

Request For Board Action

REFERRED TO BOARD: 9/14/2022

AGENDA ITEM NO: 10

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution Granting a Request to Dedicate a Park Bench to Donald E. Skidmore

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Evlyn Skidmore and her daughter Donna Walker are requesting a memorial bench in honor of Evlyn's husband Donald E. Skidmore who passed in 2021. Upon moving to Antioch in 1978, Donald served as Superintendent of Antioch School District 34 for 16 years.

Don was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Antioch where he served as Trustee, treasurer and in other roles.

He was an active member of the Lion's Club in Antioch for over 40 years. He served as the Chair of the Sight and Hearing Committee.

Don served on the Redevelopment Committee for the Village of Antioch and was honored with the naming of Skidmore Drive.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Resolution

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to approve a resolution granting a request to dedicate a park bench to Donald E. Skidmore.

RESOLUTION - _____

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A REQUEST TO DEDICATE A
PARK BENCH TO DONALD E. SKIDMORE**

WHEREAS, Donald E. Skidmore was an active member of the Antioch community

WHEREAS, he served as Superintendent of Antioch School District 34 for sixteen years.

WHEREAS, Mr. Skidmore passed away in 2021, leaving behind a legacy of dedication to community and fond remembrances by all who knew him, including his surviving wife, daughter and community members, and

WHEREAS, his wife Evlyn has petitioned the Village Board, seeking approval to install a park bench dedicated to her late husband at the Wetlands Sanctuary of the Williams Brook Entertainment Center, 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, Evlyn Skidmore 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 Evlyn Skidmore'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: Evlyn Skidmore's request to install a park bench in honor of Donald E. Skidmore 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 _____, 2022.

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. Skidmore 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 Evelyn Skidmore's wishes.
- 3) The Village will notify Evelyn Skidmore 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 Evelyn Skidmore. The Village will provide estimates for the materials, and labor associated with installation. Evelyn Skidmore 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 Evelyn Skidmore 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.