

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
4:30p.m., JOTC Jule
Operation Training Center
949 Kerper Blvd Dubuque IA 52001

PRESENT: Jennifer Tigges, Josh Jorgenson, Ron Axtell, Robin Kennicker, Jess Ochoa, and Lori Ollendick.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger, Jared Charland and Kristen Dietz.

CALL TO ORDER: Tigges called meeting to order at 4:33pm.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Ochoa, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Roger Maiers, 3141 Pasadena Ct Dubuque Iowa 52001, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Jaycee's Park and Trail.

Michael Spautz, 740 Peru Road Dubuque Iowa, 52001, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Matthew Spautz Park.

Jack Wertzberger, 95 S Grandview Dubuque Iowa 52001, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park.

Jim Stack 9910 Shawondassee Drive Dubuque Iowa 52003, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park.

Lawnee Ellsworth 9872 Shawondassee Drive Dubuque Iowa 52003, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park.

Matthew Gable, Wisconsin, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park.

Mareth Ellsworth, Wisconsin, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park.

Kevin Firnstahl 525 Candlewick Court Dubuque Iowa 52003, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Sister City Park.

Suzanne, 525 W Locust Street Dubuque Iowa 52001, recommended the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park to Sister Carolyn Farrell Park.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION RENAMING PYATIGORSK PARK:

Commission Axtell expressed the fantastic names that were submitted for recommendation by the public. Since this is one park this will take some additional thoughts to select the best name. Commissioner Kennicker shared that all of these names submitted deserve to be used for a future park and that a lot of history has been learned with this process. Kennicker shared her respect for each person and submission. Ochoa expressed her love for the passion shared with public input but needed more time to think. It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Kennicker to table the recommendation of renaming Pyatigorsk Park. Unanimous.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Park Division Manager, Fehsal shared that the bathroom in Eagle Point Park near the Bandshell pavilion is being renovated to be handicap accessible. Commissioner Ollendick shared the accessibility need for the remodel of the restroom and her excitement for this project.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

Commissioner Tigges shared thoughts regarding the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park and how it needs to be re-evaluated based on the criteria in the original memorandum. Based on the location of the park and near Jaycee's trail it would make sense to name it accordingly.

Commissioner Axtell expressed the location of the park should be a factor when it comes to the naming as it should be strategic when naming. With the upcoming naming of future built parks this can be considered. The location of this park is on the river.

Commission Kennicker recommended possibly adding multiple names together and combining some submissions is a thought.

Commissioner Ochoa shared that the name selected should reflect moving forward and not stuck in history but instead honoring history. Additionally, with the part of the island trail being unnamed maybe we can use one of these names to name it.

It was requested of staff to confirm the process to recommend the top three names of the original seven submitted to add to the agenda for the next commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Ochoa, seconded by Kennicker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Unanimous.

Re: RESCHEDULED RE: Renaming of Pyatigorsk Park FW: Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Roger Maiers <rmaiersx@gmail.com>

Wed 3/22/2023 4:25 PM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

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Sincerely,
Roger Maiers

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If you have any questions, please reach out. Thanks!

Fw: park renaming

Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Thu 4/6/2023 3:36 PM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

From: Nancy Klauer <nklauer@icloud.com>**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 3:31 PM**To:** Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>**Cc:** jklauer@klauer.com <jklauer@klauer.com>**Subject:** park renaming

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I would like to express my support for the renaming of the park to The Ted Ellworths Park. I knew Ted for years when we were both members of the 990 Club at the Dubuque Shooting Society. He was a true gentleman, had a great sense of humor, and was loved and admired by all.

It goes without saying that he lived a life that should be made into a movie. He was a great ambassador for the city of Dubuque and the state of Iowa.

Thank you,
James F. Klauer
2020 S. Grandview Ave
Dubuque, IA 52003

Re: Park renaming

Emily DiStefano <emily@distefanoassociates.com>

Wed 4/5/2023 8:50 PM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

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Please accept this email as an endorsement to have the park named for Ted Ellsworth

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)**From:** Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023 4:41:59 PM**To:** Emily DiStefano <emily@distefanoassociates.com>**Subject:** Re: Park renaming

The park has not been renamed yet.

Thanks!

Kristen Dietz
Lead Administrative Assistant
City of Dubuque Leisure Services

O: 563-589-4262

C: 563-580-4454

On Apr 5, 2023, at 4:29 PM, Emily DiStefano <emily@distefanoassociates.com> wrote:

Was the park renamed for Ted Ellsworth?

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FW: Renaming of Park

Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Wed 4/5/2023 6:25 PM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

From: Eric Lucy <ericlucy83@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:13 PM

To: Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Subject: Renaming of Park

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Hello Marie,

I read the article in the TH about renaming one of our parks and after some research I'd like to encourage a close look at Ted Ellsworth.

Mr. Ellsworth did much for our community starting as early as joining the British Army and then the American Army. He was a POW (that escaped no less) and was later a rep for the Iowa legislature.

I understand there is a meeting coming up and hope Mr. Ellsworth is given consideration.

Thank you for your time and efforts you put into our community

Eric Lucy

Tiffany Ct

Dubuque, IA

Fw: Ted Ellsworth Park name proposal

Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Wed 4/5/2023 5:29 PM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

Thanks,
Marie

**Marie Ware**

Leisure Service Manager

O: [563.589.4264](tel:563.589.4264) | C: [563.564.7566](tel:563.564.7566)

2200 Bunker Hill Road, Dubuque, IA, 52001

www.cityofdubuque.org/leisureservices

From: Kent Hillery <kent.hillery@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 9:30 PM**To:** Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>**Cc:** Kent Hillery <kent.hillery@gmail.com>**Subject:** Ted Ellsworth Park name proposal

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Very early in my 42 year optometry career, I was nominated by the Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee members to serve a term or two as Chairman. The ten or so members included many well known and respected Dubuque citizens in their prime of life and position.

Their businesses were proven successes and were beginning to transition to their successors, leaving these men to associate with each other on projects of their choosing.

The mission of our Agriculture Committee, as I understood it, was to encourage and improve city/rural relationships through cooperative positive fun events involving us all.

We had no budget, no money, or even the need of such. What we had, as I look back, was a synergistic mutual community spirit and recognition of our interdependence with the rural community. We had only monthly lunch meetings with occasional interesting guest speakers, plus three regular yearly projects.

Sometimes, the members would wander off on their own to become the core creation group that ended up founding the Dubuque Arboretum. These men were Gene Heineman, Sundown Ski, Frank Hardie, advertising, Ted Kopper, cattle and Ford dealer, Jim Theisen, nuts and bolts retail, Calvin Gatch Telgraph Herald and others. I cannot recall all of these quiet movers and shakers as it was over 50 years ago, but the Arboretum was seeded in the Tri States Mens Garden Club and our small Ag Committee.

Not all of us had the time, talent, faith or interest in contributing to the Arboretum off shoot. Ted Ellsworth and I were like that. We all enjoyed "Pasture Pool" where the farmers came in to golf with

us. That was a riot, followed by a steak fry. The farm families reciprocated by showcasing two or three farms yearly with the latest tech installed at their complex operations. We recruited city people to be bussed around, socializing and getting hungry for another steak fry.

Our third yearly project was to transport about three kids apiece to generous farm host families for a six hour visit to see where their food comes from. The Boys and Girl's Club selected the kids, and I was responsible for arranging to get them out the farms in good order.

Ted Ellsworth, being a military man, and an acute observer of what needed doing, met with me one day for lunch to plan the kids volunteer rides to and from the farms. I can't say for sure, but getting these kids out to the farms and back, seemed very important to Ted. With his help, we always succeeded. Regardless of age, he saw leadership potential in everyone. I was only 26 years old or so, but he treated me with respect and support in my position as chairman. Mr. Ellsworth was fun, capable, helpful and charismatic man.

The tone of his book, Yank, is like himself, very modest. As like, in his view, just about anyone could become a decorated officer in two different armies, be captured and escape twice. On foot, he traveled and lived by his wits, unarmed through hostile territory to rejoin his troops.

I don't think he would mind, from his place of rest, to be remembered by having a perpetually cared for city park named in his memory.

Fwd: Park naming - A candidate to consider

Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Tue 4/4/2023 11:12 AM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

Marie Ware

Leisure Services Manager

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe Hanson III <jkh6249@gmail.com>
Date: April 4, 2023 at 11:04:25 AM CDT
To: Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>
Subject: Park naming - A candidate to consider

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I am writing to express my support of the efforts for the naming of Ted Ellsworth Park. Ted was an outstanding person who contributed significantly to the success of our community. I never met Ted but have heard countless stories about the great person that he was.

His extraordinary service to others is evident early in his life. During World War II, he joined the British Army and later transferred to the U.S. Army. This extraordinary military service included

time spent as a Prisoner of War and numerous decorations for his efforts during the war. His dedicated local community service has several highlights including local election to the Legislature as an Iowa State Representative and leadership in many local charitable organizations.

He was also named the Dubuque Citizen of the year as well.

He is most deserving of your consideration at the commission meeting on April 11 in renaming this park in recognition of him as a good person, great citizen and prominent leader of our Dubuque community.

Sincerely, Joe Hanson

Fwd: Renaming Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park

Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Tue 4/4/2023 10:52 AM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

Marie Ware
Leisure Services Manager

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tom Flynn <senatortom@aol.com>

Date: April 4, 2023 at 9:11:03 AM CDT

To: Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>

Subject: Renaming Pyatigorsk Park to Ted Ellsworth Park

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Marie Ware, Director
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Dubuque, Iowa
mware@cityofdubuque.org

I write to express my support of the efforts for the naming of Ted Ellsworth Park. Ted was an outstanding person who contributed significantly to the success of our community. I knew him and admire his

work, wisdom and wit as a prominent member of our community.

His extraordinary service to others is evident early in his life. During World War II, he joined the British Army and later transferred to the U.S. Army. This extraordinary military service included time spent as a Prisoner of War and numerous decorations for his efforts during the war. His dedicated local community service has several highlights including local election to the Legislature as an Iowa State Representative and leadership in many local charitable organizations. He has my respect as a Pillar of the Community who was admired by his peers during his life with numerous accolades, including Dubuque's Citizen of the Year Award. I have many other great memories of Ted, too numerous to share in this brief space.

He is most deserving of your consideration at the commission meeting on April 11 in

renaming this park in recognition of him as a good person, great citizen and prominent leader of our Dubuque community.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and suggestion.

Tom Flynn
State Senator (1995-2003)
Dubuque County
State of Iowa

Re: Renaming Pyatigorsk Park

Kitty Stoner <katherinestoner@me.com>

Mon 3/27/2023 4:58 PM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2023, at 4:41 PM, Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org> wrote:

Hi Kitty,

You may email me or you can mail/drop off to 1157 Central Ave Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Attn: Kristen Dietz.

Hope this helps-

Thanks,
Kristen

From: Kitty Stoner <katherinestoner@me.com>**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 3:37 PM**To:** Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>**Subject:** Renaming Pyatigorsk Park

Dear Kristen,

I am writing to followup on my phone call to you asking for help about getting some materials distributed to the park committee members. When you have a chance could you call me to advise where I might send some materials to them? I think it's something that would be of interest to them.

Thank you kindly,

Kitty Stoner
4102795225

Sent from my iPhone

Ted Ellsworth remarks

Jack Wertzberger <jack.wertzberger@gmail.com>

Thu 3/23/2023 9:36 AM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

 1 attachments (17 KB)

TED ELLSWORTH.pdf;

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Dear Kirsten,

It was an honor to have had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Ellsworth family. I had asked to send by email the text of my comments, which are now attached to this email.

Again, thanks for all the considerations shown to me and to those who were present for public comments.

Jack Wertzberger
202 841-4554

ON APRIL 10, 1945, TED ELLSWORTH'S PHOTO WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE TELEGRAPH HERALD. THE BANNER HEADLINE THAT DAY WAS "THE NINTH SMASHES INTO HANNOVER." VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY WAS ONLY A MONTH AWAY.

UNDER THAT NEWS OF ALLIED ADVANCES WAS A PHOTO OF TED WITH HIS NEWLY-LIBERATED FELLOW SERVICEMEN WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN STALAG III. THE CAPTION READ "LT ELLSWORTH LANDS IN THE USA."

TED'S WIFE BARBARA — ACCORDING TO THE TH ARTICLE — RODE THE ZEPHYR FROM DUBUQUE TO BOSTON TO MEET TED. THE ARTICLE RELATED STORIES OF THE HORRIFIC CONDITIONS IN STALAG III, BUT I AM SURE THAT ALL TED COULD THIINK ABOUT WAS BEING BACK WITH BARBARA AND RETURNING TO HIS BELOVED DUBUQUE.

TED ELLSWORTH WOULD RECEIVE THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS AND BE HONORED BY THE BRITISH PEOPLE FOR HAVING JOINED THE KINGS RIFLE CORPS BEFORE ENLISTING IN THE US THIRD ARMY. TED WAS THE MOST DECORATED COMBAT SOLDIER IN DUBUQUE HISTORY SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.

AS PART OF AMERICA'S GREATEST GENERATION, TED CAME HOME AND DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO HIS FAMILY AND TO DUBUQUE. FOR HIS WORK WITH THE COUNTLESS ORGANIZATIONS IN DUBUQUE TED WAS RECOGNIZED AS DUBUQUE'S FIRST CITIZEN (BEFORE THE AWARDS WERE DESIGNATED BY THE TH) AND ALSO AS THE DES MOINES REGISTER'S "AMAZING IOWAN"

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SPOKE KINDLY OF TED, NEVER FAILING TO RECOGNIZE TED'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE WAR AND HIS DEDICATION TO MAKING DUBUQUE A BETTER PLACE.

IN 1986, I ATTENDED TED'S FUNERAL. IT WAS A CELEBRATION OF AN AMAZING LIFE. TED'S FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD JOINED THE LOCAL MOURNERS. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THAT AFTER TED RECEIVED HIS TOUR OF HEAVEN FROM ST PETER — SEEING STREETS PAVED WITH GOLD — THE MANY MANSIONS — ANGELS ON EVERY CLOUD — ST PETER WOULD HAVE ASKED TED, "WELL, TED, WHAT DO YOU THINK?" I AM CONFIDENT THAT TED'S RESPONSE WOULD HAVE BEEN, "THIS IS PRETTY NICE, BUT LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT DUBUQUE."

ALL FINALISTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY ARE WORTHY, BUT I ASK THAT EVERY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO NAMING THE PARK AFTER TED ELLSWORTH. THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER TED ELLSWORTH AND THIS RECOGNITION WOULD KEEP HIS MEMORY ALIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF DUBUQUERS WHO COULD LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO DEDICATE ONE'S LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF ONE'S COUNTRY AND TO OUR BELOVED DUBUQUE.

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Kind regards,
Kristen
Leisure Services
Lead Administrative Assistant

From: Kristen Dietz
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:03 PM
To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>
Subject: Re: Renaming of Pyatigorsk Park FW: Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

Good evening,

The Park and Recreation Commission has reviewed the submitted recommendations for the renaming of Pyatigorsk Park, located at 16th Street and Kerper Blvd. In total we received 103 submissions. Please see the agenda information below for the Commission meeting being held on Tuesday March 14th, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

The recommended 7 names in alphabetical order:

Gordon Killgore Park

Jaycee's Park and Trail

Kerper Riverwalk

Matthew Spautz Park

Nathaniel Morgan Park

Sister Carolyn Farrell Park

Ted Ellsworth Park

Since public input was provided in advance via submissions, there is a very small allotted time for public input. Please note it is limited.

You are welcome to stop by to hear the discussion by the Commission.

Any questions, please reach out.

Kind regards,
Kristen
Leisure Services
Lead Administrative Assistant

From: City of Dubuque Leisure Services <listserv@civicplus.com>

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 11:16 AM

To: Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

Subject: Park and Recreation Commission Meeting

 City of Dubuque Public Meeting Notice


Public Meeting Notice

The Park and Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall Chambers, 350 W 6th Street, Dubuque Iowa 52001.

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Carolyn Farrell

Tim Conlon <tconlon@conlonco.com>

Wed 3/22/2023 1:34 PM

To: Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>; Kristen Dietz <Kdietz@cityofdubuque.org>

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Hi Marie and Kristin,

Following on my earlier recommendation for Ted Ellsworth, I would also like to nominate an equally worthy candidate for naming of the Park.

Carolyn Farrell ,BVM, was also a friend and fellow board member of (Clarke College) Clarke University. Her stellar reputation speaks to her

commitment to Dubuque and its' citizens, and her accomplishments as a strong, effective leader, in her many roles as mayor, Clarke board member and

her leadership positions with the BVM congregation.

SR. Carolyn Farrell Park would be a great name also.

Thanks again for your consideration,

Tim Conlon

Dubuque Parks and Recreation Commission

March 23, 2023

Dear Members,

Having read the Telegraph Herald article "City residents impassioned to rename park" (Thursday, March 23rd edition), I would have to agree with Commission Chair Jennifer Tigges, that this is not a popularity contest and that a name that best fits certain criteria should be chosen.

Many of the names on the narrowed down list, although are important and prominent members of our great city, are missing the point in my estimation. I hope that my suggestion is not too late to be considered at your April 11 meeting.

The city of Dubuque had experienced repeated flooding throughout its history. The bad flood of 1952 seemed to get people and groups talking about flood protection. Planning, funding, and public acceptance were major hurdles that needed to be overcome.

The devastating flood of 1965 gave the needed push to fast track the planning and funding for our current floodwall. *I can remember it well. At ten years old my boy scout troop labored to fill sandbags after getting the required tetanus and typhoid shots.*

I would suggest naming the park "Flood Haven Park" in honor of all those involved in making this giant undertaking possible. It protected our beloved city and allowed it to grow.

Imagine what it would have been like without the flood wall during the next major flood of 1993. Most of us should remember the record-breaking flood of 2019 when the river was above flood stage for 85 days.

"Flood Haven Park" would be most fitting, given its location on the floodwall at 16th and Kerper. It can be dedicated, not to one individual, but to all those having a hand in its completion from beginning to end.

That list would include civic leaders from the 1950's – 1960's, Army Corps of Engineers, Salvation Army, Chambers of Commerce, Local Businesses, and Lawmakers like John C. Culver. City Government, Legal Counsel, Employees of the City of Dubuque, especially the surveyors and engineers, and the thousands of other volunteers working to keep our city dry. Perhaps a plaque dedicating the park to all those involved can be placed at a naming and dedication ceremony.

Having worked for the City of Dubuque Parks Department for 40 years, I am partial to our awesome park system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Pregler

Kristen Dietz

From: Stephen J. Fehsal
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 3:29 PM
To: spregs@mchsi.com
Cc: Marie Ware; Kristen Dietz
Subject: RE: Park Name Suggestion
Attachments: Flood Wall Nams.docx

Hi Steve,

Unfortunately the submission period ended in February. However, I am happy to provide your information to the Park and Recreation Commission. Thanks.

Steve

From: spregs@mchsi.com <spregs@mchsi.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 7:58 PM
To: Marie Ware <Mware@cityofdubuque.org>; Stephen J. Fehsal <Sfehsal@cityofdubuque.org>
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Marie and Steve, I hope it is not too late to submit the attached. After reading this morning's TH, I don't feel that any of the short list of names is perhaps as fitting as my suggestion. Please read and consider. My dad and I plan on attending the April 11 meeting for any further explanation if needed.

Thanks!

Steve Pregler