

STAFF REPORT
November 23,2020

Topic: Request from the Laconia Parks and Recreation Commission to name the Laconia Skate Park after Ben Emmond who passed away in April 2008 in a motor vehicle accident.

Discussion: The Laconia Parks & Recreation Department received calls from the public expressing interest in naming the new and improved Skate Park after Ben. At the last Commission meeting, the Degara Family formally asked to name the park the “Ben Emmond Skate Park” as a tribute to their family member. Ben was an avid skater and money was donated to the former skate park in his name in lieu of flowers at the request of his family. The money raised in Ben’s name prolonged the use of the former skate park for many years.

Staff Recommendation: The Parks and Recreation Department recommends the naming of the Laconia Skate Park the “Ben Emmond Skate Park”.

This report submitted by Amy Lovisek, Director of Recreation and Facilities, Laconia Parks and Recreation

Proposed motion:

“I move to approve the request from the Laconia Parks and Recreation Commission to name the Laconia Skate Park The Ben Emmond Skate Park.”