



City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 2/20/2024

FOCUS AREA: Quality of Life

STAFF CONTACT: Mike Sirna, John Brockus

SUBJECT: Discussion of naming a new city park; Pioneer Trails Park.

TITLE:

Discussion of naming a new city park; Pioneer Trails Park.

SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Foundation recommends naming the property donated to the City by the Hoff family, Parcel ID DF231311-4019, Pioneer Trails Park, per O.M.C. 2.40.060, Resolution No. 07-1030 (City Council Policy A-5).

This property is rich in Olathe history, as the Hoff family had farmed here since before the Civil War. Thomas Hoff, a graduate of Olathe High School, was a farmer in Olathe his entire life, and built a home on the farmland in the late 1970s. The Hoff family opened Stone Pillar Vineyard and Winery so they could continue to keep the farm productive even as the neighboring land was being developed. To this day, this is one of Kansas' oldest family farms on record.

In 2019 the Hoff family donated 16.70 acres of land to the City of Olathe for the development of a neighborhood park and a fire station. The park design will be natural design with a pond, walking trails and a small activity area, landscaped with native trees, prairie grasses and flowers.

The Parks and Recreation Foundation recommends naming this property Pioneer Trails Park because the Hoff family were original Pioneers to this area, and the abundant trails that run through historic Olathe are what brought them here.

The Park Planning is currently in the design stage for this park and it is slated to start construction in late 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ACTION NEEDED:

The discussion of the naming of "Pioneer Trails Park" for the park under development at Parcel ID DF231211-4019 is for informational purposes.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Pioneer Trails Park Map
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