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RESOLUTION #2021-172 [TABLED]

June 14, 2021

RESOLUTION TO PLACE A CELEBRATION GARDEN IN GROVE PARK

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Board of Trustees committed to the planting of a tree and installation of a contemplation garden, now named "The Celebration Garden", in Grove Park in the memory of South Orange resident, David Adox, who passed away after a battle with ALS; and

WHEREAS, David Adox and his husband Danni Michaeli, frequently utilized this park and had an immense love the community and nature which allowed for them to reap the benefits of how nature intersects with health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the overall impact of the Celebration Garden keeps in line with the vision of Fredrick Law Olmsted, famous American landscape architect, who has been quoted as saying his purpose in the creation of parks is to restore and nurture our soul and body; and

WHEREAS, keeping his vision in mind, the Board of Trustees additionally committed to the creation of "The Celebration Garden" around this tree to allow for the community to have a place to reflect, celebrate and educate recognizing the impact that nature has on one's well-being; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village that in approving the continuation of The Celebration Garden that:

- The boundaries of the approved Celebration Garden consists of the tree dedicated to David Adox, plantings, mosaics and a park bench and does not include the surrounding copse of trees; and
- The Celebration Garden looks to provide a serene and sustainable environment for the community; and
- The care and upkeep of the Celebration Garden will consist of approved and scheduled community clean-ups organized through the community but will receive support through our Department of Public Works; and



- All additional plantings outside of the boundaries of the Celebration Garden will need to be approved by the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs department's public committee meeting and will need to fit within the long term plans of Grove Park; and
- The original intention of the Celebration Garden includes educating the community on specific plantings and organized programs within this garden will need approval by the Department of Recreation and Affairs; and

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown						
Coallier						
Haskins						
Hartshorn Hilton						
Jones						
Zuckerman						

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Acting Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution tabled by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on Monday, June 14, 2021.

Ojetti E. Davis
Acting Village Clerk