

23 Watson Street
Cambridge, Ma.
June 23, 1988



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Ans'd.....

Alfred Vellucci
Mayor
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

Dear Mayor Vellucci,

I am writing with a request, and to tell you a little about my son, Benjamin Craig-Ingalls who died this past december after a four year battle with Cancer. Ben had just turned eight when he died, and although he had a very difficult life, we tried to make it as normal and happy as possible. Ben attended the Tobin school, the King after-school program, the city's Super Camp summer program, and played in the Youth Soccer League. He was known by all for his cute personality and his courage.

I am writing to request that his short life be honored and remembered by naming the childrens' section at Riverside-Press Park after Ben. This was his favorite city park. He loved to ride his scooter there and use each and every piece of playground equipment. And so, after his Memorial Service, a few of us went there to scatter his ashes, wanting his happy spirit to be there, always.

When his playmates asked the King After-School teacher where Ben was buried, she told them he had been cremated and that his ashes were at the playground. The children started calling the park, "Ben's Park", and so I would like to request that the park officially have his name, and perhaps a small plaque to remember him by.

Thank you for your time. If you wish to reach me, please call 354-1957.

Sincerely,

Lena Craig

Lena Craig



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 1988

MAYOR VELLUCCI

ORDERED: That the children's section at Riverside Park be named after Benjamin Craig-Ingalls.

attachment

In City Council September 12, 1988.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John E. Flynn".
John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

Order #25

H-87

M. Vellucci order re: that the children's
section at Riverside Park be named after
Benjamin Craig-Ingalls.

In City Council,

September 12, 1988

9-12-88

M. Vellucci

Order Adopted

8-0-1-0.

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