

City of Northville Park and Open Space Naming Policy

I. Statement of Policy

The Northville City Council (hereafter, City) wishes to establish a policy for the naming of public parks and open space. Consideration will be given to geographic features, indigenous plant or animal life, historical significance and people or events associated with the Northville community, in addition to other guidelines established by this policy. An individual or group may propose a name using an application available from the Parks and Recreation Department or City Clerk offices.

II. Purpose of Policy

The City shall have the authority to name any city owned property or specific part of any owned property. The name shall be based upon criteria established by this policy, including but not limited to, geographic features of a location, indigenous plant or animal life, historical significance of a location or past names used at a location, an organization or individual's contributions to the community. No property shall be named after a living person; however, donations of family homestead property may retain the existing family name.

Examples:

Geographic Location: Waterford Bend, Steeple View
Indigenous Plant or Animal Life: Blue Heron Pointe, Maple Hill
Historical Significance: Meads Mill, Waterford
Past Names Used: Dun Rovin, Fish Hatchery

III. Process for Name Proposal

A. When desired by City Council to name a city park or open space, name proposals may be accepted by completing the application form as provided. Name proposals may be submitted during a sixty (60) day period as noted by a public notice published in the local newspaper. Name proposals may be submitted by:

1. any Township or City of Northville resident
2. any Township or City board or commission, by resolution
3. any person or organization proposing to donate a facility or other significant improvement, or a major financial donation toward the costs of such facility or improvements.

B. The Parks and Recreation Commission will review the proposals at a regular meeting to ensure that the application(s) is complete. A public notice will be published in the local newspaper requesting public feedback on the proposal(s) for a 30 day period. At the conclusion of the 30 day feedback period, the applications and all public feedback received will be submitted to City Council.

C. The Northville City Council will review park naming applications and public feedback information at a regular or special meeting.

Adopted by Northville City Council
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