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Resolution naming the lower Herschel Park Field as “Dan Barry Field”
(*Public Hearing held 2/15/23*)

WHEREAS, Dan Barry played his first year of Little League in 1963 for Elliott Athletic Association (EAA). He continued for the Association in Pony League and Colt League and transferred to Crafton Heights Baseball Association (CHBA) in 1968, as EAA did not have an American Legion Team. He played for CHBA until he left for the Army; and,

WHEREAS, upon his return from the Army in 1971, Dan coached the American Legion Team at CBHA, and became the manager of the Myers Little League team for EAA in 1972. Mr. Barry became president of the EAA in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, within the next 11 years as president, Dan took the EAA organization, from a well trusted 4-person leadership group (Barry Arlet, Bob Bandi, Dot Carter, and himself) to an elected executive board. He changed the organization name from EAA to Elliott/West End Athletic Association (EWEAA) and saw to it that the league received its 501(c)3 non-profit organization status. Finally, he included an American Legion Team, under the EWEAA; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Barry oversaw the first candy stand building, and initiated the first Annual EWEAA Halloween Parade. In 1983, EWEAA started a co-ed fall soccer program with a \$5,000 budget. In 2000, Dan oversaw the construction of a new refreshment stand. With the help of many volunteers and professionals, the result is the refreshment stand still in use today, which also includes a meeting room and two handicap/accessible bathrooms. Since then, Dan also formed a scholarship committee and formed a scholarship program to assist the league youth in advanced learning; and,

WHEREAS, Dan has dedicated his time as a coach and manager for over 30 years to various levels throughout the creation of the EWEAA organization. He has made his vision into a reality and has expanded his sports vision to include softball and soccer. It is his dedication, with the assistance of his board, which created a fully fundamental organization still going strong today.

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Chapter 173 of the City Code, titled “Commission on Naming Public Properties” the Mayor and Director of Public Works are hereby authorized and directed to name the lower field of Herschel Park “Dan Barry Field” effective May 13, 2023.