

Council OKs name change: Tatlock Field is Tatlock Park

SUMMIT — The 30-plus acres off Butler Parkway that contains a variety of recreational uses has, for many years, been referred to as Tatlock Field.

Councilman Michael Vernotico proposed at the council's May 17 meeting that the area be designated as Tatlock Park. The council adopted a resolution approving the creation of Tatlock Park.

"For many, many years it was referred to as Tatlock Field," he said. Vernotico recalled growing up in Summit and said, until 1959, all outdoor sports were played at Memorial Field. He recalled that the Cornog Field House at Memorial, which is small, was the meeting room for all the sports groups, including soccer, football and baseball.

When the "new" high school opened on Kent Place Boulevard in 1962, city leaders decided Memorial Field was too far away, so Tatlock Field was established, but used only for football and track, Vernotico said. "They were the only sports permitted to be played and the field was used for five football games a year."

As girls' sports took hold, demand grew and, several years ago, Dean Giebel contributed funds for the city's first artificial turf field. That field has now been named Investors Savings Field after its current sponsor. "Old timers still refer to it as Tatlock," Vernotico said.

Board members of Community Programs settled on Tatlock Park "We spent a good deal of time discussing this," Vernotico said. "That still permits naming

of specific areas, such as the upper field."