



Hudson Park Board • 1769 Georgetown Road • Hudson, Ohio 44236 • (330) 342-1750

Finalized Park Board Priority List 2024

- 1) Continue to support the improvement of Middleton park with the Inclusive Playground
- 2) Increase parking at Hudson Springs Park & Barlow – waiting for Engineering estimates
- 3) Utilize funds raised for court lighting – Hugo Sandberg shared at 6/17/24 PB meeting current in hand in HCF \$85,000 with \$15,000 promised and the donation of 6 poles
- 4) Increase overall understanding of budget and Council’s expectations for the Board in management of budget
 - a. Create Budget Committee
 - b. Develop an ongoing financial review process
 - c. Actively participate in yearly budget planning
- 5) Continue ongoing efforts to address invasive plants in developed parks with the desire to include undeveloped parcels in the future – approval of Davey’s 5 year management plan of Hudson Springs starting in 2024 on 5/20/24 – \$76,375
- 6) Increase overall communication with the public – Outreach Committee
 - a. Redesign of Hudson Parks website
 - b. Quantifying fish caught at Hudson Springs – QR code at park
 - c. Possible feedback questionnaire on website/QR code
 - d. Remind residents where they can find information regarding the spraying of chemicals – posted on park kiosks and/or call Public Works for more specific details
 - e. Highlighting current facilities and recognizing organizations that improve our parks and align with our Master Plan goals – maybe including an appropriate link?
 - i. Friends of Hudson Parks

- ii. Hudson Kiwanis
- iii. Fitness Trail
- iv. Soccer4All
- v. Hudson Inclusive Playground - HIP
- vi. Court Lighting Initiative
- vii. Metro Parks Grow Wild Backyard

7) Fix boat ramp at Hudson Springs – 18K estimate

8) Following the Master plan to increase accessibility and inclusiveness

- a. A third of all benches and picnic tables made accessible over time – staff will address
- b. Wheelchair accessible tables identified and easily accessed – staff will mark and relocate
- c. Hard surface paths to all playgrounds – waiting for Engineering estimate
- d. Clear vertical parking signage and van accessible spots at all parks – staff will install & mark
- e. Estimate to make Barlow playground more accessible
 - i. Equipment modification
 - ii. Possible fencing – staff getting estimate
 - iii. Surface improvement

9) Feasibility & costs to provide water bottle fillers at all parks with the understanding that not all parks have access to water and if not including the cost of upgrading bathrooms in estimate – EAC donation of portable water bottle filler will be installed at Hudson Springs sometime in July 2024

10) Playground Committee taking an active role in the future in playground design

- a. Placement of equipment
 - i. Grouping swings together
- b. Type of equipment chosen – Predominating Game Time
- c. Swings at Barlow & Oak Grove – staff investigating
- d. Open field at Cascade & Colony possible usage
- e. Rubberizing surface at Splash Pad – 60K
- f. Shade structure at Skateboard Park - \$6,000 + Install
- g. Fencing Veteran’s Way Playground –will get estimate
- h. Hard surface pathways to all playground areas 8c – staff is working with Engineering for overall costs at all parks

- i. As well as Barlow improvements listed above in 8e
 - j. Redistributing usable existing playground equipment at Middleton Park to other parks once the inclusive playground is finished - 90K
 - k. Contact Hudson Preschool parents of the future of hedge maze
 - l. QR code or plaque for specimen Elm near parking lot – staff working on plaque – Arborist not in favor of fencing
 - m. Address muddy areas like at Colony – staff looking into
 - n. Recommendation from Committee on increasing yearly budget item for playgrounds
 - o. Keeping the mushroom equipment as a tribute to the past while allowing staff to find local artists to paint them and looking fresh
- 11) Addressing the current boat storage issues – have canoe sites available but not boat
- 12) Feasibility of having kayak rentals – staff requested info from vendor – please read the last attachment to the packet we received 6/17/24 for a description of the rent.fun vendor. One time upfront costs – 4 kayak unit - 20K, 8 kayak unit -35K, 12 kayak unit- 45K and revenue sharing is 50% for the parks – average kayak rental \$20-\$25
- 13) “Slow Down Children at Play” signage at all parks - in house
- 14) Continue removal and replacement of dead and dying trees in all parks with Arborist consultation where appropriate – staff addressing this – Arborist recommends Locust for parking lot planters
- 15) Ways to increase fishing areas at Hudson Springs and promote healthy areas of cover for fish – staff will look into this
- 16) Address fishing tackle left along banks that becomes a danger to people and wildlife – staff requested a specialized net to catch injured waterfowl
- 17) Quantifying fish removed from Hudson Springs – Communications Department can facilitate surveys through Let’s talk Hudson online – a catch and release program will begin in 2025 on a rotating basis
- 18) Options for adherence to fishing rules & regulations
- 19) Continue to access the swapping of Doc Woods with Metro Park’s Hudson Springs property – in the process - 50 acres vs. 20 acres

- 20) Possibility of moving the tennis practice backboard one court to the right so that balls don't end up in retaining pond – per resident feedback – moving is not an option but adding 8' nets above the backboard is a possible solution – staff will estimate cost
- 21) Long term goals
 - a. Improvement of Oak Grove – 90 year lease agreement with Jaycees
 - b. Looking at undeveloped parks for possible expansion
- 22) Yearly tours of parks both developed and undeveloped