

**CITY OF MANSFIELD
PARK/FACILITY NAME RECOMMENDATION**

YOUR NAME: MPFDC PARK NAMING COMMITTEE

ADDRESS: 1200 E. Broad St.

CITY: MANSFIELD STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 76063

TELEPHONE (during business hours): 817 276 - 4200

Considering the recommended guidelines for naming parks and associated facilities as outlined, please answer the following:

NAME PROPOSED: ELMER W. OLIVER NATURE PARK

If you are not proposing a person's name, please attach the reasons for your recommendation.

If you are proposing a person's name, please answer the following:

1. Is this individual a resident of Mansfield? Yes No
2. Did this individual provide any major donations of land or money to the City of Mansfield? Yes No

If "YES" please attach explanation to include its value and intended use when donated to the City.

3. Please list and explain specific non-monetary/non-land contributions this individual has made to the City of Mansfield and/or the Mansfield community.

Your interest is very much appreciated and you may be sure your recommendation will receive serious consideration.

Please complete and return this along with the appropriate attachments to:

**Park Naming Committee
c/o Parks and Community Services
City of Mansfield
1200 E. Broad Street
Mansfield, Texas 76063**

Approved by Council
1/08/1996



1200 E. Broad St.
Mansfield, Texas 76063
817-276-4200
www.mansfield-tx.gov

June 20, 2013

Dear MPFDC Board Members,

The Oliver-Williams Property represents 80 acres of wooded and grassland landscape along Walnut Creek. This property is part of the unique intersection between the Cross Timbers and the Texas Black Land Prairie Eco Regions, which has helped to contribute to the diversity of plant and wildlife species evident on the site. This property will be a nature-based centerpiece of Mansfield's park system and a place to connect citizens to their local history and natural resources.

This property has a rich history in shaping Mansfield not only with hydrology, wildlife, and plant life educational opportunities, but also as early maps indicate a wagon trail route ran through this property in the 1800's.

This property was purchased in the 1960's by Mr. Elmer W. Oliver. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver lived in Mansfield and he worked for the City's Water Department. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver never lived on the property, but as he was nearing retirement, wanted a hobby and he thought the property would be a good place to keep him busy. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver had three daughters, Geraldine, Marianne and Eleanor.

In 1992, after both Mr. and Mrs. Oliver had passed away, Marianne and her husband, Mr. Kelly Williams purchased the property. They lived on the property for a short time but mostly Mr. and Mrs. Williams used the property as a quiet get-a-way and for family gatherings.


In the fall of 2003, Mrs. Williams contacted the city about acquiring the property. She stated that her "family has used the property as a park for years and she would like for the city to open it up as a park for everyone to enjoy." Mrs. Williams passed away in November, 2003. In January 2004, the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation (MPFDC) purchased the property from the Williams family.


A Purchase Letter of Intent was signed by the MPFDC President and Mr. Williams stating that the Williams family wishes to name the park in honor of the Oliver family.

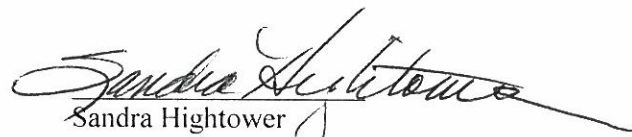
An email was sent to staff on June 13th from Mr. Williams stating the family wishes the park to be named, "Elmer W. Oliver Park."

For these reasons, the MPFDC Park Naming Committee recommends naming the community park on Matlock Road the "Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park."

Sincerely,


Wendy Collini,
Vice President


Wayne Lee,
Treasurer


Sandra Hightower
Board Member



1200 E. Broad Street
Mansfield, Texas 76063
817-276-4200

COPY

November 11, 2003

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Williams
111 Cattle Trail Way
Georgetown, Texas 78628

RE: LETTER OF INTENT TO SELL PROPERTY FOR ADDITION TO CITY OF
MANSFIELD'S FUTURE LINEAR PARK

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Williams:

Thank you for the opportunity to turn your "family farm" into a park that many families will enjoy in the years to come. The Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation has agreed to purchase the 57.32 plus or minus acres for the counter offer price of \$1,000,000.00. Additionally, the City of Mansfield City Council approved the purchase on October 27, 2003.

The terms include paying \$200,000.00 now and the remainder after a survey of the property is completed but no later than January 31, 2004.

Through telephone conversations with Cathy Anderson, it is my understanding that by this purchase the following conditions exist:

- (1) The family wishes to name the park in honor of the Oliver Family
- (2) All terms and restrictions will be removed from the 7 acres of land donated by the Williams Family on October 29, 2001 (located in the R. MORGAN SURVEY, Abstract No. 1054 and the G. RAY SURVEY, Abstract No. 1307, City of Mansfield, Tarrant County, Texas and being a portion of that Tract of land conveyed to Kelly Dan Williams and Marianne Williams recorded in Volume 10917, page 1450 and 1453 of the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas)
- (3) The only restrictions placed on the 57.32 acres and the 7 acres is for the property to remain a park

By acceptance of this sale, the City of Mansfield, Texas agrees to the conditions and understands that the City's breach of any one of these conditions will result in the

automatic reversion of the property to the Elmer and Myrtle Oliver Family Charitable Foundation.

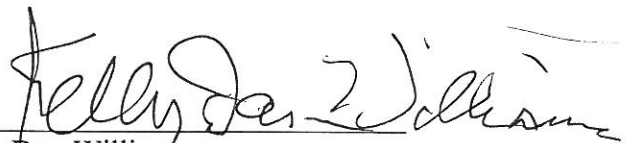
If you are in agreement to the above as well as your consent to permit the entering of said property for the purposes of surveying, please sign in the space provided below and return same to us in the envelope provided. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Cathy Anderson, Assistant City Manager at 817-276-4263.

Sincerely,



Mike Skinner, President
Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation

Date: 11/14/03

BY 
Kelly Dan Williams



Shelly Lanners, City Manager

Elmer W. Oliver Park

kwilli1776@aol.com <kwilli1776@aol.com>

Thu, Jun 13, 2013 at 9:13 PM

To: shelly.lanners@mansfield-tx.gov

Thank you for your call today concerning the naming of the new park.

It is my wish to call the park after the man who inspired it, the
Elmer W. Oliver Park.

Many Thanks,
Kelly Williams