

City of Clearwater, Florida
Parks and Recreation Department



PROPOSAL FOR PARK FACILITY NAME

Proposal date: 1/31/2024

1. What is the current common or unofficial name of the park (or facility) to which this application refers?

Countryside Community Park (CCP)

2. Location of the above park (or facility):

2640-D Sabal Springs Dr. Clearwater, FL 33761

3. **RECOMMENDED NAME:** Larry Dowd Field

4. Name and telephone number of the individual and/or organization recommending this action:

Kristin Thomas
Name: President, Countryside Little League Phone: 727-470-1728

5. Reason for this request (attach additional information as needed): See attached letter

Time is of the essence. Thank you kindly.

6. Printed or typed name of person completing this application: Kristin Thomas

The above action is submitted for consideration to the City of Clearwater PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.

Signature of applicant or designee:  Date: 1/31/2024

Note 1: The Parks and Recreation Board will conduct an advertised public hearing for this recommendation at a regular meeting of the Board.

Note 2: Based upon criteria contained in Resolution 09-31, the Parks and Recreation Board shall formulate a recommendation on the proposed name and forward their recommendation to the City Council for a final decision.

Once signed and submitted, this application becomes an official City of Clearwater document and as such is to be retained by the Parks and Recreation Department in accordance with State records retention guidelines. For further information, contact the Director of Parks and Recreation, P. O. Box 4748, Clearwater, FL 33758-4748.

The Honorable Brian Aungst
Mayor Clearwater Florida

Dear Mayor Aungst,

The Countryside Little League Board of Directors is reaching out to you regarding the feasibility of naming one of the Countryside Little League softball fields in honor of Coach Larry Dowd.

As you know, Larry has been actively involved in youth sports in our community for over 40 years. He has been involved with Countryside Little League since its early founding in the 1980s, as well coaching Countryside High School and the Countryside Junior Cougars.

Coach Dowd was instrumental in coaching the 1996 Countryside Little League Softball World Series Championship team. He also served the City of Clearwater for most of his working career in the Parks and Recreation Department helping to create and oversee the nationally recognized parks and recreation facilities we all enjoy today.

Larry is a coach extraordinaire with very few peers. His dedication, knowledge, passion, commitment, and love of the game were channeled through his gifted coaching skills.

Coach Dowd has been an inspiration to generations of players, coaches, and parents. He has had a strong and positive impact on countless lives as well as our whole community. Coach Dowd is a shining example of all that is good in youth sports. Larry is the type of person who makes the World a better place.

Unfortunately currently, Larry is battling some serious health issues. We are hoping that the City of Clearwater will consider honoring one of its community heroes by naming, in his honor, one of the actual fields where he worked tirelessly to improve the lives of our children and our entire community.

Respectfully,



Kristin Thomas
Countryside Little League President
1/31/2024