

Key to the Town of Avon

Adrian A. Parsons

Whereas, in medieval times of England, cities were protected with high walls and locked gates and admission to the city required legal papers and payment of taxes,

Whereas, a Key to the City was given to trusted persons that were allowed to enter the city without papers or payment of a tax,

Whereas, the custom of granting a Key to the City has become a ceremonial occasion to recognize certain individuals or groups for their contribution to a community,

Whereas, the Town of Avon has established the Key to the Town award as the Town's highest honor to recognize individuals or groups that have contributed to the betterment of the Avon community,

Whereas, Adrian A. Parsons moved to Washington Township in 1852,

Whereas, Mr. Parsons served his country in the Civil War and was wounded in action,

Whereas, Mr. Parsons served his community as Hendricks County Recorder, Washington Township Trustee and as a teacher,

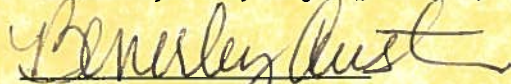
Whereas, in 1884, Mr. Parsons bought an 82 acre farm in Washington Township,


Whereas, around 1891, Mr. Parsons bought soybeans from Japan and became the first farmer in Indiana to engage in the purposeful and sustained experimentation and production of this grain,

Whereas, Mr. Parsons is recognized as Indiana's Soybean Pioneer by the American Soybean Association and the farm press,

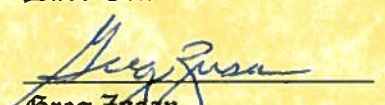
Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Avon does hereby posthumously award the ninth Key to the Town of Avon to Adrian A. Parsons for his service and contribution to his community, state and country,

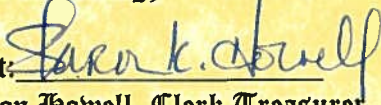
Awarded this 11th Day of June in the Year 2015,


Beverley Austin, Vice President


Dave Cox


Aaron Tebebaugh


Greg Zusan

Attest: 
Sharon Howell, Clerk Treasurer

