

Whereas, Winchell Park may be named after Alexander Winchell, a U-M professor of physics, civil engineering, geology and paleontology;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission strives to provide exceptional experiences for all Park visitors and residents, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, income level, ethnicity, or ability;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission believes everyone should feel safe, welcome and respected in the City Parks and that renaming Winchell Park is consistent with this goal;

Whereas, The Park Advisory Commission established a special ad-hoc committee for the purpose of recommending a renaming of Winchell Park;

Whereas, The special ad-hoc committee met multiple times, identified numerous candidates for renaming consideration, and developed a method to engage the broader public to vote on the renaming;

Whereas, A renaming survey was released for a month, and residents within a ¼ mile of Winchell Park were notified by postcard of the renaming survey and the park was signed with the same information;

Whereas, The survey generated 321 votes; and

Whereas, Dr. Harold J. Lockett received the most votes by a significant margin,

RESOLVED, That the special ad-hoc Park Naming Committee recommend to the Park Advisory Commission that Winchell Park be renamed Dr. Harold J. Lockett Park.

Voted on Friday, October 1st