a tragic car accident on February 27, 2023. Dorian was an integral part of our community, and his presence was felt strongly, especially at Thursday night skate, a weekly Dripping Springs tradition since April of 2018. Dorian's dedication to the skateboarding community was evident in his willingness to offer advice and support to young skaters seeking to improve their skills. He was always pushing himself to learn new tricks, which inspired so many to embrace the spirit of constant growth and improvement. Dorian's guidance was always available, whether it was providing help to master new tricks or gaining confidence on a skateboard, his patient approach made everyone feel welcome.

It was also not uncommon for Dorian to combine his love of music with skate night as he would sometimes bring his guitar along, turning the gathering into impromptu jam sessions that made the weekly event even more special. His musical talents were not only confined to skate night; they made their way into local skate edits featured on social media.

Dorian was also an integral voice during the fundraising efforts. Without hesitation he would lend his time and voice to be a consistent face for the skatepark project. His advocacy and dedication to the park never wavered, even as he started high school and joined the DSHS Band.

Dorian's passion for skateboarding and music, combined with his inclusive vibe, truly made our community a unique and wonderful place. As we consider naming the Dripping Springs Skatepark after Dorian, we are reminded of the profound impact he had on our lives, and we are certain that this tribute will continue to inspire future generations of skaters and musicians to come together and keep his spirit alive.

For additional context, you can view Dorian's support in these videos:

[Dorian 1 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIMGyGVird8&t=38s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIMGyGVird8&t=38s)

[Dorian 2 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIMGyGVird8&t=95s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIMGyGVird8&t=95s)

There is an active online petition for the community to show their support, a copy of the current signatures as of 7/31/23 is accompanied with this application.

Our goal is to be on the Parks and Recreation's August 7th agenda so we can present the naming at the same meeting the final designs of the Skatepark are being shown.

Please let me know what additional information you may need.

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