



Richardson

Former Glenview Park District Director Thomas Richardson Dies

Thomas Richardson, who worked for the Glenview Park District in senior positions in the 1970s and as its executive director from 1990 to 2006, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 21, Glenview Park District Executive Director Mike McCarty announced at Thursday's (Aug. 23) park board meeting.

In June, members of Richardson's family gathered at what was

West Fork Park, 1950 Westleigh Dr., to see it renamed Thomas J. Richardson Park. Mr. Richardson was not at the ceremony. At the event, his wife Donna said he was at home in Connecticut dealing with the effects of late stage Alzheimer's disease.

McCarty said he expected some soft of local observance would be held for Richardson's passing, but

did not yet have details at Thursday's meeting.

During Richardson's tenure as director, the park district doubled in size, park board President Dave Dillon said. In that time, the park district saw Wagner Farm, Gallery Park, Park Center and Evelyn Tyner Center on Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie developed. Under his watch, The Grove National

Historic Landmark and National 9 Golf Course expanded and two pools were replaced.

West Fork Park, which would later bear his name, was developed under Richardson's tenure, with all costs covered through agreements with developers.

Richardson was also remembered as showing unwavering support for park staff.



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