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The City of Vadnais Heights
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Memorandum:

TO: Mayor Gunderson and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Sandvik, Assistant City Administrator

DATE: November 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Proclamation - Joe Momsen Playground Dedication

Background

Kohler Meadows Park is in the process of installing new playground equipment. After 22 years, the old playground equipment saw a full life, but is ready for a replacement. Through a grant, the City was able to maximize play value in the space and still manage a cost savings on the original budget of the project. The new playground offers engaging elements for wider age and ability ranges, and will be a place for residents and visitors to play for decades to come.

After the passing of long-time City employee Joe Momsen, the City Council and City staff discussed potential opportunities to memorialize Mr. Momsen and his many years of service. In communication with Mr. Momsen's family, City staff is honored to make the recommendation to dedicate the new playground in memory of Joe Momsen.

Joe grew up in Vadnais Heights and spent his entire working career with the Vadnais Heights Public Works Department. He joined the team in 1979, just out of high school, and was promoted to the Public Service Supervisor position in 1988. Joe lost his battle with cancer in 2016. With 37 years of service to the City, the dedication of a playground which will serve countless families into the future is a fitting commemoration.

With Council approval of the attached Proclamation, staff will coordinate a formal Playground Dedication Ceremony in the spring of 2021.

Attachment: Proclamation

CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS

**PROCLAMATION
NAMING THE KOHLER MEADOWS PARK PLAYGROUND THE JOE MOMSEN
PLAYGROUND**

WHEREAS, one of the City of Vadnais Heights playgrounds is currently known as the Kohler Meadows Park Playground and is located at 365 County Road F; and

WHEREAS, through a grant, the City is in the process of installing new playground equipment at Kohler Meadows Park; and

WHEREAS, Joe Momsen, former Public Works employee, worked in the Public Works Department in the City for over 37 Years; and

WHEREAS, to honor the late Joe Momsen, the City would like to recognize and honor him by naming the new playground “Joe Momsen Playground”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the playground at Kohler Meadows Park from this day forth shall be called the Joe Momsen Playground.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Resolution was passed by majority of the City Council for the City of Vadnais Heights on November 4, 2020.

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By: _____
Heidi Gunderson
Mayor

Attested:

Kevin Watson
City Administrator