

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE #24-20

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE THE MEMORIAL MONUMENT AND SIGN DEDICATED TO JASON RINKER AT THE VERNON PUMP TRACK AND PARK

WHEREAS, Vernon Township has a process within the Vernon Recreation Department to donate items and place dedication plaques throughout the Township, requiring no council or mayor vote, and

WHEREAS, Jason Rinker, a local business owner of the Ridetopia Bike Shop, was dedicated to the sport of downhill mountain biking, sponsoring children and women to encourage them in the sport, and

WHEREAS, Jason Rinker, was a dedicated athlete, excelled in biking, winning BMX races as a 5 year old, and was an undefeated downhill national champion, never losing a race, in the 40 year old and over category, and

WHEREAS, it was Jason Rinker's dream to build a pump track for the cycling enthusiasts and to encourage Vernon's youth to enjoy a clean, green, healthy activity which is offered with the use of a pump track, and

WHEREAS, his untimely passing and life long devotion to the sport of biking made placing a memorial to him at the Vernon Pump Track and Park an appropriate way to honor his dedication to our town and this sport, and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Howard Burrell, having an authority over the Recreation Department, approved and accepted a flagpole with a paver surround as a resting place for the monument, the monument, and the Park sign. On November 25, 2023, Mayor Burrell held a dedication ceremony at the Vernon Pump Track and Park, and

WHEREAS, without cause, Mayor Anthony Rossi removed the memorial monument from the flag area and the small sign referring to the donation of the Park sign in Jason's memory, keeping the remaining items.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The small sign, formerly attached to the Vernon Pump Track and Park sign indicating the donation made in memory of Jason Rinker, be reattached.

SECTION 2. The memorial monument, removed from its base at the flagpole, be reinstalled.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Ordinance which was created by a petition was certified on September 13, 2024, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at a Special Meeting of the Township Council held on October 1, 2024 7:00 p.m. at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.

Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk
Township of Vernon

Anthony Rossi, Mayor

Township of Vernon

CERTIFIED – SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 by Marcy Gianattasio

ADOPTED:

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.						
DeBenedetto, J.						
Higgins, W.						
Sparta, B.						
Rizzuto, P.						