HENRY G. HERSHFIELD SUCCUMBS

THE BULLETIN

Council Passes Resolution
Naming Recreation Center
Hershfield Memorial Park

Name Selected
To Honor Former
Mayor, Citizen

Permanent Memorial
Council Passes Resolution to
Dedicate New Park Labor
Day in Connection With
Firemen's Day

Hershfield Park Attracts Many
Local Residents

Pompton Lakes Labor Day Program
and
Dedication of Hershfield Park
Monday, September 4, 1939

Dedicated September 4, 1939
In Memory of Henry Grah Hershfield

Hershfield Park

Hershfield Park Place
Pompton Lakes NJ 07442
Born in 1876 in St. Louis, Missouri, Henry Grah Hershfield had a an influential role in the early development of Pompton Lakes.

Having served in the Spanish American War and educated at Columbia University in NY he made his way to Pompton Lakes.

Nominated by both parties, he served four consecutive terms as Mayor of Pompton Lakes starting in 1909. Mr. Hershfield was then elected and served eight consecutive terms in the New Jersey Assembly starting in 1917.

Through the efforts of Mr. Hershfield, Pompton Lakes obtained it’s first municipally owned water and electric light plants. He also helped to organize and was board member of the First National Bank of Pompton Lakes and the Pompton Lakes Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Hershfield passed away from a heart attack on May 14, 1937. Referred to as the “Prophet of Pompton Lakes”, at his memorial service, his passing brought the entire community to a standstill. Schools and businesses closed so people could pay their respects.

On September 4, 1939 Hershfield Park was dedicated in his honor at the Pompton Lakes Labor Day Celebration.