

# CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 8341

DATE 5-15-14

## TITLE

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT ENDORING THE COUNTY OF LYCOMING'S NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

**WHEREAS**, the City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania desires to support and endorse the County of Lycoming's nomination of Little League Field—a historical recreational asset located at 1695 West Fourth Street in the City—for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, as owner of the land upon which the Little League Field was constructed in 1942, proudly recognizes this site as the Birthplace of Little League; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that 2014 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first games of Little League play; and

**WHEREAS**, the City also recognizes that Little League Field—now called Carl E. Stotz field in honor of the founder of Little League—serves today as the home of the Original League; and

**WHEREAS**, this site is also recognized as the host facility for the Little League World Series from its inception in the late 1940s through 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that what began as local neighborhood baseball event in Williamsport in 1939 has evolved today into the largest youth athletic organization in the world.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the City of Williamsport strongly endorses the County of Lycoming's nomination of Little League Field for inclusion in the US Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Places.

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City requests the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission expedite its review and consideration of this nomination package to enable the national registration to occur in 2014.

James M. Frank  
City Clerk

Approved

Andrew H. [Signature]  
President

# Memorandum

To: City Council  
CC: William Kelley, Lycoming County  
From: Community Development  
Date: 5/14/2014  
Re: Resolution to support Nomination of "Original Little League Field" to the National Register of Historic Places

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In 2013 agreements between the City, Lycoming County and the State Historic Preservation Office were approved to allow the use of Federal funds for the Brodard "Silk Mill"-Memorial Terraces housing project. These agreements were intended to mitigate the loss of that culturally important site.

The agreements had three mitigation stipulations:

1. Lycoming County will update the 1974 "Lycoming County Historical Preservation Plan" and include the Williamsport "Significant Historic Buildings and Sites" list.
2. The City Demolition Ordinance will be amended to include the status of a property under the Lycoming County Historical Preservation Plan.
3. A National Register of Historic Places application for the Original Little League Baseball site on West Fourth Street will be submitted.

A Resolution supporting Number 3, the submission of the National Register Nomination, as prepared by Lycoming County, is before you. A draft of the nomination application was sent to you by e-mail. The application should be finalized and submitted to the State within the next few weeks.

The National Register is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, and culture. Nominations are first reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and National Register Review Board. In anticipation of a positive recommendation by the SHPO, it is necessary that the City, as the property owner, agree to the listing. If the SHPO makes a positive recommendation, the nomination, is submitted to the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. for a final review and listing by the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service makes a listing decision within 45 days of receipt.

With your approval, the nomination will be submitted.