RESOLUTION

NAMING THE UPPER FIELD/MINOR LEAGUE FIELD AT LINCOLN PARK
“MICHAEL P. ZAPENAS FIELD”

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the upper field/minor league field at Lincoln Park shall be named “Michael P. Zapenas Field”. This is to honor Michael P. Zapenas who has retired as the long-time president of the Northwest Baseball League.

Mr. Zapenas was a very instrumental part of the creation of the Lincoln Park baseball facility. He preceded Ronald Jackson and presided over Nashua Northwest baseball from the late 1990s until Ronald took over in the early 2000s. One of Michael’s career highlights was working tirelessly with the city to design and create the Lincoln Park sports complex. He coached the t-ball level up through the major league level not once but twice as each of his sons played through the program. He built the program at times single handedly and spent countless hours at the field verifying that everything was in its proper place.

Michael often coached several teams at a time when there were shortages of coaches or when he thought that there were additional improvements that could be made to the program. He concentrated on teaching the fundamentals and would work with the coaches to be sure that they were trained in proper skill sets that were essential in standardizing the program.

Although Mr. Zapenas was never able to reap the results of the notable championships that Nashua Northwest has captured in recent years, his efforts were second to none in laying the foundation of the program and its success today. Without the efforts of Mike and his dedication to Nashua’s youth baseball, the city program would not be where it is today.

- Nashua Northwest Baseball Bambino Director of Minor/Major League 1988-1992
- Nashua Northwest Baseball Bambino Director of Rookie/T-Ball 1996-1998
- Nashua Northwest Baseball Cal Ripken Vice-President 1996-1998
- Nashua Northwest Baseball Cal Ripken President 1998-2002
- Nashua Northwest Baseball Cal Ripken All-Star Head/Assistant Coach 1997-2003
- Builder of the old Rookie League Field at Lincoln Park 1997
- Builder of the old T-Ball Field at Lincoln Park 1998
- Nashua Northwest T-Ball/Rookie/Minor/Major League Coach 1999-2003
- First All-Star Coach in Nashua Northwest history to reach State Finals 2002
- Coach of one of the greatest All-Star teams in Northwest history 2002
- First Member of Nashua Northwest Baseball Board of Directors to start process for new fields at Lincoln Park 2002-2003
· When President, Nashua Northwest became one of the most successful Cal Ripken programs, leading to today with not only winning teams, but with player development, and a massive increase in players in the league.
· One of the hardest workers at pursuing the new baseball fields at Lincoln Park 2002-2003
· Nashua CYO President 1986-1992
· Nashua CYO Basketball Coach 1986-1992
LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2009

RESOLUTION: R-09-165

PURPOSE: Naming the upper field/minor league field at Lincoln Park “Michael Zapenas Field”

SPONSOR(S): Alderman Mark S. Cookson

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE: Signage - $300.00.

ANALYSIS

This resolution names the upper field/minor league field at Lincoln Park “Michael Zapenas Field”.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: [Signature]

Date: 19 February 2009
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IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING  FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Referred to:

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE & BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

2nd Reading  MARCH 24, 2009

3rd Reading

4th Reading

Other Action

Passed  MARCH 24, 2009

Indefinitely Postponed

Defeated

Attest:  

City Clerk

President

Approved  3/27/09

Mayor's Signature

Date

Endorsed by

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Vetoed:

Veto Sustained:

Veto Overridden:

Attest:  

City Clerk

President