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FROM: MR. BILL TAYLOR, TRUSTEE AND SECRETARY OF THE RJRD BOARD

As the Secretary of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, we are pleased to announce that the property has a name: Richfield Heritage Preserve!

Suggestions of names were collected since 2015 from emails, surveys and the and the master planning stakeholder/public forum meetings resulting in over thirty possibilities. The finalists were: Richfield Preserve, Crowell Hilaka Park, Kirby's Mill at Crowell Hilaka and Richfield Heritage Preserve.

The common component in the names were their link to the history and the preservation of the property which the Trustees thoughtfully considered on behalf of the Richfield residents they represent. The Trustees were mindful of the magnitude of this decision and for that reason it was a slow and deliberative process. Our debates were spirited and passionate resulting in many aspects to reflect upon since the naming is historic in itself. The name is not only representative of the current and future community but also serves as the perfect homage to those families that came before us. The park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

We thank the residents for their patience as the Board works hard not only to accomplish this task but the as well as the many complicated and difficult decisions on a finite budget. Residents are encouraged to visit the website, www.rjrd.org, contact the Administrator, 330.659.9201 extension 238 or email dbluso-rogers@richfieldvillageohio.org to provide comment and suggestions for their park or come to the meetings that are held the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Town Hall.

It must be stressed that all of the names represented so many components of the property including the sentiments of the residents. Residents need to know that these names will not be forgotten but will be used in the naming trails, buildings and structures.

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