

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 261

Approved April 24, 1986

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of the Park Department is requested to cause the Lt. John E. Heatherman Jr. Memorial Park to be refurbished.

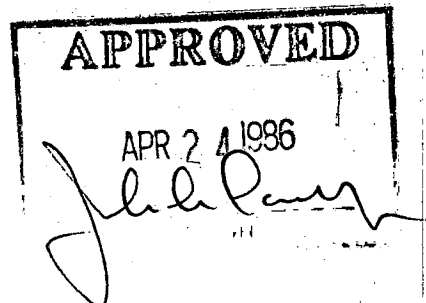
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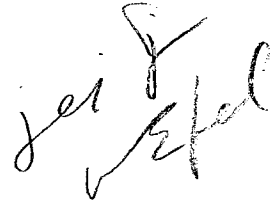
Rose M. Manly CLERK



Councilman Cole (By Request)

January 20, 1986

Councilman Raymond Cola
Chalkstone Ave.
Providence R.I. 02908



Dear Councilman Cola:

We the members of the Mt. Pleasant Little League, must bring to your attention the terrible condition of the Lt. John E. Heaterman Jr. Memorial Park (World War II Vet.) commonly known as West field. It does not take a trained eye to see what needs to be done. However, we shall list our priorities in order to have our children play our national past-time, BASEBALL.

In an interview of one of the leading high school coaches in the Metropolitan division, the question was asked, "Why are you leaving such a successful program at O.L.P?" The answer, "the challenge is no longer there, and the ballfields being played on are in goshawful condition. I fear for injury to the ballplayers." This reply was from Tom Lyons, Coventry High Schools new baseball coach.

This is a problem that must be resolved. We the Board would like to bring this to your attention. We have been playing our Senior and Big League games at West Field. This field is in atrocious condition, and it has become more evident since Hurricane Gloria.

The backstop has been demolished, the infield is made of glass, rocks and sand. The outfield is the same way includeing potholes. We as a little league, senior league, and big league association, try to impress upon the boy's and girl's that of safety, yet we cannot get the help we need to practice what we preach, from the city of Providence.

This field has become an eyesore to the neighborhood.
Some of the things that must be done are as follows:

- 1.) The need for a new backstop, higher with a longer overhang.
- 2). New dugouts, benches, fences.
- 3). The removal of hugh rocks (3rd base dugout).
- 4). Place a fence from the backstop to the outfield approximately 310' long, left-field side.
- 5). Bring this fence around to center field extended to rightfield meeting existing fence, at about 250'. This fence should be about 6' high.
- 6). The outfield is full of rocks, ruts, and holes that should be removed and filed in, regraded, and seeded.
- 7). The infield should be removed by about 6" to 8" Regraded, packed, (with quality screened clay,) new pitcher's mound.
- 8). Last but far from least there should be lights placed for darkness.

We, in the city of Providence, do not have a quality field for the younger generation to play organized ball on. The city has been allocated monies from the Federal Government, to fefurbish destruction from Hurricane Gloria.

We believe that some of that money should have been given to the Mt. Pleasant area for refurbishing the Lt. John E. Heatherman Jr. Memorial Park. This field was constructed in His honor for being a World War II Veteran who died for his country.

Is this the way we treat our memorial parks, or do we try to keep them in clean usable condition for our neighborhood childrenttouse.

THANK YOU

Lawrence A. Russo Sr.
FOR THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS.