

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks and Recreation Services Manager

DATE: August 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution to Recommend Naming the Property Acquired from JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C. as "Willow Nature Area"

Attached for your review and action is a resolution to recommend approving the naming of the property acquired from JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C. as "Willow Nature Area."

The property consists of shrubby wetland and floodplain forest on either side of Malletts Creek, which runs through the property. Although much of the property is currently filled with invasive plant species, this undeveloped area site is important for stormwater management in the Malletts Creek Watershed. Willow trees are one of the common trees that thrive in these ecosystems, now and into the future, hence the proposed name for this floodplain park.

The City acquired the property in 2007 when JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability corporation, purchased a parcel of land from the City, after receiving City Council approval for a site plan and PUD zoning. JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C. then developed the Malletts View Office Center PUD, and as part of the development agreement with the City, JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C. conveyed by deed to the City, a 1.3-acre parcel for parkland. This parcel was never officially designated as parkland or named. This resolution corrects this omission, designates the parcel as parkland, and provides an official name.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND NAMING THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C.AS
“WILLOW NATURE AREA”

Whereas, The property was acquired by the City of Ann Arbor from JAG EISENHOWER, L.L.C. in 2007;

Whereas, The property contains floodplain forest habitat on either side of Malletts Creek, which runs through the property;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends Mayor and City Council designate the property as parkland and approve the park be named "Willow Nature Area."

Prepared by: David Borneman, Parks and Recreation Services Deputy Manager

Reviewed by: Colin Smith, Parks and Recreation Services Manager