

Request For Board Action

REFERRED TO BOARD: 5/10/2021

AGENDA ITEM NO: 2

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution Granting a Request to Dedicate a Park Bench to Robert Lancaster

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Nancy Bernard of Antioch is requesting a bench installed at her expense across from the sawmill, in honor of her dad, Robert Lancaster. Bobby as he is known to friends, was a 16-year resident of Antioch. Mr. Lancaster started the P.A.D.S program in Libertyville and then after moving to Antioch he started it at the Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church. He was an active member at the Antioch Senior Center. Mr. Lancaster dedicated his life to giving to others in need. Mrs. Bernard would like to have the bench with a dedication plaque attached to it across the street from the senior center for all to enjoy.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve a resolution granting a request to dedicate a park bench to Robert "Bobby" Lancaster.

RESOLUTION - _____

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A REQUEST TO DEDICATE A
PARK BENCH TO ROBERT “BOBBY” LANCASTER**

WHEREAS, Robert “Bobby” Lancaster was a giving and active member of the Antioch community

WHEREAS, he started the P.A.D.S. program here in Antioch and an active member of the Antioch Senior Center

WHEREAS, Mr. Lancaster recently passed away, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to community and fond remembrances by all who knew him, including his surviving wife, and two children, and grandchildren and community members, and

WHEREAS, his daughter Nancy Bernard has petitioned the Village Board, seeking approval to install a park bench dedicated to her late father in Gage Brothers’ Park, and in her presentation of the petition, convincingly demonstrated that a remembrance of this nature is entirely fitting to such an important and integral member of our community, and

WHEREAS, Nancy Bernard has offered to pay the entire cost of the installation of the bench, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, in exercise of its rights and obligations to maintain the Village’s parks and properties for the common good, and in exercise of its discretion to honor individuals who have contributed to the community in ways unique to themselves, finds that allowing Nancy Bernard’s request is appropriate to the community, to him and to his family,

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

SECTION ONE: Nancy Bernard’s request to install a park bench in honor of Robert “Bobby” Lancaster 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 _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

SCOTT J. GARTNER, MAYOR

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. Bernard 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 Nancy Bernard's wishes.
- 3) The Village will notify Nancy Bernard and/or her family if 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 Nancy Bernard. The Village will provide estimates for the materials, and labor associated with installation. Nancy Bernard 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 Nancy Bernard 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. Benches should be uniform within the parks they are located.
- 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

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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.