

Request For Board Action

REFERRED TO BOARD: June 12, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution officially dedicating the Centennial Park Playground in the name of Ted and Vicki Axton

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Recently Centennial Playground received a facelift through the efforts of Northbridge church. On Sunday, June 25 we will be celebrating a grand reopening of Centennial Park. We would also like the board to consider the idea of dedicating the playground to the two long-time philanthropic residents behind the creation of the playground itself. Ted and Vicki Axton were the two people who saw something on television that inspired them to create what the community has treasured since May 17, 1992.

Centennial Park is one of the busiest parks in Antioch and is used by both resident and non-residents alike. Annually school field trips from the many surrounding districts make the journey to Centennial Park (also known as the Castle Park) because of the unique design and sheer size.

The Axton's vision for this community park was brought to life officially on May 17, 1992 after 5 days and the help of 2,030 volunteers and village staff. We are asking that the board consider the idea of officially dedicating the playground in the name of Ted and Vicki Axton.

If approved we would like to hold the ceremony on Sunday, June 25 during which we hold the community re-grand opening of the park.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Motion to approve a Resolution officially dedicating the Centennial Park Playground in the name of Ted and Vicki Axton

RESOLUTION 17-xx

**A RESOLUTION OFFICIALLY DEDICATING THE CENTENNIAL PARK
PLAYGROUND IN THE NAME OF TED AND VICKI AXTON**

WHEREAS, the original dedication of Centennial Park was on June 28, 1992; and

WHEREAS, inspired after watching an episode of Sesame Street and Mr. Rogers, Ted & Vickie Axton brought forth their idea of building a playground to the Park Board in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the overall park development included a softball diamond, pavilion, tennis courts, rest room facilities and parking; and

WHEREAS, after approval from the Park Board and Centennial Steering Committee, the Axton's organized a committee of 26 volunteers who met twice monthly for over a year, held fundraisers and sought volunteers for construction week; and

WHEREAS, two weeks prior to construction, over 2,030 volunteers had signed up and worked the 5-day project which started May 13 and ended May 17, 1992; and

WHEREAS, on the 25th anniversary of the Park, Northbridge Church volunteered to repair and restore the park as a part of their Sharefest project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Antioch, in appreciation of all of their hard work and effort in creating one of the busiest parks in Antioch, the Centennial Park Playground is officially dedicated in the name of Ted and Vicki Axton, and shall be memorialized at the Grand Re-Opening of the park on June 25, 2017.

Passed by the board of trustees of the Village of Antioch, Illinois, on this 12th day of June, 2017.

Attest:

Lawrence M. Hanson, Mayor

Lori k. Romine, Village Clerk