



Jim Morrison, Chief Administrator
Municipality of Murrysville
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July 16, 2013

Dear Jim,

I'm writing on behalf of the Murrysville Trail Alliance (MTA), with an updated response to your query about an MTA position regarding the proposed donation by the Palmer family to secure naming of the Hornbeam Trail in Pleasant Valley Park for Brien. Brien's wife Kate Codd-Palmer attended the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on July 9th to discuss the proposed donation. After this discussion, the MTA has updated our recommendation about the donation. Please replace my letter to you of June 20th with this updated one.

At the time of his unexpected death Brien was serving as the Vice-Chairman of the MTA. As you know, Brien was a strong believer in trails in Murrysville, and was committed to many volunteer efforts for the betterment of our community. Brien also was a strong supporter of Pleasant Valley (PV) Park, so PV Park seems an especially fitting location for a trail named for Brien. The MTA endorses this proposal, and also applauds the community spirit of the Palmer family.

It is our understanding that the donation will be \$8600. The MTA recommends Murrysville's acceptance of this donation and naming of the Hornbeam Trail in PV Park for Brien; and also recommends (consistent with the preference of Brien's family) that the funds from this donation be applied to PV Park.

On behalf of the MTA, thank you for the opportunity to comment. Like many Murrysville community groups, the MTA was very fortunate to benefit from Brien's involvement, and it is very gratifying to see the Palmer family's ongoing generosity in providing this benefit to Murrysville in Brien's name.

Sincerely,

Betsy Aiken
Chair, Murrysville Trail Alliance