

January 21, 2021

Members of City Council
City of Hudson
Hudson, Ohio

Re: Joint Meeting of Council and Hudson Park Board

Dear Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet jointly this January 26 during the scheduled Workshop. I write to let you know what the Park Board would like to discuss with you. Our topics:

Hudson Park Master Plan draft

This began with a citizen survey by the ETC Institute conducted in late 2019 with randomly selected recipients aiming for 300 responses to statistically represent the broader population. It solicited opinions on usage, likes and dislikes, and unmet needs. 485 responses from the random sample responded and 139 responses came from the open online survey. The Eppley Institute associated with the University of Indiana was hired for research, analysis and to draft the plan. Additionally, stakeholder group interviews were conducted with video online in August. The draft plan concludes with a strategic action plan. We have asked the Plan consultants to make a 10 minute presentation to Council. The Park Board has voted to recommend City Council adopt the draft Plan so as to guide City projects and policy consistent with resident views.

Tennis and Pickleball Facility

You will learn a top unmet need from the survey was the lack of tennis and pickleball courts in Hudson. As a result, a Committee of the Park Board has met with citizens interested in adding these courts and developed a plan to cluster these courts within Barlow Farm Park. The Committee has a short presentation to present this plan and the Park Board recommends it for funding by Council.

Dog Park

A similar desire expressed by residents is a dog park for unleashed play. Another Committee of the Park Board has developed a plan for it within Colony Park. The Park Board also sees this dog park as a valuable addition to Hudson Parks and would like to see funding budgeted. We would like to share plans for this dog park.

Ellsworth Golf Simulators Partnership with Hudson Schools

Staff would like Council's views on a proposal to accommodate golf simulators at Ellsworth which could generate off-season revenue for the course. A new building would be required but which would improve operations, relocate and enhance the pro shop. Is their sufficient interest to prepare a detailed cost analysis and business plan?

Respectfully, Tom King, Chair Hudson Park Board

c: Jane Howington, City Manager