

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

RESOLUTION No. 2015-47

By Cheryl A. Banaszak Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleen;
All Members of Council

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE LOU GROZA RECREATION FIELD TO THE JASON MALONE PARK.

WHEREAS, the recreation area and baseball diamonds located at the south end of Woodmere Drive were named in honor of Lou Groza; and

WHEREAS, the football field and recreation area located on the former site of the Roehm Middle School have now been named in honor of Lou Groza; and

WHEREAS, Jason LeVon Malone was an extraordinary boy from Berea who excelled at sports, but who truly loved baseball; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2002, the life of Jason Malone was cut short at age 11 due to a medical condition; and

WHEREAS, Jason, the son of Susan and Terry Malone, was an honor and merit roll student and Star Citizen at Riveredge Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Jason was an outstanding baseball player, participating on the Berea Baseball Association's competitive travel team, and was known as a truly excellent pitcher and owner of what became known as the "Malone Zone", as well as an outstanding power hitter who never took a first pitch but could often, effortlessly, hit the ball out of the park; and

WHEREAS, Jason was well known for his infectious, warmhearted smile and compassionate disposition, and his love for his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, as Jason's friends have continued through their school years, they have honored him and kept his memory alive by such gestures as retiring his number 7, displaying a Malone sign in the left outfield of the then new baseball field at Berea High School and establishing a scholarship in his name which is awarded annually to a truly outstanding senior baseball player at the school; and

WHEREAS, Jason, like his mother Susan, his father Terry, brother Joshua and sister Jessica, was an active member of People's Community Church, and known for his excellent singing voice; and

WHEREAS, Jason was, like his parents, sister and brother, well on his way to becoming an outstanding citizen of Berea, serving the community in many ways, as well as following in the footsteps of his parents, sister and brother by seeking and obtaining higher education; and

WHEREAS, the family of Lou Groza has heartily endorsed honoring Jason Malone in this way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Recreation Complex formerly known as Lou Groza Field, shall be and it is hereby re-named the Jason Malone Park.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

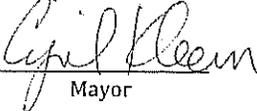
PASSED: May 18, 2015



President of Council

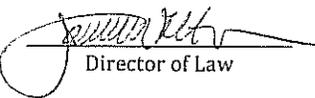
ATTEST: Alyo Eisen
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: May 19, 2015



Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Director of Law