

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Village Board
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Donna Conkling
Subject: Fwd: Renaming Crossway field

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From: Harry Song <harrysong8@gmail.com>
Subject: Renaming Crossway field
Date: January 19, 2021 at 1:26:33 AM EST
To: mayor@scarsdale.com

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Dear Mayor,

My name is Harry Song, and I was a longtime Scarsdale football player and served as Varsity captain during the 2019 season. As a third grader, I was frightened by the loud screams of the 7th and 8th grade coach and leader of the youth program, Richard “Rippy” Phillips. It wasn’t until I was old enough to play under Rippy that I understood how much he cares about his players, coaches, and the entire Scarsdale community. Before every game, he would kneel in the middle of our team huddle and say “there’s nowhere I’d rather be than right here and right now with you guys.” He meant every single word of that sentence, and repeated it every game, every single year. Rippy’s genuine and unquestioned passion for the Scarsdale Raiders was on full display even throughout my high school career. Home or away, Rippy was cheering us on from the sidelines as a coach and as a friend, while still being the loudest voice on the field. Rippy constantly sticks his neck out to support those he loves, which is virtually anyone he meets. His kindness and devotion to the people around him pushes them to follow in his footsteps, and it is my honor to call him my coach and a trusted friend. Therefore, I believe the Crossways football field should be changed to Richard “Rippy” Phillips Field. Rippy has made that field his home with his dedication, love, and Raider spirit; there is no one else who has changed more lives on that field than Rippy Phillips.

Sincerely,
Harry Song