

## PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Dean R. Gazza. Director

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**To:** Parks and Recreation Committee

**From:** Dean R. Gazza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

**Date:** May 6, 2020

**Re:** Action: Name Northside Parkland in Honor of Mitch F. Lundgaard

The City of Appleton acquired land in 1999 for the future home of a neighborhood park. In conjunction, the adjacent land was purchased for the construction of Fire Station #6. The parkland has not been provided an official name.

In consultation with Mayor Woodford and Chief Hansen, our department recommends naming this parkland in honor of Driver/Engineer Mitchell F. Lundgaard in accordance with the Naming of Public Parks policy which indicates the criteria for naming parks. The criteria notes that parks can be named after an individual who has performed an outstanding service for the community.

Our department requests that the Parks and Recreation Committee supports naming this parkland Lundgaard Park. Our department would be proud to have this parkland officially named after Mitch for his service and heroism to our Community. The 6.77-acre park is situated next to Fire Station #6, making this a fitting location as Mitch served the Fire Department for 14 years. In addition, Mitch served as a coach and enjoyed watching his children play sports.

Please find the attached policy and an aerial depiction for your review. Please feel free to contact me at 832-5572 with any questions, or by email at <a href="mailto:dean.gazza@appleton.org">dean.gazza@appleton.org</a>.