

## ODE TO MIKE RADLEY, ON HIS RETIREMENT

To pen a brief ballad in praise of Mike Radley,  
We spoke with some people who love him, quite madly.  
And therefore, we gladly (though a bit sadly)  
List reasons why we will be missing you. Badly.

First, the beginning. Three decades plus five  
Have passed since the day that you chanced to arrive  
At Ormsby Rec Center. A South Side location.  
Your brand new vocation was pure Recreation.

It's not a bad gig, when all's said and done,  
When the job you have chosen is focused on fun.  
Your work was so Special, your bosses could sense  
You'd be the right guy to lead Special Events.

With Breezes in Brookline, a Run 'Round the Square,  
When runners were racing, Mike Radley was there.  
As duties kept mounting, you somehow kept pace,  
By putting the "Great" into Pittsburgh's Great Race.

At last, your Citiparks race has been run.  
After 35 years helping people have fun,  
Now you, and wife Judi, have time to kick back.  
Let somebody else keep those runners on track.

Mike Radley, you've earned a good, long vacation.  
It's time to pursue your own Recreation.