

RES18-065

Wilmington, Delaware
September 20, 2018

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Williams

Co-Sponsors:

Council
Members
Chukwuocha
McCoy

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council has enacted Section 2-3 of the Wilmington City Code regarding the authorization and procedures for naming City streets, parks, playgrounds, plazas, buildings, facilities, statues, monuments and other lands reserved for public use in order to commemorate a particular person and his/her social significance to the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-3 states that if it is proposed that a part of, or any facility within, a street or reserved land that is subject to this section be named or renamed in honor of or dedicated to any person, place or event that is different from the rest of it or that is different than that within which it is located, such naming or renaming may be done by resolution by City Council pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, which retaining the name of the rest of the street or park or other reserved land within which the park facility or object so dedicated is located; and

WHEREAS, one Wilmingtonian worthy of such an honor is Barbara DelleDonne, who passed away peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones on January 6th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DelleDonne was born in the City of Wilmington, and was a graduate of Wilmington High School. Upon retiring from Salisbury Laboratories, Mrs. DelleDonne worked at Delaware Park and Giorgi Kitchens. She was very active in her community and in politics, and was an advocate for neighbors and friends in need. She was truly a pillar of the community; and

WHEREAS, giving back was deeply important to Mrs. DelleDonne. For over 25 years, Mrs. DelleDonne volunteered as the exercise instructor at St. Anthony's Senior Center, which brought her much joy and fulfillment. She was also a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua

Church, where she was active in the Via Crucis for over 50 years. She also served as a volunteer for the Italian Festival, and even assisted with grade school and Padua Academy events; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. DelleDonne loved nothing more than her family. She especially enjoyed being surrounded by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved having lunch with her girlfriends, visits from friends and family, sitting on the porch, and having her house open to all, especially during the Italian Festival and during the Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to recognize the generous and caring spirit of Barbara DelleDonne, who brought so much light and love to those around her. She inspired her family to be faithful, loving, generous and kind, and is an exemplary model of what it means to be a public servant and give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the meaningful and demonstrative impact that this prominent Wilmingtonian has had, City Council wishes to name the playground in Father Tucker Park as the “Barbara DelleDonne Memorial Playground”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 18-020 and the provisions of Section 2-3 of the City Code, the principal sponsor of this resolution has delivered to all members of Council a written justification supporting the proposed naming, and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the department with responsibility over Father Tucker Park, has furnished a written opinion expressing the department’s support of this proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council hereby names the playground in Father Tucker Park as the “Barbara DelleDonne Memorial Playground,” in recognition of Barbara DelleDonne and her significant contributions to the City of Wilmington. City Council looks forward to joining the Administration in celebrating this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Department of Parks and Recreation shall take all necessary measures to effectuate this naming upon passage of this resolution, and to post appropriate signage consistent with named facilities within other City parks, as soon as practicable.

Passed by City Council,
September 20, 2018

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution names the playground in Father Tucker Park as the “Barbara DelleDonne Memorial Playground” in recognition of the meaningful impact that Mrs. Barbara DelleDonne, a prominent Wilmingtonian, had throughout the City of Wilmington.