

**VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ADOPTED BY THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS  
THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012**

**ARLENE C. JEZIERNY, MAYOR  
MARCIA L. POLLOWY, VILLAGE CLERK**

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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Harwood Heights is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs: and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Harwood Heights desires to recognize the contributions of Norbert Pabich by giving the honorary name of Norbert Pabich Way to the 4600 Block of North New England Avenue.

In 1989, Mayor Ray Willas asked Norb Pabich if he would reinstate the Harwood Heights Youth Baseball league that was previously run by Carl Cassata who had passed away. Norb went to Carl's wife and asked her what inventory was left and if there was any money left in the baseball account. With very low inventory and even less money, Norb began to ask friends and neighbors to help him begin the baseball program. The first year there were only 57 players who joined the league.

Norb began the program with co-ed teams as there were only a few girls who wanted to play. He didn't give up on getting players as the following year the program began to grow. He recruited Dads from all over town. The second year the program doubled and by the third year the program had 300 players, both boys and girls, managers, coordinators for divisions, umpires, a concession stand and candy sales to help raise funds. Hundreds of boxes of candy would be delivered to his home and he and Karen would distribute them to players and coaches to sell for the league.

Norb recruited businesses to sponsor uniforms to help pay for the costs of the program. He bought new equipment, uniforms and restored the fields at Union Ridge School where the league played. He advertised at local schools to recruit players and before long had players from Harwood Heights, Norridge and Chicago all playing in his program.

Norb and his wife Karen put in countless number of hours running the program. There would be games every evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. Neighbors would be woken up on Saturday mornings to the sound of the National Anthem playing loudly over the speakers and Norb's voice announcing the games like it was the Major Leagues. The players and parents loved hearing their names being announced and the play by play being told. He would keep track of what the player did at the previous bat so he could remind everyone of the previous highlights when they would return to bat.

Norb also coached many teams, but his favorite level to coach was the Pony league teams which got the boys ready to play high school baseball. He and his coach Steve Culbertson were known throughout the other leagues as the "Coaches" to beat. Year after year they produced teams that went undefeated. Norb's players looked up to him not only as their coach, but also as their mentor. They knew they could talk to him about anything that was on their mind and he would always be there to listen. Norb could tell stories about games and players that happened years before.

Norb truly loved the Harwood Heights Youth Baseball with all his heart. Each day after work he would make sure the fields were prepared for the games and after the game ended, he would rake the field and mound to keep them in great shape. The most important part of Harwood Heights Baseball is the friendships that developed between the players and their families. Many families feel there is a special bond between them because of the times they spent cheering on each other's children on the baseball field.

Many of our players are now adults beginning their own careers and families. However, the love of the baseball field at Union Ridge has not changed for them. This love and bonding of families is all because of Norb's love of the game. If it weren't for Norb's hard work and countless volunteer hours, the children of our Village and surrounding areas would not have had a league to play in.

Because of all these things and more unmentioned, please consider making the 4600 block of North New England Avenue "Honorable Norbert Pabich Way". This street runs North and South directly in front of the baseball fields that he worked so diligently at every day for many years. To the left of the fields running westbound is Carl Cassata Lane. The Harwood Heights Youth Baseball fields would be surrounded by the two men who

gave the children of our community a field to play on and a heart full of love and memories of the game.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS HOME RULE POWERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are incorporated into this Section 1 as though fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2. Honorary Name. North New England,** generally located on the 4600 block from Leland to Carl Cassata Senior Lane in the Village of Harwood Heights, shall hereafter have the honorary name of Norbert Pabich Way.

**SECTION 3. Honorary Name Sign.** The Village of Harwood Heights is hereby authorized to erect and maintain signs indicating the honorary name of Norbert Pabich Way.

**SECTION 4. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All existing ordinances of the Village of Harwood Heights are hereby repealed insofar as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

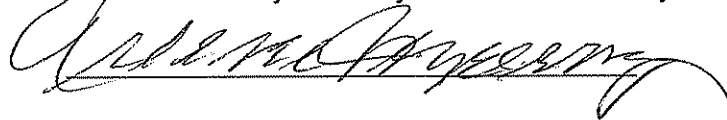
**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effective immediately after its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED on this 12th day of January, 2012, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	PRESENT
DOBRZYCKI				X	
GADZINSKI	X				X
MOUGOLIAS	X				X
SCHUEPFER	X				X
STEINER	X				X
SZLENDAK	X				X
Mayor Jezierny					X
TOTAL	5			1	6

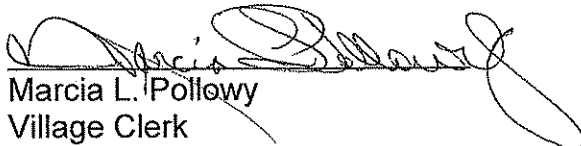
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APPROVED by the Mayor on this 12th day of January, 2012.



Arlene C. Jezierny  
MAYOR

ATTEST



Marcia L. Pollowy  
Village Clerk