



## **CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT**

### **MEETING DATE: March 03, 2026**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Joe Goodman, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Lely West Field Naming – Follow-Up Information and Consideration of “Boyles Wilson Field” (Discussion / Action)**

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#### **Background**

At the previous City Council meeting on February 17, 2026, Council considered a recommendation from the Recreation Commission to name the Lely West baseball field in honor of Bob Boyles and Wes Wilson due to their longstanding contributions to youth baseball and the original development of the field. Council requested additional information regarding:

1. How other fields at Lely Park were named; and
2. Whether the naming would affect the name of Lely Park itself.

Staff has since conducted additional research and outreach to provide clarification.

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#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **Lely Park Name**

The proposed naming applies only to the baseball field and does not change the name of Lely Park.

Staff contacted Wim Lely, grandson of former Mayor J. Wim Lely (Mayor 1964–1968), who was instrumental in the original concept of converting the City-owned retention basin and area surrounding it into a usable community park. Mr. Lely expressed appreciation for the outreach and confirmed his support, noting he was pleased to see recognition of community members who contributed to the park and youth programs. The Lely Park name will remain unchanged.

##### **Existing Field Naming Practices**

Staff inspected the other named baseball/softball fields within Lely Park to understand how previous dedications were handled:

- **Darron Galvan Field** — The field was dedicated in 2017 with approval by the City Council, and the name is painted on the scoreboard. Darron Galvan was a local Orland High School student-athlete with strong connections to family and friends in the community. Darron passed away on November 5, 2005, from injuries sustained in an ATV accident. The field naming serves as a memorial recognizing his life and connection to the Orland community.

- **Joe Quail Field** — Name appears on the scoreboard, a wooden sign is mounted on the backstop, and a commemorative rock with a metal plaque explains Mr. Quail’s contributions and unselfish commitment to our community. Records indicate this field was dedicated by the Orland Softball Association on July 12, 1997.

These examples show that field naming within the park has historically been handled through a combination of signage and community recognition elements, rather than through changes to the overall park name.

The Lely West baseball field currently does not have an individual field name designation.

### **Proposed Recognition**

Staff recommends naming the field “Boyles Wilson Field” to recognize both Wes Wilson and Bob Boyles for their significant contributions to youth sports and the development of the facility.

Wes Wilson served as a longtime coach and Orland baseball commissioner, dedicating many years to the local program. Bob Boyles served the community for 25 years as a police officer while also contributing extensive time coaching and supporting youth athletics. Both individuals were directly involved in the original development and construction of the Lely West field.

To provide recognition consistent with other fields, staff proposes installing a wooden sign adjacent to the existing signage located prominently on the back side of the dugout area near the current “Welcome to Lely Aquatic Park, Home of Orland Little League” display. This approach would be cost-effective while providing visible and respectful recognition.

Council also discussed the possibility of providing additional historical context. Staff can explore options such as:

- Adding commemorative plaques at fields explaining their namesakes; or
- Creating signage with a QR code linking to historical information about each field and the individuals honored.

These options could be considered as part of a broader parks recognition or historical signage initiative in the future.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs associated with signage are expected to be minimal and can be accommodated within existing Parks and Recreation maintenance resources. Any additional enhancements, such as plaques or interpretive signage, would be brought back to Council if direction is provided to pursue them.

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### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the additional research and outreach conducted, staff believes naming the Lely West baseball field “Boyles Wilson Field” is consistent with past practices at Lely Park, does not impact the park’s name, and appropriately recognizes two individuals whose volunteer service and leadership helped establish youth baseball opportunities that continue to benefit the community today.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve naming the Lely West baseball field “Boyles Wilson Field.”
2. Direct staff to install appropriate signage recognizing the dedication, consistent with other field naming practices at Lely Park.