



NORMAN PARK FOUNDATION, INC.

P.O. Box 6523 • Norman, Oklahoma 73070

9 January 2023

Mr. Jason Olsen, Director
City of Norman Parks & Recreation
P.O. Box 370
Norman, Oklahoma 73070

Dear Mr. Olsen:

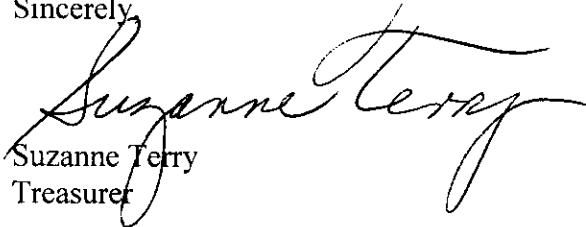
As you are aware, in 1972 Mr. Lionel Bentley was hired as an assistant Parks Superintendent and over the years rose to the position of Director of Parks and Recreation. In 1984, he left the Parks and Recreation Department and began a long and successful career in private business.

In the fall of 2021 Mr. Bentley contacted the Foundation in regards to "giving back to the City" with the Foundation as his conduit. The Foundation agreed and in December of 2021, Mr. Bentley deeded commercial property to the Foundation which has since been sold. \$100,000 of the proceeds have already been accepted by the City of Norman for Westwood Golf Course improvements.

Mr. Bentley passed away in March of 2022 before he could be recognized for his generous contribution. Since his passing, his wife Lou Bentley, requested that funding be donated to the City of Norman for the initial construction of Bentley Park.

At this time, the Foundation is requesting that the Norman City Council accept a donation of \$100,000.00 to go towards Lionel Bentley Park.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Terry
Treasurer

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