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Baseball Field at Beau Bien Park Dedicated to Todd Riley

Lisle, IL – On April 23, nearly 200 friends, family and neighbors gathered on a beautiful sunny afternoon to attend the dedication of the Beau Bien Park baseball field to the memory of Todd Riley. Todd was a little league coach for six years and served as a board member for Lisle Baseball Softball League for three years. He dedicated his time volunteering and contributing throughout Lisle and focused on the Beau Bien neighborhood. In his short 44 years, he became a cornerstone of the community and was a wonderful husband, father and citizen.

The Lisle Park District's Board of Park Commissioners Margaret Hough, Tony Carballo, President Don Cook and Director of Parks and Recreation Dan Garvy attended the dedication. "I am amazed and humbled by this event, and so grateful to have been part of this special day," said Cook. The park district was approached last year to dedicate the neighborhood field to Riley. With an overwhelming 120 signatures on the petition, the Board of Park Commissioners voted to offer the field at Beau Bien as a memorial. With the support of the Lisle Park District, the Lisle Baseball Softball League organized the dedication ceremony exactly one year after Todd's battle with cancer ended.

A rainy week gave way to a breezy spring day as Todd's wife, Alicia, and sons, Ryan and Kyle, listened closely as friends spoke of Todd's dedication as a father, a Lisle baseball coach and volunteer. The crowd blew bubbles from small vials and waited for the newly installed sign to be revealed. As Todd's two boys pulled the cover aside, a swell in the wind carried the cloud of bubbles toward the sign and surrounded the Rileys. While the air filled with bubbles John Fogerty's "Center Field" began playing. There wasn't a dry eye in attendance and appropriately, a pickup game of baseball followed the ceremony. Those in attendance joined in christening the newly dedicated field and Todd's sons each threw out the first pitch.

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