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Buffalo Grove Park District Renames Park In Honor Of Longtime Commissioner

(Buffalo Grove Park District, Buffalo Grove, IL) - The Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners today held a ceremony to dedicate Rick Drazner Park, located at 401 Aptakisic Road in Buffalo Grove, which was formerly known as Twin Creeks Park.

Rick had served on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board of Commissioners for 20 years, and was just reelected to another term in 2019 before his sudden passing.

Buffalo Grove Park District executive director Ryan Risinger said, "Everybody loved Rick. He was a great person who loved this community, and dedicated countless hours to make it the kind of place it is today."

During his many years on the Park Board, Rick was a strong advocate for people with disabilities, as well as for the arts. He was most proud of Kendrigan Field at Twin Creeks Park that Buddy Baseball uses, and bringing the Community Arts Center to Buffalo Grove. He was also instrumental in the creation of Broadway Buddies, which, similar to Buddy Baseball, is a theatre program for people with disabilities.

Rick was a kind person, who loved to make people laugh. His leadership within the community wasn't limited to the Park District; he was a member of the Buffalo Grove Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove for many years, having served at one point as president of both organizations.

Rick Drazner's son Jeremy Drazner spoke at the park dedication and said, "Thank you to the Buffalo Grove Park District for this incredible honor. For 20 years my dad enthusiastically and proudly served on the Buffalo Grove Park District Board, and this is the greatest honor for him and our entire family. My dad loved serving Buffalo Grove; and, this park has meant a lot to him and my entire family."

The Buffalo Grove Park District will forever be affected and impacted by the contributions of Rick Drazner; and, now, the community will forever pay tribute to Rick Drazner’s memory and legacy with a park in his honor.



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