

On Jan 30, 2021, at 9:08 PM, James Beveridge <jmsbever@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Samwick

I want to support the idea of naming the Crossway Field after Coach Rippy Philips.

The football program in Scarsdale means alot to me, and Coach Rippy made it possible for me to participate. In middle school. I asked my parents if I could sign up and they said they had to ask Coach Rippy first. I was a big guy, and I was in the special ed class. When he said yes, I was really happy. Because of my size, I was a lineman and wore number 61, just like Rippy. I got to go to Friday night dinners at the teen center, award dinners at Lake Isle Country Club, where Rippy would let me take the mike and give the team a pep talk. The team sang happy birthday to me at the Turkey Bowl with cake on the sidelines the November of eighth grade. So many memories that he made possible.

Without him, I would not have been invited to play rec basketball, then high school football, and then becoming the Varsity Football team manager. The chance he took on me led to my winning the twelfth man award and the Maroon and White Elizabeth Timberger Award. Since high school, I play basketball with the Special Olympics, volunteer for Backyard Sports Cares and have coached at MVP basketball camp. Rippy showed me how great it is to be on a team and cheer others on.

The reason why I want the football field to be named after Rippy Phillips is because Coach Rippy Phillips means a lot to the Scarsdale Raiders Football program and he also did a great job being the Coach for the Scarsdale Rec Football team as well. I am very grateful for the time I was with Coach Rippy Phillips and the Scarsdale Raiders Football team. He made a big difference in my life.

Best,

James Beveridge
Scarsdale Class of 2014