

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO**

**RESOLUTION NO 18-180**

**THE JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGREE TO JOIN THE CITY OF DAYTON IN A  
COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO AN HONORARY DESIGNATION TO A SECTION OF LISCUM DRIVE FOR PAGE E.  
GRAY JR.**

The Board of Trustees of Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio met in a Regular meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018 at the Administrative office located at One Business Park Drive, Dayton, Ohio with the following members present: **James McGuire (✓)** **Roy Mann (✓)** **M. Michael McLaughlin (✓)**

Trustee McLaughlin moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the section of Liscum Drive is located in both the City of Dayton and Jefferson Township;

**WHEREAS**, Liscum Drive will not change names on this section of roadway;

**WHEREAS**, this request is to add a "designation: to the roadway;

**WHEREAS**, the Township will not incur any cost the City of Dayton will carry any financial burden of this project and production / installation of signage for project;;

**WHEREAS**, the background and story about Page E. Gray Jr. is attached to this resolution along with the request by the City of Dayton;

**WHEREAS**, if this request is approved, a letter will be prepared and sent to the City of Dayton confirming that the City can move forward with the project;

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson Township Trustees ask for an invitation, if and when, the project holds a dedication ceremony.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Jefferson Township Board of Trustees agree to join the City of Dayton in a collaborative effort to an honorary designation to a section of Liscum Drive for Page E. Gray Jr. (Attachment)

Trustee Mann seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: **James McGuire (✓)** **Roy Mann (✓)** **M. Michael McLaughlin (✓)**

Adopted: 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018

James McGuire  
James McGuire, President

Roy Mann  
Roy Mann, Vice President

M. Michael McLaughlin  
M. Michael McLaughlin, Trustee

Attest:

Tracey Edwards  
Tracey Edwards, Fiscal Officer

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Please accept this application request to add the name **Page E. Gray, Jr.** to the existing sign on the corners of:

- 1.) Liscum Drive & State Route 35 West
- 2.) Dayton Liberty Road & Liscum Drive

Mr. Page E. Gray Jr. born on August 11, 1936 in Gainesville, AL was a "Drum Major" for Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunities for minority workers in the City of Dayton and beyond. He held many titles such as organizer, Civil Right Activist, Motivator, Educator, Inspector, Engineer, Ombudsman, Counselor, Realtor, Layman, friend and neighbor.

Page paved the way for many people in Dayton. He was the first black to hold a position other than a custodian or factory worker when hired by National Cash Register (NCR) as an inspector. Although he held this position, he realized there was much more to be done. There was great injustice with hiring and promotions in the black community. Page organized a group of workers called "The Second Family" to challenge management regarding blatant racial inequalities. As President of "The Second Family" he motivated workers at establishments such as Inland, Delco, McCall's, Good Samaritan Hospital, Chrysler Airtemp and other major corporations to "spotlight" major problems at their workplace.

Page joined with community activists (i.e. The Dayton Organization, New Generation of Black People, Action Inc. and The Human Rights Commission) to strengthen the movement. Finally, due to outside pressures that companies were experiencing, opportunities became available for blacks in hiring and promotions. For the first time employees felt as though they were being heard and saw conditions slowly improve. Page's passion and commitment for equal treatment of blacks in the workplace was not without consequences and personal sacrifice including jail time, surveillance, loss of employment, and wages. He refused to give up and continued to make a difference.

Page was a member of the Sinclair Alumni Association Executive Council impacting ideas relating to minority students. He stressed the importance of continued education. He received an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Sinclair and became the first black to be nominated as "Man of the Year." As an Educator, Page was an impactful math instructor for the Dayton Public School System and is fondly remembered by his former students. Employed by The Student Rights Center as an Ombudsman, he counseled students as to their school rights and responsibilities. He provided information regarding educational programs, career development, decision making, financial aid and sources of scholarships.

His passion to work with people, Page became a Realtor and was a member of the Dayton Board of Realtors.

Page was a faithful member of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Layman and was actively involved with various ministries within the church.

Page built his residence of fifty-four years at 628 Liscum Drive and was a respected friend and neighbor.

Due to his courage, life- long commitment and unselfish contributions in an effort to improve the livelihood of blacks working and living in negative, hostile, racial environments, we submit this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

The Family and Friends of those impacted by Page E. Gray, Jr.

ROAD WAY

**Steven Woolf**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 21, 2018 11:53 AM  
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**Cc:** Steven Woolf  
**Subject:** FW: Liscum Honorary Designation request  
**Attachments:** Designation Request.PDF

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I told Ken I would make the Trustees and Administrator aware of this and submit a resolution allowing the honorary designation to be made.

If there aren't any reservations about doing so, I will write the resolution and submit for your approval at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Trustee Meeting.

Please give me any feedback you have.

**John Calligan**

**Zoning Administrator**

**Jefferson Township**

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**From:** Marcellus, Ken <Ken.Marcellus@daytonohio.gov>  
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Let me know if you have any questions or need of more information. Thanks and have a great holiday season.



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FYI,

The City of Dayton has asked if the Township would join in to name a section of Liscum Drive after Mr. Gray. Since this portion of roadway involved both Jurisdictions, the City has reached out to us to assist. There is NO expense to the Township. There is very little work of the Township required.

All you have to do as Trustees is to pass a Resolution in support of the Project.

Please think about this and give me feedback about this issue.

If feelings are positive, We can place this on the Agenda for the next meeting for you debate and consideration.

Thanks!

## Steve Woolf

**Township Administrator**

## Jefferson Township

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