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Hatters Park Field Naming
Monday, June 23, 2008

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Chairman Joseph M. Cavo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2008, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present was Committee members Mary Teicholz and John Esposito. Ex Officio member: Warren Levy. Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation Nicholas Kaplanis.

Chairman Cavo explained the purpose of the evening's meeting was to review and consider approving the proposed naming of softball field #1 at Hatters Park in Danbury to "Dick Raymond Field".

Chairman Cavo introduced everyone present at the meeting.

Chairman Cavo asked Mr. Kaplanis to provide everyone with some background regarding the request before the Committee. Mr. Kaplanis explained that he has known Mr. Raymond for many years and was getting ready to retire. After reviewing his extensive background of community service (50 years), Mr. Kaplanis felt that renaming one of the ball fields at Hatters Park was an appropriate way to honor Mr. Raymond and submitted the request.

Chairman Cavo asked how the fields were currently named and Mr. Kaplanis said Field #1, Field #2, Field #3. After researching the request, Mr. Esposito pointed out a concern that there may be people who are in favor of the naming and people who will not be in favor of the naming. He wondered how the Council would be able to justify naming the field after Mr. Raymond in particular, and if there was a process currently in place for naming other areas in the City. Chairman Cavo pointed out that the process generally begins when a request is made to the Council for consideration. Mr. Esposito, Mr. Levy and Ms. Teicholz expressed an interest in exploring the issue of possibly putting a process in place for future requests. With regard to the request before the Committee, the consensus of the Committee was that Mr. Raymond was well deserving of the honor. Chairman Cavo pointed out the uniqueness of Mr. Raymond's extensive service to the City without being compensated for his time.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Teicholz and seconded by Councilman Esposito that the Committee recommends to the Common Council that they approve the request of naming softball field #1 at Hatters Park in Danbury to "Dick Raymond Field". The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Teicholz and seconded by Councilman Esposito. The motion carried unanimously at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Cavo, Chairman

Mary Teicholz

John Esposito

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