

City Council Workshop

Agenda Item #3

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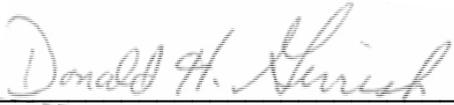
Renaming Willard Park

This item is brought forward by Mayor Tom Blake and Councilor Linda Cohen to rename Willard School Park property (formerly Willard School) located between Pillsbury & Davis Streets and Cottage Road to the Santo "Sam" DiPietro Memorial Park. The City Council has the sole authority to name city parks.

The current park was official named the Willard School Park on March 17, 1980 after the building was no longer utilized for an elementary school and razed.

Mr. DiPietro and his wife, Helen, and their children opened DiPietro's Market in 1972 which continues to be owned and operated by the family. Mr. DiPietro was very civic-minded and was co-founder of the Boys and Girls Club in South Portland. Mr. DiPietro served as a City Councilor for nine years; serving as mayor for 1982 and 1983 and, also served in the State Legislature for four terms from 1989 to 1996. Mr. DiPietro passed away on October 9, 2016.

This item is on the workshop agenda to discuss formally renaming the park the Santo "Sam" DiPietro Memorial Park.



Interim City Manager