

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

CASS COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07

JOINT ORDINANCE OF THE CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CASS COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING JULIAN RIDLEN AIM HIGH PARK, THE POSITION OF PARK DIRECTOR AND NON-REVERTING FUND 4601

WHEREAS, Cass County is the owner of certain real estate (identified on the Plat as the Cass County Infirmary) located in Clay Township, generally described as 2496 East County Road 125 North, Logansport, Indiana, the legal description of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the real estate referenced in Exhibit “A” has for many years been utilized as a location for recreational and sporting activities, specifically primarily utilized for softball, baseball and soccer; and

WHEREAS, the original purpose for the use of the property was to provide a location for the citizens, specifically the children, of Cass County and surrounding counties a location for recreational activities such as those referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the concept of utilizing such County property referenced in Exhibit “A” for recreational purposes was first originated by the Honorable Julian L. Ridlen over two (2) decades ago and has now recently been enhanced at the direction of the Honorable Stephen R. Kitts II; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners and the County Council wish to recognize the property in its official capacity as Julian Ridlen AIM High Park and hereafter shall be known as such; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners and County Council desire to enhance and improve the park to make it an attractive and viable location for economic opportunity and growth for Cass County; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners and County Council intend to work closely with the County Economic Development Director and/or North Central Regional Planning Counsel to secure funding for the improvement of the park, Julian Ridlen AIM High Park, including attempting to secure State and Federal Grants or other such local, State or Federal economic benefits to enhance the park as a recreational facility, benefiting the Cass County community and creating further economic development opportunities for Cass County; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners and County Council approve the creation of the position of Park Director, who shall be responsible for the day to day operation, maintenance and scheduling of park activities; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners and the County Council hereby establish Julian Ridlen AIM High Park as a County Park and also approve the creation and establishment of a non-reverting fund to be utilized for the placement for the deposit of fees and/or charges for the public's use of Julian Ridlen AIM High Park for such recreational activities to further enhance and benefit Julian Ridlen AIM High Park. Said non-reverting fund number shall be identified as Fund 4601, Julian Ridlen AIM High Park Non-Reverting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Cass County and the County Council of Cass County, Indiana, that:

1. The real estate legally described as Exhibit "A" shall hereafter be identified and known as Julian Ridlen AIM High Park.
2. The park shall be utilized for the purpose of providing recreational opportunities for the citizens of Cass County, as well as other individuals from surrounding communities.
3. The County Commissioners and County Council intend to work closely

with the Cass County Economic Development Director and/or North Central Regional Planning Counsel to seek all available means of funding the park for the purpose of enhancing recreational activities and economic growth for the Cass County Community.

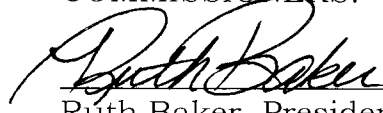
4. The park shall be under the joint direction of the Cass County Commissioners and the Cass County Circuit Court.

5. The Cass County Circuit Court shall be charged with the selection and appointment of the Park Director who shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance and scheduling of park activities.

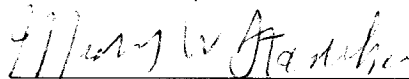
6. The Cass County Council establishes a non-reverting fund, Fund 4601, Julian Ridlen AIM High Park Non-Reverting, which shall be utilized for the deposit of any fees and/or charges for the public's use of Julian Ridlen AIM High Park, with such funds to be used to continue to enhance the parks purpose of providing recreational activities for the community.

All of which this Ordinance is PASSED and ORDAINED by Cass County Board of Commissioners this 5th day of July 2023.

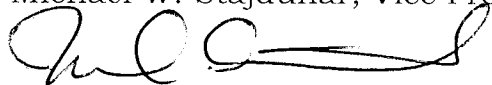
CASS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS:



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Attest:


Cheryl Alcorn, County Auditor

All of which this Ordinance is PASSED and ORDAINED by Cass County Council this 21st day of July 2023.


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