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Dr. Robert Tremblay, Superintendent, and School Committee Members
Framingham School Department
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Dr. Tremblay and School Committee Members,

On behalf of the Framingham Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division and the Framingham Parks and Recreation Commission, I write to you to propose naming the Lower Walsh Middle School Athletic Field after longtime Commissioner, Barry Bograd, who passed away on January 30, 2018.

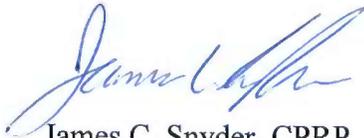
As a longtime resident, Barry served the Community of Framingham in many different ways, including as a dedicated, long-serving Parks and Recreation Commissioner. While part of our Commission, Barry provided guidance and support for many Parks and Recreation initiatives. These include the acquisition and development of Cushing Memorial Park; acquisition and development of Victory Fields; acquisition and development of the Merchant Road Fields; redevelopment of the Bowditch Complex and Loring Arena; development of the Maintenance & Operations Facility; various redevelopment projects in support of the City's beaches aimed at improving user experience and access; expansion of Recreational programming; and much more. In addition to his role as Commissioner, Barry also served on the Town's Finance Committee; as master of ceremonies for the annual Salute to Framingham for a number of years; provided color commentary for Framingham High (both North and South) football games at Bowditch; hosted long running public access TV shows that highlighted the positive activities and offerings throughout the City; and volunteered as a coach for a number of youth sport organizations, including Framingham Youth Football and Framingham United Soccer Club.

While these are wonderful examples of Barry's contributions to our community, they do not fully capture Barry's impact on Framingham. Barry was a friend and supporter of all things Framingham from youth and high school athletics, to aspiring local politicians, and the Parks and Recreation Department. If there was a cause or effort that would improve Framingham for the better, Barry would be right there helping to make it a reality.

We feel that naming the Lower Walsh Athletic Field the "Barry Bograd Memorial Field" is appropriate to honor his legacy. Once renovation is complete at this location, the field will provide a full-sized field for a number of sports (football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, etc.) while providing access to both the field and renovated walking path that will surround the perimeter of the field to all residents. This improved facility will greatly enhance resident's recreational experiences, helping to further Barry's legacy of improving our City for all residents.

For these reasons and many more, we respectfully request the Framingham School Committee and School Department to support and approve the naming of the Lower Walsh Athletic Field the "Barry Bograd Memorial Field".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James C. Snyder".

James C. Snyder, CPRP
Director
Framingham Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs