

## Resolution No. 2590-20

**A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH THE GREENWOOD ARBORETUM AT OAK DALE CEMETERY IN MEMORY OF KAREN KERNS DRESSER AND TO PURSUE ACCREDITATION OF THIS NEWLY ESTABLISHED ARBORETUM.**

**WHEREAS, in late 2017, the City of Urbana received a generous donation of \$50,000.00 for the sole support of its Memorial Tree Program from the estate of Karen Kerns Dresser in honor of her parents, Edmund H. Kerns and Kathryn Strapp Kerns; and**

**WHEREAS, Karen's father, Edmund, passed away in World War II before she was able to meet him and Karen's mother, Kathryn, raised her as a single mother; and**

**WHEREAS, Kathryn was well known and regarded in Urbana as she worked at the Urbana Post Office and served as the Postmaster for over twenty years; and**

**WHEREAS, Karen moved away from Urbana to pursue her remarkable career in affordable housing and community development in Washington D.C. and later Columbus, Ohio; and**

**WHEREAS, Karen regularly visited Urbana and returned annually to celebrate Christmas with family in her hometown; and**

**WHEREAS, Karen's family extended her fondness for her hometown and her generosity by supporting numerous local causes through her estate; and**

**WHEREAS, the donation for the Memorial Tree Program was specifically earmarked for the planting of trees within the City of Urbana with a specific focus on tree planting in Oak Dale Cemetery as directed by the Urbana Shade Tree Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, tree planting efforts from this donation formally commenced in the fall of 2018 and a family tree planting ceremony was held at that time; and**

**WHEREAS, the Urbana Shade Tree Commission has determined that this donation should serve as a catalyst for formally establishing an arboretum for the urban forest of Oak Dale Cemetery; and**

**WHEREAS, Greenwood Cemetery was the original name for Oak Dale Cemetery until May 28, 1856 when the name of the cemetery was changed from Greenwood Cemetery to Oak Dale Cemetery; and**

**WHEREAS, the Urbana Shade Tree Commission and the Oak Dale Cemetery Board voted unanimously at their August 2020 meetings to pay homage to the Greenwood name while honoring Karen for her support of tree planting at Oak Dale Cemetery by naming the newly established arboretum in memory of Karen.**

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

Section 1: That an arboretum shall be formally established at Oak Dale Cemetery to ensure the future planting and care of a diverse botanical collection of tree species within the cemetery for future generations to enjoy.

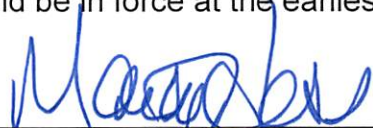
Section 2: That this arboretum shall formally be named Greenwood Arboretum at Oak Dale Cemetery in Memory of Karen Kerns Dresser.

Section 3: That a sign shall be erected at Oak Dale Cemetery to formally designate this naming designation.

Section 4: That the City of Urbana and the Urbana Shade Tree Commission shall pursue and receive accreditation through the Morton Arboretum's ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program for this newly established arboretum.

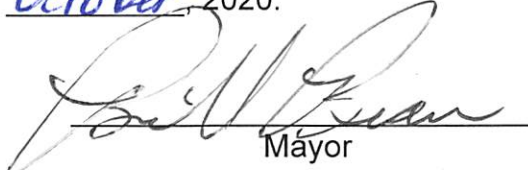
Section 5: That this resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.


Passed: October 6, 2020

  
Marty Hess, Council President

Attest: Amy Deere  
Amy Deere, Council Clerk

This Resolution approved by me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
Mayor

Department requesting: Community Development		Personnel: D. Crabill	Director of Law review
Expenditure? <b>Y (N)</b>	Emergency? <b>Y (N)</b>	Public Hearing? <b>Y (N)</b>	
Readings required: <b>(1) 2 3</b>		If yes, dates advertised:	
First reading date: October 6, 2020	Second reading date:	Third/Final reading date:	

Anticipated effective date if approved: October 6, 2020



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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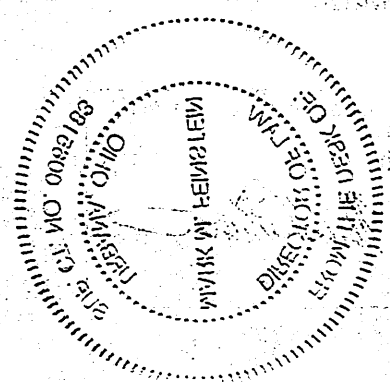
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