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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2035

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ORCUTT

A RESOLUTION  
NAMING THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT KENNEDY PARK  
FOR THE COOPER FOUNDATION, LOCATED OFF  
SYLVIA DRIVE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Cooper Foundation will be celebrating 10 years existence as an organization exhibiting good works to help those with special needs to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Craig and Christine Cooper's daughter, Cassidy, diagnosed with Autism, is non-verbal and in need of supervision at all times. After departing from his job as a Service worker in the City of Brook Park, Craig faced with the realization of being ineligible for any notable support from various public assistance organizations. Through his personal experience, Craig realized that something had to be done to add quality of life to others who were in need. Craig Cooper, along with his wife Christine, established the groundwork for the Cooper Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Cooper Foundation assists children and young adults with disabilities to get the help they need to thrive from day to day. The assistance provides the funding for therapy, devices and equipment needed for everyday living, as well as programs like summer camp; and

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**WHEREAS,** the Cooper Foundation started their fundraising events with a Motorcycle Ride in Columbus, Ohio, raising not only a financial blessing, but also an immense interest from locations everywhere. With so many locations requesting assistance from the Cooper Foundation, a determination had to be made to keep their assistance to more of a local region, consisting of Cuyahoga, Medina and Lorain Counties. In the attempt to raise money for assistance, the Cooper Foundation holds fundraisers and raffles, and receives a portion of the sales of "Xero Shoes" purchases, in addition to regular donations received; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cooper Foundation presented the City of Brook Park with \$25,000.00 for the construction of an ADA-compliant playground. The playground was designed to ensure that children of all abilities, including those with disabilities, can fully participate in play activities. This means providing accessible routes, play equipment, and surfacing, and adhering to the guidelines set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA-compliant playground is located on the City's Central Campus at Kennedy Park and Pavilion, on Sylvia Drive; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Brook Park recognizes and greatly appreciates the dedication and commitment of Craig and Christine Cooper and the Cooper Foundation and values their relationship to the City creating a sense of unity and support to all those in Brook Park.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Edward A. Orcutt, Mayor of the City of Brook Park, do hereby call upon the citizens of this fine community to acknowledge and extend congratulations to the Cooper Foundation on behalf of the Administration and City Council of the City of Brook Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

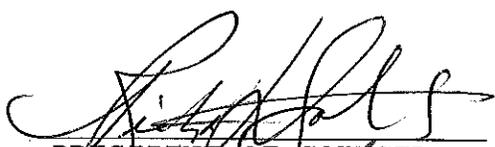
SECTION 1: The Mayor and Council wish to name the playground equipment at Kennedy Park after the Cooper Foundation.

SECTION 2: The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Cooper Foundation.

SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason to name the playground equipment for the Cooper Foundation; therefore provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law

PASSED: June 17, 2025

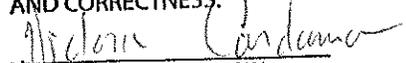
  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Cara Johnson  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED:   
MAYOR

6-18-25  
DATE

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS.

  
DIRECTOR OF LAW

CERTIFICATE

Carol Johnson, Clerk of Council, of the City of Brook Park, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance ~~(Resolution)~~

No. 16-2025

passed on the 17 day of June

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Carol Johnson  
Clerk of Council

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