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Parks and Recreation Committee
Appleton Common Council

Dear Parks and Recreation Committee,

On May 15, 2019, an act of violence led to loss of lives and deeply affected the Appleton community. As we near the first anniversary of the tragedy of the shooting at the Transit Center, we should pause and reflect on this event and the countless lives affected by what happened. We wish to memorialize our fallen public servant, Driver/Engineer Mitchell F. Lundgaard and ensure that, as a community, we never forget his sacrifice in the line of duty.

In consultation with colleagues, we discussed ways to acknowledge this sad occasion and to honor Driver/Engineer Lundgaard. We took into consideration who he was and what he represented to our community. He was motivated to take up a career in the fire service by the attacks on September 11, 2001. He pursued his career with passion and enthusiasm, which inspired his colleagues and left an impression on all who met him in the course of his work. "Mitch," as he was known to his loved ones, co-workers, and friends, was also a dedicated husband and father. He enjoyed outdoor recreation and spending time with his family and friends. Mitch was good humored and always sought to bring out the best in others. He was a model public servant and member of our community.

With all of this in mind, we thought about the many expressions of community life that might represent what Mitch is remembered for. We also sought to memorialize him in a way that is positive, active, and enduring.

It is for these reasons that we have made the enclosed recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Committee to name a park in his honor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jacob A. Woodford
Mayor