

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Renaming Ampersand Park

DATE: 5-19-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 78-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 5-19-2022

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

A call for Public Hearing on June 13<sup>th</sup> for the Renaming Ampersand Park the Ken Garwood POW Park

MOVED BY: Catillaz SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

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Kenneth P. Garwood was born in Saranac Lake on Nov. 29, 1921, he was the son of Arthur and Hazel Garwood. He married Gwen on Sept. 20, 1946.

Kenneth P. Garwood graduated from Saranac Lake High School in 1939 and worked at Wilson's Clothing before joining the Army Air Corps in Oct. 1942. He was attached to the eighth Air Force in England, serving as radio operator and gunner on a B-17 bomber. Ken achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant and received the Air Medal for bravery. He was shot down twice: first on his maiden combat mission over the English Channel, and again on June 20, 1944, over Germany. Ken landed safely, but was captured and spent over 16 months as a prisoner of war.

After World War II, Ken returned to Saranac Lake, working at Scheefer's Jewelry for almost 60 years and serving on the Village Board of Trustees for almost two decades. As a trustee, Ken played an integral role in securing the T-Bar lift at Mt. Pisgah Ski Area and was one of the first people to ride it to the top. He was the driving force to form what is currently known as Ampersand Park. In addition, he was active in the Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Elks and Rotary Clubs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, and served as a coach and officer in local youth baseball leagues.