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## MEETING NOTICE – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Date/Time: Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 (5:30 P.M.)**

**Location: Village Office, 2990 South Pine Tree Road**

### ROUTINE ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

1. Call to order/Roll Call.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
4. Approval of the March 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 minutes

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Utilization of Four Seasons Park**

Staff will share the public comments and suggestions received recently on possible uses for the Board to discuss.

#### **6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

#### **7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Items for Future Agendas/Scheduling of Next Committee Meeting**

#### **8. ADJOURN**

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Aaron Kramer, Village Administrator

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Mary Jane Hemmy (Chairperson), Laura Lear (Vice-Chairperson), Elizabeth Danner, Michael Hoeft, Vanya Koepke, Tammy Zitlow (Alternate)

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## MEETING MINUTES – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Date/Time: Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 (5:30 P.M.)**

**Location: Village Office, 2990 South Pine Tree Road**

### ROUTINE ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

1. Call to order/Roll Call – Chairperson Mary Jane Hemmy called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The following members were present: Hemmy, Laura Lear (Vice-Chairperson), Elizabeth Danner, and Vanya Koepke. Michael Hoeft and Tammy Zitlow (Alternate) were excused. Also present were Aaron Kramer (Village Administrator) and Jerry Lancelle (Public Works Director).
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda – MOTION: Lear SECOND: Koepke VOTE: 4-0
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None were received.
4. Approval of the February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 minutes – MOTION: Hemmy SECOND: Lear VOTE: 4-0

### ACTION ITEMS

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Utilization of Four Seasons Park** – Considerable discussion was held on the current and potential future uses of the Park. Among the possible additions to the park discussed were: (1) pickleball courts, (2) a swimming pool, (3) tennis courts, (4) a skateboard park, (5) a splash pad, (6) a disc golf course, (7) improved soccer fields, (8) more walking and biking paths, (9) basketball courts, (10) a dog park and (11) upgrades of the current softball field and creation of a baseball field to replace the field adjacent to Fire Station #1 (which will likely be removed when the new fire station is constructed in 2022-23). Members expressed a desire to see additional and upgraded bathroom facilities and additional lighting. After the discussion, it was decided to have staff conduct a public campaign to solicit ideas from the residents on what they would prefer from the list above, and any additional projects, and have the Committee review those comments and suggestions. No formal action taken.

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan** – Discussion was held on the recommended projects in the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The main projects discussed were the possibility of a walking and biking trail on Trout Creek Road, increased access for walkers and bikers to Four Seasons Park and walking improvements around Hillcrest School. Kramer asked the Committee to come to the April meeting with 2-4 short-range and long-range projects to discuss before making a recommendation to the Village Board. No formal action was taken.

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Items for Future Agendas/Scheduling of Next Committee Meeting** – The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

**8. ADJOURN** – MOTION: Koepke SECOND: Danner VOTE: 4-0

Submitted by Aaron Kramer, Village Administrator

VILLAGE OF  
**HOBART**  
 GREATNESS IS GROWING  
**MEMORANDUM**



**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Aaron Kramer, Village Administrator  
**RE:** Four Seasons Park Public Input  
**DATE:** March 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Park and Recreation Commission, at its March meeting, agreed to take public input on the future use of Four Seasons Park. The following script was placed on the league's Facebook page and the Village's e-newsletter:

**INPUT SOUGHT ON FOUR SEASONS PARK**

*The Hobart Park and Recreation Committee is seeking public input on possible future uses and amenities for Four Seasons Park. Among the possible additions to the park discussed their most recent meeting were: (1) pickleball courts, (2) tennis courts, (3) a skateboard park, (4) a splash pad, (5) a disc golf course, (6) improved soccer fields, (7) more walking and biking paths, (8) basketball courts, (9) a dog park and (10) upgrades of the current softball field and creation of a baseball field to replace the field adjacent to Fire Station #1 (which will likely be removed when the new fire station is constructed in 2022-23). The Committee is seeking public comments on these proposals, as well as any other potential uses for the Park, before making a series of recommendations to the Village Board later this year. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 8th. Your comments, suggestions and observations can be emailed to Village Administrator Aaron Kramer at [aaron@hobart-wi.org](mailto:aaron@hobart-wi.org) or via the mail to: Village Administrator Aaron Kramer, 2990 South Pine Tree Road, Hobart, WI 54155.*

I have compiled the responses for the Commission to review.

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### **FACEBOOK RESPONSES**

The following comments (46 total) were posted on the Village's Facebook page:

1. Mallory Kinchen - Splash pad and dog park!!
2. Tanya Laabs - Skateboard and splashpad.
3. Tracy Fraedrich - Skateboard and tennis
4. Sara Lynn - Splash pad and a ninja warrior course!
5. Deanna Waniger - Dog park 🐕
6. Sharon Henn - No dog park (people don't know how to clean up after their dog, just take a walk around Central circle) this park was made for kids not dogs. We could use splash pad, basketball courts, and a bigger swing sets and juggle gyms for kids to climb on.
7. Carin Jane - Splash pad
8. Jesus Rediron Savage – 5
9. Krissy Dunks DeMoulin - Walking and bike paths! These can be used by various generations and more throughout the year than a splash pad.

10. Heather Piwonski-Dickinson - Splash pad
11. Ashley Zimdars - Splash pad and a way to safely walk or bike there with kids from Sunlite dr direction
12. Bo Shannon - Splash pad
13. Shannon Minzlaff - Splash pad!
14. Eric Barke - (11) Rifle range would be fun for family activities.
15. Kassie Freckmann - Community swimming pool? 😊. Out of the choices, definitely 7, 9 or 8 (in that order)
16. Jessica Moseng - Splash pad, disc golf & upgrades to baseball/softball field
17. Del Martin - Disc golf and splash pad!
18. Kaili Kirch - 4,7,9
19. Lindsay Ann - Splash pad!
20. Shannon Groher - How about an accessible playground for our differently abled neighbors?
21. Jessica Tischler Sauer - Splash pad, skateboard and dog park perhaps
22. Kim Bero - Splash pad!
23. Josh Krouth - Skateboard park!
24. Sara Lade - We would use the splash pad and basketball courts for sure!
25. Margaret Frances Arndt – Definitely dog runs
26. Ryan Scray - 4 and 5
27. Kailey O'Neil - Splash pad!!!
28. Krista Schiefelbein - Splash pad!
29. Sheila Humecki Re - Pickle ball courts & disk golf
30. Tiffany Wettstein - Splash pad and tennis courts!!! ❤️
31. Brooke Spinler - Splash pad!
32. Katie Jane - Splash pad
33. Jenna DeNoble - Splash pad
34. Kristen Alicea - Splash pad and basketball courts
35. Cassie Rose Carbon Ellington - Splash pad gets my vote.
36. Nia Tauer - Splash pad!!! Followed by tennis courts.
37. Missy Brenner Fredrickson - Definitely an upgrade to the baseball field. Dog area would also be nice to have.
38. Lynsie Franzene - Splash pad and dog park!!!!!!
39. Veronica Kruse - 4,7,9 would all be great
40. Allison Renee - Splash pad, disc golf and upgrades to softball/baseball
41. Stephanie Rozmiarek - Splash pad!
42. Dustin Gresen - Splash Pad and Disc Golf
43. Teele Goss - Splash pad
44. Cindy Koch Rentmeester - Tennis courts would be nice, more walking paths and maybe a dog park.
45. Megan Juelich - Splash pad!!
46. Bryant Hall - A dog park would be amazing!

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### **EMAIL RESPONSES**

The following comments were emailed:

#### Jeremy Murphy

Aaron, First off, thank you for allowing an open forum for this specific topic as it's one of great interest to me. Being "newer" to the Hobart area, my family moved from the east side of Green Bay to Isabella Circle area in 2017. Since then we've had the ability to watch the Centennial Centre area grow and utilize the parks/trails that Hobart has to offer. The one thing that is sorely missed

with my daughters is the access to a splash park and/or water feature. Being on the east side we were always able to go and enjoy the Red Smith Splash park which was a very small commute away in an open park that fostered a lot of great memories. For the recent proposal, I wanted to provide some thoughts and recommendations.

First and foremost, I think a splash park is a must. In this area the access to that type of activity in the summer is hard to come by, especially when neighboring areas have begun to limit some of the access to their own residents (i.e. Duck Creek Quarry). I think the splash park would be great at Four Seasons, however I feel it would be even better suited in the Centennial Centre area. I say that selfishly because of my location but also due to the sheer number of residences in comparison to the Four Seasons location. With no immediate sign of housing expansion/development in that area you eliminate the ability for kids to easily commute and hang out in that area with friends. Not to mention, in an isolated location like Four Seasons the likelihood of vandalism to the structure is higher. If you placed it in a more populated area it would be a deterrent while also being more frequently utilized. While I would love to say the Jan Wos location would be great since it has the space the problem is that there is limited parking/access which is obviously something Four Seasons can offer.

So if the Village cannot identify a more appropriate location for a splash park in the Centennial area I do feel it would still provide significant value over the other options provided.

Other thing that while they have initial costs are easier to maintain and draw are the disc golf, improved soccer/basketball courts - I would shy away from a dog park as there are other areas and trails open for that type of usage. Unless the dog park can be confined to an out of the way area within the park I feel it would be a deterrent to the park due to noise, smell and overall prevalence of dogs that may create some fear/concern over younger park goers. .

Overall the fact that this conversation is occurring for Four Seasons is awesome and look forward to whatever decision(s) are made! I'm more than happy to provide any additional input, comments, explanation on the above if needed. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail or phone (920)422-5068.

#### Ryan Hotchkiss

I'd like to see some investments made in the park. At the top of my list are basketball courts with lights and Tennis Courts but I'm open to all additions and improvements that make living in the area more desirable while not causing a significant tax increase. Thanks.

#### Nia Tauer (Oakview Drive)

My husband, myself and my 3 sons (ages 1, 4, and 6) frequent 4 Seasons Park in the warmer months (2-3 times a week) to play on the playground, at the baseball diamond, fly kites, and run the fields with a soccer ball. It is near our house and love it, and most of the time we are one of the only ones there besides someone tending to their garden plot.

I would like you to know how awesome it would be for the kids in the community to have a splash pad. I think it would help give our park more use as well. We also travel quite a distance to go play tennis, and that is something we would also use as a family frequently!

#### Jim and Sharon Henn

I would like to see a splash pad, basket courts larger play ground equipment for kids around the age of 8. It would be nice if these things were placed closer to the so people driving by can see what is going on at the park. Right now the way the playground equipement is hid behind the

building it is not safe for kids to go and play with out an adult, it is not even safe for a teenager babysitting to go there alone. The park is to hidden off the road! We don't need a dog park. People can't even clean up after thier dogs when they take them for a walk. There is dog poop at the park now, along the side of some roads and walking around Centenal Circle is an embracement for this town. They are too many lazy people who don't clean up after their dogs. The park was made for the kids in Hobart not dogs.

Andrea Jandrin (Isabella Court)

I fell in love with Four Seasons Park about 5 years ago. I used to walk my dog every day at the park. I loved how clean it was and still is. We love the suggestions of the splash pad and improved biking and walking trails. Thanks for asking about our opinions. We love Hobart!

Diane Weckop

The addition of tennis courts to the park would be a tremendous asset to the community. We would also like to see more walking paths along our busy roads. Trout creek, overland, and pinetree roads are dangerous for walkers. Thank you for your efforts at community improvement.

Carol Hall

Thanks for asking for input! Our family would like to see a disc golf course please!!!! We are also interested in Pickleball courts.

Jane Basten

I love all the ideas for improvement of the park! If I had to pick my favorites it would be improved softball and baseball diamonds with dug outs! A splash pad sounds like great fun for the kids also! Basketball ball courts are great for youth and pickle ball has become very popular for adults! I am excited to see this park get used more with more activities to be utilized...especially with the huge surge of homes/apartments and condos!

Tiffany Gumina

My husbands family is from Milwaukee and I have always wished we had something like this here in the area. <https://www.thevillageclubinc.com/> You pay a membership fee and they have access to tennis and a pool. But you don't pay the expenses of a private country club. Would love to have something like this close by!

Alaina Bunger

Wondering how many of the 10 listed additions to Four Seasons park that are possible to add? There's no mention of the amount or limit. I'm assuming they all cost different amounts so it depends, and also space is an issue. Seeking some of the limitations or clarification that you can provide.

Debbie Thompson

As a Hobart resident, my wish for Four Seasons Park is that it would have a cross country ski trail.

Brooke Spinler

Hi Aaron, my husband would just like to give input and say we would love a splash park at four seasons park.

Susan

I would like to see a box lacrosse field added. This could double as a hockey/ ice rink in the winter months and does not take up too much space. It also supports the parks name- 4 seasons. Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport for both boys and girls and leagues are starting all over Wisconsin. Box lacrosse is even more important in the sport because it makes a better field lacrosse player, as well as prepares youth for hockey season. We have several of our youth going on to play in college and/ or getting scholarships, this could increase greatly with proper training in an athletes younger years. In addition to youth, this is also an adult sport, al members of the family can play. Finally, the field when not used for practice or games can be used with families to keep the ball they are playing with contained.

Kristen Wolfe

I am writing to you in response to the facebook post regarding ideas for future use of 4 seasons park. My family loves the idea of the splash pad as a top choice for the park as it's a popular family activity and may bring in people from nearby areas who might in turn support our local businesses during their visit. We also like the idea of the basketball court. An additional suggestion is adding outdoor exercise stations along the existing walking path. Thanks for your consideration, we look forward to enjoying whatever future project is chosen!

Kelly Froland

I saw the article about Four Seasons Park on Overland Rd, and looking for what village residents are interested in having available at the park. I appreciate you reaching out to the residents and hope you get a lot of response to your offer for ideas. I know that Pickle Ball is a fast growing activity all around the country and is growing in our area as well. I know that my husband and I and many of our neighbors in Polo Point and other residents, would really like that as an option. I would also think Pickle Ball along with Tennis courts would be great. Many of the other options like Disc Golf and walking/biking trails sound great too. Perhaps a groomed trail for Cross Country Skiing in the winter would be a great addition as well. Baseball and Basketball diamonds and courts always a park favorite as well. I hope you have great success with the feedback you get and look forward to finding out what comes our way.

Mallory Leanna

Voting for a dog park at four seasons park !

March 22, 2021

Rich Heidel, Village President  
Members of the Hobart Village Board

RE: Hobart Trail Communication sent via email

Dear Rich and Members of the Board:

We would like to thank you, board members and staff for making Hobart a great place to live and work. We are amazed at the progress at Centennial, and look forward to seeing the changes with the new interchange. The village growth, especially north, is really something to see.

However, there is one thing that we believe has been overlooked, and it's something that has been magnified with the pandemic. That is the lack of any coordinated walking/biking trail system in Hobart. This past summer in particular, outdoor activity has grown, and we seem to be lagging behind many of our surrounding communities in this area.

Hillcrest Drive is a prime example of where this lack of a trail system seems so dangerous. We frequently walk, run and bike on this road, and it is somewhat terrifying. We have seen kids on bikes with training wheels riding on that two foot (very narrow) paved shoulder, and cars racing by only a few feet away. It is also very difficult to walk on Centennial from Hillcrest Drive to Pine Tree, especially past Hill Road. There is no shoulder at all there, and people walking, running, and biking either have to go onto the dirt shoulder, or else cars have to slow down to let oncoming traffic pass on this very busy stretch of road. In the evening, cars are driving directly into the sun.

We are not sure of the barriers to getting something done - we had heard there may be a county plan in place. We have also heard that there might be political issues with the Oneida Nation. If so, what a great opportunity to work together with them on an important and mutually beneficial project – it would have tremendous shared value for the entire region. This would encourage better health, a stronger sense of community and a safer place for all of us.

We are sure that things have been discussed that we are not aware of, but we wonder where the Village is in this planning process. Given the value to the community, we believe a trail system should be moving forward as soon as possible. Perhaps a group of Hobart and Oneida residents could form a citizen's group to help this process if political barriers are creating any obstacles.



There are wonderful examples of wide and welcoming trails - starting with the short stretch on Pine Tree road. We frequently see people biking, walking their dogs etc. It is a wonderful but short stretch of trail in our community. In comparison, other areas such as Green Lake and the Sayner region have many miles of trails. For a large and prosperous village like Hobart, it seems like we should be able to lead the way, and develop a trail system that would be the envy of the area.

Thanks for all of your hard work. We would appreciate information on this issue as well as how we may be of help to support a connected, healthy, and safe community.

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