



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Date: December 10, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Bruce Smith, City Administrator

Subject: Andrew Pflaum Memorial Dedication Plaque

Attorney Joel Harris of Grosse Pointe Woods contacted me in late November to inform me that Andrew Pflaum, a life-long resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, had passed away on November 14, 2021, after a battle with cancer. Mr. Harris stated that he represented a group of residents and friends of Mr. Pflaum who were requesting if city council would consider purchasing and installing a memorial plaque in honor of Mr. Pflaum's generosity to the city. As you may recall, Mr. Pflaum donated the labor and materials to replace the furnaces for the paddle tennis courts at Lakefront Park. His donation amounted to approximately \$16,000.00 in equipment and the labor to restore the courts to full service for the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods. Mr. Pflaum's generosity also enabled the Woods Shores Little League to tear down the worn out concession stand in Ghesquiere Park and replace it with a beautiful new building complete with a public restroom. Lastly, Mr. Pflaum's company Apcore was the low bidder and was awarded the contract to rebuild the offices in city hall after the devastating flood destroyed the workspaces.

In preparation for this request, pricing was obtained from Stucky Vitale Architects for a bronze plaque to honor Mr. Pflaum. International Bronze Plaque Company provided a quote for a 16" x 16" plaque in the amount of \$729.00. Suggested wording for this plaque is as follows:

"Restoration of these Platform Tennis Courts and the Concession Stand at Ghesquiere Park was made possible through the generosity of Andrew Pflaum (1964-2021) dedicated to his memory in gratitude by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods."

I am requesting the City Council to approve the commission of the plaque and its installation on or in close proximity to the platform tennis courts in Lake Front Park in an amount not to exceed \$729.00. Funds for this are available in the City Council Special Projects account #101-101-957.000.

I do not believe any benefit will occur to the city by seeking further bids. Approved for City Council consideration.

Fund Certification:

I hereby certify that unencumbered funds are available for the above purchase, and that the account number has been verified.

Treasurer/Comptroller Signature

APPROVED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

City Administrator Signature



IN THE CARE OF

A.H. Peters Funeral Home

OBITUARY

Andrew Pflaum

JANUARY 18, 1964 - NOVEMBER 14, 2021



Andrew "Andy" Pflaum passed away peacefully on November 14, 2021 at the age of 57 after a valiant battle against glioblastoma the past year. Andy is survived by his wife, Sarah Clarkson, beloved children William and Madeline, his mother, Sherryl Benton, sister, Lorelle (Guy) Meadows, and many loving family members and friends. Andy was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Pflaum, stepfather, Walter Benton, and his cherished grandparents, Marvin and Madeline Walters.

Andy was a friend, confidante and mentor to so many and proud father to Will and Maddie. He was a funny, generous and loving man who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, cooking, eating good food, quaffing a martini and glass of wine (or two), boating, classic cars, traveling, fixing pretty much anything that needed fixing and almost all aspects of life.

Andy graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School where he was co-captain of the varsity basketball team, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Wayne State University and later obtained licensure as a general contractor both in Michigan and Florida.

Andy was a successful and well-respected commercial builder, having founded his own construction company, Apcor Construction and Development (Apcor), in 2013 which provides construction services to clients in Michigan and Florida, after serving in various superintendent and management roles for other construction companies throughout his adult life. Examples of his construction work include the Lavins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park, MJR Southgate Theater, the Hilltop Lodge at the Otsego Club, numerous National Coney Island and Bigalora Wood Fired Cucina restaurants in the greater metro-Detroit area, Ford Motor Company's repurposing of the Lord and Taylor wing of Fairlane Town Center to office space, Apcor's Michigan headquarters in St. Clair Shores and most recently Ethel's Baking Co.'s new facility in Shelby Township.

Andy was involved in various charitable and community organizations and activities through the years, including serving on the Board of Directors and as an officer of Kids Without Cancer (formerly Leukemia, Research, Life, Inc.) and serving for many years as the Chair of the annual Bishop's Dinner fundraiser in support of The Guest House in Lake Orion. Andy through his company Apcor spearheaded and funded the restoration of the platform tennis courts at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park which had sat dormant for many years for lack of funding and contributed his services to reconstruct the concession building at Ghesquiere Park in Grosse Pointe Woods where Andy had played on many Little League teams in his youth and where his son Will (GPWSLL Baseball) and daughter Maddie (GPLL Softball) followed in his footsteps.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sanctuary Church (formerly The First Baptist Church of Birmingham), 300 Willits St., Birmingham, Michigan, and visitation at the Sanctuary will precede the Memorial Service the same day starting at 9:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Kids Without Cancer are appreciated.

SEE LESS



Bruce Smith

From: Bruce Smith
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:39 PM
To: City Council Internal
Subject: FW: Follow up RE: Bronze Plaque Pricing & Draft Language for Review [SVA] Andrew Pflaum- Dedication

Mayor and Council,

We have received the following email from Architect James McNelis, from John Vitale's company regarding the memorial plaque in honor of Andrew Pflaum. I am sending this out for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: James McNelis <JMcNelis@stuckyvitale.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:15 PM
To: Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>; Bruce Smith <bsmith@gpwmi.us>
Cc: John Vitale <jvitale@stuckyvitale.com>
Subject: Follow up RE: Bronze Plaque Pricing & Draft Language for Review [SVA] Andrew Pflaum- Dedication

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Good Afternoon Frank and Bruce,

To follow up on the proposal to install a commemorative plaque in the memory of Andy Pflaum, we reached out to our contact Joe Gabig at International Bronze – the company that supplied the dedication plaque for city hall. They provided the following pricing information:

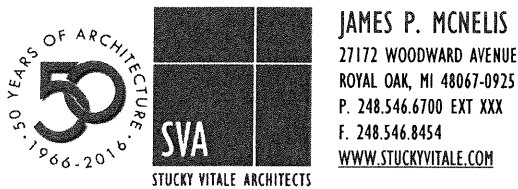
- 16" x 12" Bronze Plaque (plain text only) = \$559
- 16" x 16" Bronze Plaque (plain text only) = \$729
 - Pricing subject to change January 1st 2022 (anticipated increase 7%-10%)
- Additional images & design options are available but these will need to be quoted by the supplier. More information, including examples at: [International Bronze Plaque Co. - The Best Plaques Since 1936](#)

Please find below three (3) potential drafts for the dedication plaque to Andy:

1. "DEDICATED TO **ANDREW PFLAUM (1964-2021)** IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS"
2. "RESTORATION OF THE PLATFORM TENNIS COURTS WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF **ANDREW PFLAUM (1964-2021)** DEDICATED TO HIS MEMORY IN GRATITUDE BY THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS."
3. "RESTORATION OF THE CONCESSION BUILDING AT GHESQUIERE PARK WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF **ANDREW PFLAUM (1964-2021)** DEDICATED TO HIS MEMORY IN GRATITUDE BY THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS."

Please review at your earliest convenience and let us know if there any questions or if you would like to discuss.

Best,



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Bruce Smith

From: Bruce Smith
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:11 PM
To: City Council Internal
Subject: New wording for plaque

Mayor and Council,

After discussions with the mayor, I would like to offer this change to the plaque wording which will combine both the Paddle Tennis Courts and the Ghesquiere Park Concession Stand.

“Restoration of these Platform Tennis Courts and the Concession Stand at Ghesquiere Park was made possible through the generosity of Andrew Pflaum (1964-2021) dedicated to his memory in gratitude by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.”

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