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TO: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*
FROM: Peter Faticanti, Recreation Division Program Director/Planner
DATE: July 8, 2020
RE: Req. City Mgr. to begin the process of naming the football field at Cawley Stadium in Honor of William 'Billy' Rizos.

At the June 9, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council voted to begin the naming process for the football field at Cawley Stadium. The Council voted 9-0 to name the field in honor of William "Billy" Rizos. Following this meeting, City Clerk Michael Geary made a recommendation to the Board of Parks for their June 24, 2020 meeting to vote a name change for the football field and for the field to be rededicated once the current renovations are completed.

The June 24th Board of Parks meeting was held via zoom and all five members were in attendance. City Councilor Rita Mercier attended to represent the agenda item. The Board discussed the ongoing renovations, reasons for naming the facility after Mr. Rizos, and the process for the naming the field. After the discussion from the Board, and input from Councilor Mercier, a motion was made by Ryan Rourke, and seconded by Kate Lapinsky. The vote passed by a 4-1 margin in favor of naming the football field after William "Billy" Rizos.

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