



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve naming the Southwest Baseball Field at the Countryside Recreation Complex the Larry Dowd Field, pursuant to Resolution 09-31 and as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. (consent)

SUMMARY:

Resolution 09-31 provides for the policy and procedure for naming new city parks and naming portions of city recreation facilities in honor of individuals.

The Parks and Recreation Board received a proposal from the President of the Countryside Little League to name one of the fields at the Countryside Recreation Complex after Mr. Larry Dowd, one of their long-time dedicated coaches and mentors to youth of the community. In a letter requesting the naming of the field after Mr. Dowd the President stated the following:

“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.”

Mr. Dowd served the citizens of Clearwater by dedicating most of his working career to the Parks & Recreation Department (37 years) helping to create and oversee the nationally recognized parks and recreation facilities we all enjoy today.

On April 23, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously approved recommending naming the “Larry Dowd Field” to the City council for a final decision pursuant to Resolution 09-31.

Appropriate recognition of the Larry Dowd Field will be installed at the Countryside Recreation Complex.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT: N/A

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Approval of the purchase order supports several Strategic Plan Objectives, including:

- 2.3: Promote Clearwater as a premier destination for entertainment, cultural experiences, tourism, and national sporting events.
- 3.1: Support neighborhood identity through services and programs that empower community pride and belonging.
- 3.4: Inspire citizen participation through civic engagement and volunteerism to build strong, inclusive, and engaged communities.

