

# Request For Board Action

**REFERRED TO BOARD:** October 17, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** 4

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Resolution Granting a Request to Dedicate a Park Bench to Mary J. Bodin

## **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:**

It was part of the last wishes of Mary J. Higgins -Bodin to have a memorial dedication piece (tree, brick, plaque) in the Hiram Buttrick Sawmill. Mary J. Bodin was one of four children born to Irish/German immigrant family of Philip & Louise Higgins, Chicago, Il. Philip was a butcher who rose through the Chicago based "Jewel Tea" Company to corporate purchasing. Louise was a master seamstress for a French clothier. Mary Higgins married Jack E. Bodin in 1952 and had six children. Mary & Jack moved to Lake Villa, Il to work and reside at Allendale Home for Boys in 1955. Jack worked as a teacher and Mary worked in the office. They moved to Antioch in 1963 where they raised their six children. Jack worked as a special education teacher at both Antioch and Grant H.S. and Mary worked as in IT specialist in several Lake County corporations and eventually owned her own business.

Both were very active in supporting educational and sports activities as each of their children were very involved in high school extracurricular activities. For over 30 years, the Bodin name was well known and respected in not only Antioch but also all of Lake County. Their humanity extended to mentoring and fostering many young people. Countless numbers of former students have come forward to acknowledge the positive affect both Mary and Jack has had on their lives.

Mary loved living in Antioch and always believed in helping someone else. She resided in Antioch until 1999 where they retired to Orlando, Fl. Even after 12 years in Florida, Mary still considered herself as a "Northerner" and talked often of the years in Antioch.

Her last wished included having a memorial at the Sawmill.

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

1. Resolution

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**Move** to approve a resolution approval of a resolution granting a request to dedicate a park bench to Mary J. Bodin

**RESOLUTION 2016 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A REQUEST TO DEDICATE A  
PARK BENCH TO MARY J. BODIN**

**WHEREAS**, It was part of the last wishes of Mary J. Higgins -Bodin to have a memorial dedication piece (tree, brick, plaque) in the Hiram Buttrick Sawmill. Mary J. Bodin was one of four children born to Irish/German immigrant family of Philip & Louise Higgins, Chicago, Il. Philip was a butcher who rose through the Chicago based “Jewel Tea” Company to corporate purchasing. Louise was a master seamstress for a French clothier. and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Higgins married Jack E. Bodin in 1952 and had six children. Mary & Jack moved to Lake Villa, Il to work and reside at Allendale Home for Boys in 1955. Jack worked as a teacher and Mary worked in the office. They moved to Antioch in 1963 where they raised their six children. Jack worked as a special education teacher at both Antioch and Grant H.S. and Mary worked as in IT specialist in several Lake County corporations and eventually owned her own business. and

**WHEREAS**, Both were very active in supporting educational and sports activities as each of their children were very involved in high school extracurricular activities. For over 30 years, the Bodin name was well known and respected in not only Antioch but also all of Lake County. Their humanity extended to mentoring and fostering many young people. Countless numbers of former students have come forward to acknowledge the positive affect both Mary and Jack has had on their lives. and

**WHEREAS**, Mary loved living in Antioch and always believed in helping someone else. She resided in Antioch until 1999 where they retired to Orlando, Fl. Even after 12 years in Florida, Mary still considered herself as a “Northerner” and talked often of the years in Antioch.

**WHEREAS**, Her last wished included having a memorial at the Sawmill.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** Mary Hanahan and Family request to install a park bench in honor of Mary J. Bodin is granted, subject to the terms and conditions set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

**SECTION TWO:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,  
ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

ATTEST:

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LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

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LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE CLERK

**EXHIBIT A – TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1) The entire cost of the bench must be paid for in full by Mrs. Hanahan & Family before installation begins.
- 2) The bench will be positioned to maximize the benefit and development of the property, but staff will make reasonable attempts to accommodate Mrs. Hanahan & Family's wishes.
- 3) The Village will notify Mrs. Hanahan & Family and/or her family in the event that the bench is damaged, whether repairable or beyond repair.
- 4) The Village reserves the right to remove the bench, should it become damaged beyond economic repair or has not been repaired within 4 weeks of notification referred to in (3) above.
- 5) The Village accepts no liability for damage to the bench from vandals, their parties or while the Village carries out routine maintenance on Village property.
- 6) A ceremony or gathering at the time of the bench placement is permitted, but must be arranged in advance with Village Staff.
- 7) The Village maintains the right to relocate the bench in order to accommodate maintenance and improvements within the parks and adjoining public property. No property right interest is granted by allowing this application, nor shall any such right develop or ripen, no matter how long the bench may be in place. The parks and adjoining areas shall permanently remain public spaces primarily dedicated to the enjoyment, beauty and recreation of the citizens of the Village of Antioch.
- 8) All costs associated with the installation, including materials and labor, will be the responsibility of Mrs. Hanahan & Family. The Village will provide estimates for the materials, and labor associated with installation. Mrs. Hanahan & Family shall post 120% of the full amount of the estimate with the Village to ensure payment. The Village will thereafter procure the all materials and supply the labor, and ultimately account for the expenditures. Any shortfall shall be promptly paid by Mrs. Hanahan & Family and any overage shall be promptly refunded to her.
- 9) The bench shall be of the type and color specified by the Village to be in keeping with the look and feel of the park they will located. Generally speaking benches should be uniform within the parks they are located.

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- 10) The bench will be fitted to a concrete pad with a slab area directly in front of the bench to allow for the ease of use by the public.
- 11) Memorial plaques fitted to benches shall fit in the center of the upper most lath of the back of the bench.
- 12) The Administrator shall review and, in his sole discretion, approve the language of any inscription.
- 13) In accordance with the current maintenance regimen for benches, the Village will maintain the bench. However, the Village will bear no responsibility for replacement for the bench at the end of its useful life. Any replacements of benches or plaques will be the responsibility of the original applicant.
- 14) No additional mementos e.g. vases, statues, flowers or wreaths etc., shall be permitted on or around the bench.
- 15) No maintenance shall be carried out by a third party except strictly as permitted in writing by the Village.