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DATE: January 27, 2023

TO: Public Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Mayor Justin M. Nickels, City of Manitowoc, WI

RE: Committee Recommendation for Name Change of Clay Pit Road Park to Manitowoc Chiefs Youth Football Park

The Manitowoc Chiefs Football Club recently reached out to the Mayor's Office requesting a name change of Clay Pit Road Park (formerly a portion of Riverview Drive Park) to Manitowoc Chiefs Youth Football Park.

The Chiefs organization was founded in 1937 as a semi-pro football team known as the Manitowoc Galloping Gaels. In 1974 the organization transitioned into a youth football program that continues to positively impacted countless lives throughout this community. The Chiefs have a long-term lease with the City of Manitowoc for a 2-acre portion of Clay Pit Rd. Park which includes the clubhouse area and football field.

In 2021, Riverview Drive Park, which at the time was two parcels, was split into two separate parks. Riverview Drive Park (4.86 acres located at 514 Riverview Drive) remained the upper portion of the park along Riverview Drive. The lower portion of the park was renamed Clay Pit Road Park (10.10 acres located at 2301 Clay Pit Road). This lower portion is where the Manitowoc Chiefs Football Club has its two-acre lease with the City of Manitowoc. Similar to Riverview Drive Park, the significance of Clay Pit Road Park is solely based on its geographical location.

The Mayor's Office, along with the Parks Division is in support of and requesting Public Infrastructure Committee recommendation for approval of the name change of Clay Pit Road Park to Manitowoc Chiefs Youth Football Park in recognition of the Manitowoc Chiefs Football Club's decades of contributions to the youth of the City of Manitowoc.

Sincerely,

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