

**A RESOLUTION NAMING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND DONATED AND ACQUIRED FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AS BABB'S ORCHARD PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Lobalzo Family donated 4.99 acres of land (PPN: 50-00112) to the Village in November of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Orchard LLC (Petros Land Development) donated 8.31 acres of land (PPN: 50-00113) to the Village in December of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Village purchased 4.27 acres of vacant land (PPN: 50-01569) located off of the Hawkins Road extension in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to dedicate the above-referenced parcels of land for park and recreation purposes within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Park and Recreation Board ("Board") met to discuss possible naming options for the new public park; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recommended to Council that the new public park should be named Babb's Orchard Park; and

WHEREAS, some of the land that the new park will occupy was the location of Babb's Orchard which was founded by Rexford Babb; and

WHEREAS, Babb's Orchard had a long and storied presence in the Village and is an important part of the community's history; and

WHEREAS, in order to recognize and honor the legacy and significance of Babb's Orchard in the community, this Council determines that it is appropriate to name the above-referenced properties such that it shall be henceforth known as Babb's Orchard Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The 4.99 acres of land (PPN: 50-00112) donated by the Lobalzo Family, the 8.31 acres of land (50-00113) donated by Orchard LLC, and the 4.27 acres of property (PPN: 50-01569) acquired by the Village henceforth shall be known as Babbs Orchard Park in order to recognize and the honor the legacy and significance of Babbs Orchard in the community.

SECTION 2. The Village may erect signage, in appropriate locations, reflecting the name and existence of the Babb's Orchard Park, and may otherwise refer to the properties as such.

Amended 11/13/2020

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


SECTION 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to allow the Village to begin posting signage reflecting the new Babbs Orchard Park; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-17-2020

  
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President of Council

  
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Mayor

Dated: 11/20/2020

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Clerk of Council