




MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

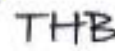
MCPB Item# 8
419109

March 30, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA: Mary Bradford, Director 

FROM: Terry H. Brooks, Chairman 
Public/Private Partnership Committee

SUBJECT: The Proposed Dedication of a Soccer Field at Aberdeen
Local In the Name of Jeff Kauffman

Staff Recommendation: Approval with Conditions

Background:

On December 8, 2008, the Commission received a letter of support from Mr. Frank Stelling and Mr. Uriel Perlman requesting to name one of the Department's soccer fields at Aberdeen Local Park in North Potomac in honor of Mr. Jeff Kauffman, a local girl's club soccer coach. Mr. Kauffman left coaching after the 2006 season.

The letter of support (See Attachment #1) describes Mr. Kauffman's organized sports leadership in the community over the years working in the park as a soccer coach. Noted among Mr. Kauffman's many civic and personal achievements is his recognition as a talented soccer coach winning many championships; earning the title of Eastern Region Youth Coach of the Year in 2004 as well as Classic Coach of the year 2003 for MSI and the 2003-2004 United States Eastern Region Youth Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

While these attributes are notable, several community representatives are requesting this dedication primarily because of the many ways in which he touched and shaped the lives of the players he coached. Mr. Kauffman has also been recognized by the community because of his role as a president and leader within MSI Soccer over the course of the past 3 years. The nine (9) letters of support (See Attachments #1 - #9 are a reflection of the wide range of local community support for the subject request).

Commission History & Policy for Park & Park Facility Dedications:

On September 10, 1998, the Montgomery County Planning Board adopted a policy and guidelines for the renaming of parks, and park facilities. (See Attachment # 10)

While the adopted policy and administrative guidelines address renaming parks and facilities, it does not address dedications.

However, in the past, the Commission has, in fact, dedicated several park facilities to individuals such as:

- Wheaton Regional Park - Frank Rubini Athletic Complex; and the
- Long Branch Wayne Park - John Durham Athletic Fields.

The Commission adopted new policies for park dedications (See Attachment #10), which allows the dedication of a person's name to a park facility provided the proposal complies with the generally stated guidelines of requiring the nominated individual(s) to provide some significant, civic, historic, and/or cultural contribution to the lives of the citizens of Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, or the Nation.

Public Review and Comments:

On March 9, 2009 in the MCPB Agenda for 3/19/09, the Department announced the proposed dedication request to the public on for general public review and comments (See Attachment #11) No additional comments were submitted to staff. All comments received on the proposed request were in support of the ballfield renaming. (See Attachments #1 - #9).

Staff Recommendations:

Staff recommends the approval of the soccer field dedication naming for Jeff Kauffman in recognition for his many contributions to girls soccer in Montgomery County and for his strength and character in molding the lives of the many young women he coached for over twenty years.

Staff approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. That the dedication be physically recognized in the form of a mounted plaque located immediately next to the soccer field indicating the field is dedicated to, and named after Jeff Kauffman for his many contributions for over 20 years to girls soccer;***
- 2. That the cost for the dedication recognition plaque be borne by the proponents and/or supporters of the dedication and that all required funds must be received by the Commission prior to the installation of the plaque; and***
- 3. That the cost to repair and/or replace any damage and/or vandalism that may occur to the plaque must be borne by the proposer for a period of at least the first 3 years (which will be included in the plaque installation budget) and that the Commission will not be obligated to replace the plaque, if vandalized or damaged after 5 years.***

Royce Hanson, Chairman
Maryland –National Park and Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Hanson,

We respectfully request the naming of the soccer field at Aberdeen Park, located in North Potomac, after our friend and colleague Jeff Kauffman.

Jeff coached our daughters from elementary school through high school. He has been a leader and youth coach in the Montgomery County soccer community for many years. His teams have won league championships, but more importantly, they have been awarded numerous sportsmanship awards during his years in coaching. In addition to his coaching, he has also been a long time volunteer to MSI and has served as president of the league since 2006. Jeff's attitude towards his players has always been respectful and he has constantly demanded that they be great sports as well as great players.

Jeff was awarded the 2003 Classic Coach of the Year for MSI and the 2003 and 2004 United States Eastern Region Youth Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). To be nominated as Coach of the Year, NSCAA requires that the individual:

- is dedicated to the total development of his or her soccer players;
- creates an environment conducive to learning and having fun;
- is a teacher of the game

Jeff personifies all three of these criteria. In addition, he always treated each player, as well as opposing players and coaches with respect and sportsmanship. Many of our daughters played for Jeff over the course of his many years in coaching. He treated each of our daughters fairly, with respect and made each of them feel special. He also taught them to be competitive and to put 100% effort in playing the game fairly and to play as a team.

Jeff left coaching after the 2006 season. However, he has continued to serve in many capacities with MSI; and, as stated above, has been the president of MSI for the past 3 years. In addition to his role as president, Jeff has spent considerable hours of his personal time chairing committees, creating tournament programs and other graphics for MSI and assisting with MSI service projects.

His dedication to his players and his service and work with the local soccer community has been an inspiration to all who have known him, served with him and been coached by him.

Since he left coaching, many of us who have been touched by Jeff's work have wanted to do something special to show him how much our local community cares about him and to thank him for his contributions to the game. We thought that naming the soccer field at Aberdeen Park would be a fitting tribute. He has spent many hours coaching his players at the park and it is located in our neighborhood.

We have discussed this idea with many individuals in the Quince Orchard area and in the soccer community. All are excited about the possibility of naming the Aberdeen Park soccer field after him. We look forward to hearing from the Commission.

Sincerely,

Frank Stelling
15205 Jones Lane
Gaithersburg

Uriel Perlman
12324 Chagall Dr.
Gaithersburg



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

PHIL ANDREWS
COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 3

December 8, 2008

Dr. Royce Hanson, Chairman
Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

Dear Dr. Hanson:

I am writing in support of the request by Mr. Frank Stelling and Mr. Uriel Perlman to the Montgomery County Planning Board to name the soccer field at Aberdeen Local Park in honor of Jeff Kauffman. I am writing to encourage the Board to extend Mr. Kauffman this well-deserved honor. Mr. Kauffman has been a leader in the Montgomery County youth soccer community for many years. As Mr. Stelling and Mr. Perlman aptly discuss in their recent letter to you, Mr. Kauffman has been recognized not only for the championships that the teams he has coached have won, but also for stressing the importance of sportsmanship – a vital lesson that will benefit the young people he has coached throughout their lives. Mr. Kauffman has spent many hours coaching players at the soccer field in Aberdeen Local Park. Naming that field after this dedicated community leader would be a fitting tribute for his long and ongoing commitment to young people in his neighborhood and throughout the entire County.

Thank you for your consideration of the community's request and my views in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Andrews", written over a horizontal line.

Phil Andrews

Marbourg, Kristine

From: Brooks, Terry
Sent: 2009-03-04 4:05 PM
To: Marbourg, Kristine
Subject: FW: Support for Naming Soccer Field at Aberdeen Park in Honor of Jeff Kauffmann

From: susan.carlson@comcast.net [mailto:susan.carlson@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 10:49 AM
To: Brooks, Terry
Cc: frankstelling@comcast.net; uperlman@verizon.net; cocarls@vt.edu; cmc4388@vt.edu
Subject: Support for Naming Soccer Field at Aberdeen Park in Honor of Jeff Kauffmann

January 7, 2009

Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission
ATTN: Terry Brooks

I am writing to express my support of the request made by Uriel Perlman & Frank Stelling to name the Soccer Field at Aberdeen Park in Montgomery County in honor of Jeff Kauffmann.

My family has had the pleasure of knowing Jeff Kauffman as a dedicated volunteer coach of the Montgomery Soccer (MSI) MissDemeanors girls' soccer team. As founder and coach of the MissDemeanors for more than a dozen seasons, Jeff Kauffmann dedicated himself to teaching our daughters the importance of commitment, teamwork, sportsmanship, and giving back to the community – in addition to soccer skills. He demonstrated for our youth what it means to be a leader both on and off the field.

The Soccer Field at Aberdeen Park was the MissDemeanors' home field for many years and evokes for our family many good memories of witnessing Jeff Kauffmann's commitment to our the community. I encourage you to help us paying tribute to Jeff Kauffmann's volunteerism and leadership by naming the Soccer Field at Aberdeen Park in his honor.

Sincerely,

Susan Carlson
10824 Hillbrooke Lane, Potomac, MD 20854
301.928.9795 | susan.carlson@comcast.net

Marbourg, Kristine

From: Brooks, Terry
Sent: 2009-03-04 4:00 PM
To: Marbourg, Kristine
Subject: FW: Aberdeen Field

-----Original Message-----

From: annakara@umd.edu [mailto:annakara@umd.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2009 12:38 AM
To: Brooks, Terry
Subject: Aberdeen Field

Hello,

My name is Anna Karadimas and I played MSI soccer for a decade of my childhood. I had the opportunity to learn my skills, sportsmanship, and technique from an amazing coach, Jeff Kauffman. I am writing to you today to urge you to allow us to dedicate Aberdeen Field to Jeff, and to rename it in his honor. He is more than just an amazing, deserving coach. He is an amazing, deserving man. He made a family out of our team, and I consider myself lucky to know him. Aberdeen field is where we played and practiced frequently during my ten years with the Miss Demeanors/Jones Lane Junkyard Dogs (We changed our names after 5th grade!) If ever I am to picture coach Jeff, I envision him there, making us run laps up the hill and building our endurance. He's an amazing man and I would love to see his name out there for everyone to know. Thank you for your time.

Anna Karadimas

Marbourg, Kristine

From: Brooks, Terry
Sent: 2009-03-04 4:05 PM
To: Marbourg, Kristine
Subject: FW: Alberdeen Park Soccer Field- Jeff Kauffman

From: Stacey Orenca [mailto:sbru06@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Brooks, Terry
Subject: Alberdeen Park Soccer Field- Jeff Kauffman

Hello,

My name is Stacey Orenca. I was one of Jeff's mid-field/defensive players on the Miss Demeanors. I was not on the team shorter then most of , of the other players. But from the first day of practice they all made me feel welcome. I came to Jeff's team either sophomore or junior year in high school, after my other classic team broke up, and played for him until I graduated high school. Although the time was short, he made a great impact on my life. He made me a better soccer player, and a better person. He taught me a lot, not just about soccer, but life in general. And he was always there if you ever needed help in a way he could. At one of our games our opposing team was short handed, he decided to put as many of our players on the field as they did, just to make it a fair game. He was also willing to help out sidelines or anywhere help was needed. Everyone in the soccer community admired Jeff if everything he did, not just for his team, but for the whole soccer community. As you might know Jeff's Birthday is come in March, I feel like this is a way that we can give back to him, some of what he gave us, as players. He is a great man, and a great coach. And I hope that we can give this priceless gift to Jeff. Thank you.

-Stacey

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Marbourg, Kristine

From: Brooks, Terry
Sent: 2009-01-21 9:54 AM
To: Marbourg, Kristine
Subject: FW: request to rename Aberdeen Park in honor of Jeff Kauffman
Attachments: royce hanson letter.docx

From: Michael Kator [mailto:mkator@katorparks.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 5:20 PM
To: Hanson, Royce
Cc: Bradford, Mary; Brooks, Terry
Subject: request to rename Aberdeen Park in honor of Jeff Kauffman

Royce:

Please add my name to the list of County residents lobbying for the Commission to rename Aberdeen Park in honor of Jeff Kauffman. I won't repeat what is contained in the attached letter although I completely agree that Jeff is the embodiment of leadership, sportsmanship and community service. I have known Jeff and his wife Roni for 20 years and I have served with Jeff on the Board of Directors of MSI Soccer for the past five years. Naming the Park in his honor would be a very generous gesture on the part of the Commission but one that he well deserves.

I do feel compelled to add a sad footnote to the letter you received. For the past two years, Jeff has been battling a very aggressive cancer. He discovered the cancer when he went to the ER with severe pain in his leg; it turned out that he had metastatic kidney cancer that had progressed to the point that it had essentially dissolved his femur. Jeff underwent surgery and chemotherapy at NIH/NCI and after some initial successes, he has recently been diagnosed with metastases to his lungs. He is currently under evaluation for a stem cell treatment at NIH. We all remain hopeful that Jeff will continue to win this battle notwithstanding the daunting nature of the challenge he faces.

Thank you for your attention to this. I hope that this can be accomplished and, if at all possible, in time for Jeff's birthday in March. I know the Commission has much more pressing business but I sincerely hope a way can be found to make this happen.

Please let me know if I can provide you any other information. I can be reached at this e-mail address or at 202-669-5313.

Thanks.

Mike Kator

Marbourg, Kristine

From: Brooks, Terry
Sent: 2009-03-04 4:04 PM
To: Marbourg, Kristine
Subject: FW: Aberdeen Park Soccer Field

From: Jeannine Kilgore [mailto:jmkilgore922@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 3:03 PM
To: Brooks, Terry
Subject: Aberdeen Park Soccer Field

Hi!

I wanted to write you to ask you to consider dedicating Aberdeen Park Soccer Field to Jeff Kauffman.

I cannot think of a single person who would deserve that honor any more than Jeff. He single handedly got large number of young girls into the game of soccer. He gave us knowledge and insight that extended from the soccer field to all other aspects of our lives. Some of my happiest memories are of times with him, from winning division championship games to just having fun at practice. I've had a few coaches in the time I played soccer, and none were as encouraging and fun and selfless as he is. He was always there when we needed him, to teach us a move, to drive us to a game, or to even peel off your dirty socks and shin guards to wrap up a sprained ankle. Since playing on Jeff's team, I went on to play for the women's soccer team at Montgomery College for two years. I am a better person thanks to soccer and to Jeff. I've made many friends, laughed a lot and cried a little, and gotten more sunburns than I care to remember.. but I never would have done any of it if it weren't for Jeff.

Thank you for your time!,
Jeannine Kilgore

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Marbourg, Kristine

From: Brooks, Terry
Sent: 2009-03-04 4:00 PM
To: Marbourg, Kristine
Subject: FW: Jeff Kauffman

From: Barry Gudelsky [mailto:bgudelsky@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 3:43 PM
To: Brooks, Terry
Subject: Jeff Kauffman

If you have not made a decision to naming of the field for Jeff, I would encourage you to do so. I have only known him for the last 6 years. But his sincerity for promotion of the sport, especially sportsmanship is second to none. He has no hidden agenda for things, Just to keep soccer and MSI in high regard and with the right intent. This is why I sit on the Coaches review committee for MSI as well as a board member. Because of Jeff's approach to various committees on MSI it is easy to see why MSI keeps its focus.

I spent a lot of time with him as one of my commissioners for the 2004 JCC Maccabi Games which was held in Montgomery County. All the soccer games were played at the soccer plex. Without his help and guidance, those games would not have gone as smoothly. We we received compliments for the next year and half about the way we ran it. Some of our procedures became standard for the following games.

Let me know how else I can be of assistance

Barry Gudelsky
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8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

MCPB Lunch-time Item
October 22, 1998

MEMORANDUM

To: Montgomery County Planning Board
From: Donald K. Cochran
Subject: Park Naming Policy: Guidelines Recommendation
Date: October 22, 1998

The Policy

Montgomery County parks and areas and facilities within parks are generally named for a geographic area or a natural historic feature, but, as appropriate, parks and areas and facilities within parks may be named to reflect local folk usage, or significant historic, material, or financial contributions to the Commission, or persons of historic or outstanding civic service. Markers may be placed in parks and on park facilities honoring or memorializing individuals and organizations.

Approved: September 10, 1998

GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATION

Guidelines for Naming or Renaming Parks

Guidelines for Naming or Renaming Areas in Parks and Facilities in Parks

Guidelines for Memorials and Dedications in Parks and on Park Structures and Facilities

1. Requests for naming or renaming parks, and naming or renaming areas and facilities in parks, and establishing memorials in parks and on park structures and facilities, shall be reviewed by staff of the Department of Park and Planning. A report with recommendations shall be presented to the Planning Board within sixty (60) days of the initial request.

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2. Staff recommendations regarding the naming or renaming of parks, and areas and facilities in parks, shall be guided by the following considerations:

- A. Recognized geographic names
- B. Natural historic features
- C. Folk usage
- D. Significant historic contributions
- E. Significant material contributions
- F. Significant financial contributions (at least 25 percent of the total project cost)
- G. Persons of historic service to the County or Commission
- H. Persons of outstanding civic service to the County or Commission

3. Memorials or dedications may consist of (a) structures, such as buildings, or facilities, such as athletic fields, that may be named in memory of individuals and organizations as complete entities, or (b) memorial or dedication plaques or signs on or inside structures and facilities.

4. The name of a memorial or dedication must be approved by the Planning Board.

5. Upon approval by the Planning Board, letters of agreement shall be exchanged between the Commission (or the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, Inc.) and the person(s) or organization(s) requesting a memorial or dedication, authorizing and designating responsibility for the planning, design, construction and funding of the memorial or dedication.

6. Staff recommendations to the Planning Board regarding the establishment of memorials and dedications in parks and on park structures and facilities shall be guided by the following considerations:

A. The location, design, and configuration of a proposed memorial or dedication shall be in keeping with the park purpose and usage and shall not interfere with public use of the park or park facility.

B. Department of Park and Planning staff shall participate in the planning, design, and construction of a memorial or dedication, if relevant.

C. All costs associated with a proposed memorial or dedication, including planning, design, construction, utilities, and maintenance (if significant) shall be the sole responsibility of the person(s) or organization(s) requesting the memorial or dedication. Full funding for the memorial or dedication shall be paid to the Commission or to the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, Inc., prior to the start of planning, design, and construction.

E. In all cases involving memorials or dedications, only the memorial or dedication itself may be named. The park name shall remain unchanged.

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Parks Impacted by the Park Naming Policy

1986 Robert C. McDonell Campgrounds

Cabin John Regional Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign and a plaque on a stone and gave family a photo album of the ceremony)

1987 Robert Remington Athletic Fields

Strawberry Knolls Local Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign and gave the family a plaque)

1988 Roberth H. Hill Athletic Field

Olney Manor Recreational Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign and plaque)

1989 Opal Daniels Neighborhood Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign, community paid for plaque on stone)

1989 Black Hill Visitor Center

Black Hill Regional Park

(M-NCPPC paid for plaque in lobby, which dedicates the facility in honor of Norman B. Christeller, former Commission chair)

1990 Alvin Robinson Picnic Area

Northgate Local Park

(M-NCPPC paid for plaque on stone)

1991 Joshua Maggin Hiker/biker Trail

Avenel Park

(Community paid for plaque on stone)

1991 Clifford Bland Athletic Area

Darnestown local Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign, family paid for plaque on stone)

1994 The Ed Wilhelm Athletic Fields

Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1994 The John Durham Athletic Fields

Long Branch-Wayne Local Park

(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1995 Johnson's Park

Name of Emory Grove Local Park reverted to property's original name.

(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1997 Little Bennett Golf Course Clubhouse
Little Bennett Regional Park
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque, which honors former Executive Director and Director of Parks, Jack Hewitt)

1997 The Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Court
Cabin John Indoor Tennis Facility
(Western Area Recreation Advisory Board paid for plaque)

1998 Brookside Gardens Visitors Center
Wheaton Regional Park
(Dedicated in honor of Elizabeth Turner, whose bequest funded the majority of the visitors center; Commission paid for plaque)

1999 Leaman Local Park
Name of Germantown Estates Local Park reverted to name of original property owners whose ancestors were among original settlers of Germantown

1998 The Stuart Kaufman Playground
Garrett Park Estates Park
(Garrett Park ES PTA and Town Council paid for sign)

1998 The Becca Lilly Playground
Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park
(City of Takoma Park paid for plaque)

1998 Dr. Robert Parilla Pathway
Rock Creek Regional Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1998 The Josiah Henson House
Ken-Gar Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for historic marker)

1998 Thomas Jennings Athletic Fields
Columbia Local Park
(Community paid for sign)

1998 Rosemary Hills-Lyttonsville Local Park
Formerly Rosemary Hill LP; named changed to add geographic community adjacent to the park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

1998 Glenmont Greenway
Formerly Glenmont Urban Park, name changed to reflect facility as part of total greenway system

(CIP) Budget

Thursday, April 2, 2009

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium
8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

The Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Recreation Advisory Boards are accepting public input on future capital improvement projects (CIP) for parks and recreation facilities for fiscal years 2011-2016. The CIP for the Department of Parks includes proposals for parkland acquisition, renovation of older park facilities, and new park development. The Recreation Department's CIP includes proposals for construction and renovation of community/recreation centers and aquatic facilities.

To sign up to speak during this public forum, call 301-495-2545 by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 1. The forum is limited to 35 speakers; however, written comments may be submitted to Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman Royce Hanson at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910 or mcp-chairman@mncppc.org by Thursday, April 2.

To view the current CIP visit www.MontgomeryParks.org, click on "About Us" and "Parks Capital Improvements Program."

Montgomery County Department of Parks Special Announcement

The Commission is considering the approval of a request to dedicate a soccer field at Aberdeen Local Park in North Potomac in honor of Mr. Jeff Kauffman, a local girls' club soccer coach. Mr. Kauffman coached soccer in Aberdeen Local Park serving the local soccer community for well over 15 years. Mr. Kauffman's coaching won his soccer teams many championships earning him the title of Eastern Region Youth Coach of the Year in 2004, as well as Classic Coach of the Year in 2003 for MSI, and the 2003-2004 United States Eastern Region Youth Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Most notable among Mr. Kauffman's greatest achievements in girls' soccer are the many ways he helped shape the lives of the young women he coached.

The Commission will be considering this request within the next 30 days. If you would like to comment on this proposal, please send you comments to Mr. Terry Brooks, Chief, Special Program Division at www.terry.brooks@montgomeryparks.org no later than April 1, 2009.