

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks & Recreation Services Manager

DATE: August 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Resolution to Recommend Naming the Property Donated by Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC as "Hickory Nature Area"

Attached for your review and action is a resolution to approve the naming of the property acquired from Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC as "Hickory Nature Area."

In March, 2019 the 2.07 acre parcel was donated to the City of Ann Arbor by Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC. The property consists of dry-mesic forest dominated by oaks and hickories, including a small grove of hickories on its western edge. The forest is notable because it contains many large landmark trees, such as white oaks, shagbark hickories, and sugar maples, which had been part of a fencerow around the property when it was a farm field in the first half of the 1900s.

The property is the first acquisition in what could potentially become a larger network of protected natural areas providing connections to the Huron Parkway Right-of-Way and Onder Nature Area to the south and Leslie Park and Black Pond Woods Nature Area to the east. Such connections are beneficial to the movements of both wildlife and park users.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND NAMING THE PROPERTY DONATED BY PULTE
HOMES OF MICHIGAN, LLC AS "HICKORY NATURE AREA"

Whereas, The property was acquired as parkland by the City of Ann Arbor in March 2019;

Whereas, The property contains many regulated landmark trees, including a grove of hickories;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends Mayor and City Council approve the park donated by Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC be named "Hickory Nature Area."

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

