

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-21

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 300 ACRE
PARCEL ASSIGNED TO THE UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY THE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OF THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND NAMING THE PROPERTY
“VOICE OF AMERICA PARK”**

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government disbanded the historic Voice of America (VOA) operation after 50 years of serving the cause of freedom throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, once the operations were disbanded, the General Services Administration (GSA) of the United States Government determined the property to be surplus to the needs of the United States of America and assigned the property to the U.S Department of the Interior, National Park Service for conveyance, pursuant to the Federal Lands to Park Program; and

WHEREAS, the VOA occupied approximately 600 acres on Tylersville Road in Union Township, Butler County, Ohio and the Federal Government auctioned 75 acres for commercial use and reserved the remainder for public use and specifically gave title for approximately 308 acres to Union Township on February 10, 2000 for the establishment of a community park; and

WHEREAS, the Union Township, Butler County, Ohio Board of Trustees adopted a Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Park Plan (Plan) in May 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines the community’s park and recreation needs and desires in response to the goals, policies, and recommendations of the adopted Township Land Use Plan and the 2012 Vision Plan; and

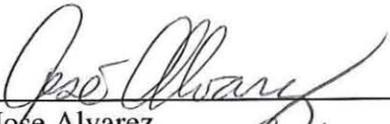
WHEREAS, Union Township Trustees wish to give the park a name that will be recognizable as a tribute to the role Union Township played in that noble endeavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Union, (hereinafter called the “Board”), County of Butler, Ohio:

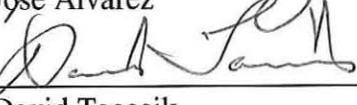
Section 1. That the gift of 308 acres bounded by Tylersville Road from the United States of America to the citizens of Union Township is hereby gratefully accepted.

Section 2. That the 308 acre parcel is hereby dedicated as a Park for the enjoyment of the citizens and named Voice of America Park in solemn recognition of the historical role that this property played in the cause of promoting freedom throughout the world.

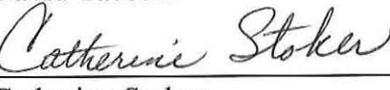
Adopted the 9th day of May, 2000



Jose Alvarez Yes



David Tacosik Yes



Catherine Stoker Yes

ATTEST:



Patricia Williams, Township Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Donald L. Crain, Law Director

April 25, 2000	First Reading

Date	

Date	Emergency Reading

May 9, 2000	Second Reading

Date	

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Clerk Signature & Date	