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From: matthew capone <capone.matt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 6:32 PM
To: Mayor; Clerk's Department
Subject: Proposed Rippy Philipps Field

CAUTION: External sender.

Dear Board of Trustees,

I whole heartedly support the idea of renaming Crossways Field, Richard Philipps field. There is not a single person I know that is more deserving of this honor. Rippy has given decades of service to our community's youth and has changed hundreds of players lives. I am one of those players that had my life completely altered by meeting him. I played for Rippy's team from 1995-1996 during some of his first years as a coach. I was struggling with some family issues at the time and he immediately stepped in not only to be my coach but a lifelong mentor. Under his guidance, my life's trajectory completely changed. Rippy eventually helped me gain admission to his Alma mater Franklin and Marshall College where I played both lacrosse and football, just like Rippy did in the 1980s. He was also instrumental at started my career at UBS investment bank. Without his former and current guidance I am not sure where my life would be today. I met my wife at Franklin and Marshall and my career has blossomed since getting that job at UBS. But this is not a one off success story, Rippy has been doing this for the youth of Scarsdale for decades. His coaching did not stop when you stepped off the field, Rippy made well rounded positive young adults out of all his players. When Rippy retires from coaching, there will be a tremendous void in our community. I think renaming the field to keep his spirit in the program will go a long way for keeping youth football alive in this town. In my mind there is NO ONE more deserving of this.

Sincerely,
Matthew Capone SHS '01