

# City of Philadelphia



*Philadelphia, April 1, 2004*

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that Bill No. 040093, was presented to the Mayor on the eighteenth day of March, 2004, and was not returned to the Council with his signature at a meeting held April 1, 2004 (being more than ten days after it has been presented to him).

THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-202 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the ordinance becomes effective as if the Mayor had approved it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Rafferty".

Patricia Rafferty  
Chief Clerk of the City Council

(Bill No. 040093)

## AN ORDINANCE

Renaming the Recreation Department facility identified as Manayunk Park located on the 4300 block of Silverwood Street as "Pretzel Park."

WHEREAS, In 1929, a block of run-down homes was demolished and a neighborhood park was created and named Manayunk Park; and

WHEREAS, This park has been and continues to be a key asset for the residents and visitors to the Manayunk community; and

WHEREAS, The park is bordered by Silverwood, Cotton, Cresson and Rector Streets and has five formal entrances, four of which are original stone walls; and, three of these entrances consist of grand steps reflective of the unique infrastructure in the Manayunk neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Manayunk Park was renovated in the 1960s and has recently undergone an impressive revitalization spurred by the dedication of volunteers from the Friends of Pretzel Park, increased commitment by the Department of Recreation, and grant funds and technical assistance from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; and

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BILL NO. 040093 continued

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WHEREAS, Between 1999 and 2003, the following improvements have occurred: a new park house was built containing electrical and water hook-ups; a fenced-in dog run was created; the tot lot was upgraded with new innovative equipment and safety matting; landscaped planting areas have been created; dead trees were removed and new trees have been planted; and, the sidewalks traversing the park have been repaved; and

WHEREAS, A variety of community events are now hosted in the renovated park, such as Earth Day, Arbor Day, summer concerts and neighborhood picnics; and

WHEREAS, While officially called "Manayunk Park" by city records, the park has always been referred to as "Pretzel Park" by the residents, users and neighbors due to the arrangement and design of the walkways that loop and cross the site in a manner that resembles a pretzel; and

WHEREAS, The residents have requested that the park be officially renamed to this neighborhood moniker; now therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Recreation Department facility identified as Manayunk Park located on the 4300 block of Silverwood Street is designated and shall be named "Pretzel Park."