AGENDA
LEBANON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2016

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.A – <u>NAMING OF SKATEPARK AT RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PARK</u>

<u>BACKGROUND</u>

The skatepark in Lebanon is located at Riverside Community Park, and is in need of replacement now that the original ramps are 14 years old, four years beyond their anticipated life expectancy. The redesign will feature concrete construction, designed and constructed by a skatepark professional, and implemented over several phases, which began in 2015.

Major funding for the new park has come from family and friends of Tyler Kirschner who, as a skater, spent many hours at the park, often helping younger kids and even purchasing boards for other kids to use. Tyler passed away unexpectedly in 2015. Recreation Director Paul Coats is requesting that the Council take action to name the skatepark "Rusty Berrings Skatepark at Riverside Community Park", and "in memory of Tyler S. Kirschner". For more information, please see the attached memo from Paul Coats.

<u>ACTION</u>

The Council is requested to consider the following motion:

MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council hereby names the Skatepark at Riverside Community Park, "Rusty Berrings Skatepark at Riverside Community Park, in memory of Tyler S. Kirschner."

<u>Included in this Section:</u>

1.   May 6, 2016 Memo from Paul Coats, Recreation Director

PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Cc: Acting City Manager
From: Paul Coats, Recreation Director
Date: May 6, 2016
Re: **Skatepark Naming Opportunity**

INTRODUCTION:

The skatepark in Lebanon is located at Riverside Community Park, and is in need of replacement now that the original ramps are 14 years old, four years beyond their anticipated life expectancy. The redesign will feature concrete construction, designed and constructed by a skatepark professional, and implemented over several phases, which began in 2015.

Major funding for the new park has come from family and friends of Tyler Kirschner who passed away unexpectedly in 2015. The skatepark currently has no proper name, so we would like to propose naming it "Rusty Berrings Skatepark at Riverside Community Park", and "in memory of Tyler S. Kirschner".

BACKGROUND:

Lebanon's skatepark was built in 2002 and 2003 with $50,000 CIP funds, and through a large federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The entire Riverside Community Park was constructed at the same time, utilizing grant funds and donations from the community. A Welcome to Riverside Community Park sign exists on the center island acknowledging gifts to Riverside Community Park. The large pavilion on site was donated by Riverside Rotary, and was named for the rotary around 2004.

The original skatepark was constructed with wooden structures and Skatelite Pro decks, which was the only proven skating surface viable with New England weather and skaters' preference for smooth surfacing. These ramps had a 10 year life expectancy. Since that time, concrete has proven to be the skaters' choice and able to withstand the freeze and thaw cycles in our cold climate. With proper maintenance, and depending on the use, they could last indefinitely.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

We recommend naming the skatepark "Rusty Berrings Skatepark at Riverside Community Park. In memory of Tyler S. Kirschner". A sign that fits the image of the skatepark will be placed at the entrance to the skatepark from the parking lot.

Tyler's family has not only funded 90% of Phase II of the project, but they are also committed to helping fundraise for future Phases. As a skater, Tyler spent many hours at the park, often helping younger kids and even buying boards for other kids to use. During some of our skate competitions in recent years, Tyler would volunteer to bring and run his sound system. He modeled the type of skatepark user we hope to perpetuate for many more generations.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

The City Council currently has no Naming Policy, but has a history of adopting names on an individual basis.

PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK