**Town of Ixonia**

**Kaul Park**

**Property Management Plan**

1. **Executive Summary**

The Town of Ixonia, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, owns and maintains a 5.08 acre parcel at Government Lot Four (4) in Section Two (2), Town Eight (8) North, Range Sixteen (16) East, Town of Ixonia known as Kaul Park. The property borders the Rock River and includes a gravel access, boat launch, parking area, picnic area, and fire department fill station.

1. **Introduction**
2. **Background**
	1. Kaul Park was purchased from Leonard and Helen Kaul on June 13th, 1977 for $4,000.00. The Town of Ixonia obtained a grant from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the installation of a boat landing for public use.
	2. The Ixonia Park system currently consists of Fireman’s Park, Ski Slide Park, and Kaul Park.
3. **Program Objectives**
	1. Current uses for the park consist of picnicking, shore fishing, and a boat launch used by kayakers, canoers, fishermen, and hunters.
	2. As Ixonia is a rural community, the site provides another opportunity for users to enjoy the park system and find new ways of outdoor enjoyment.
	3. This document is intended to provide a park usage policy and a structured plan for ongoing park improvements**.**
4. **Inventory of Existing Conditions**
5. **Physical Characteristics**
	1. The park’s current size is 5.08 acres situated between the Rock River and County Highway CW. Private land ownership borders the West and Northern sides of the park. Current amenities include a boat launch, picnic tables, parking area, and fire department fill station.
6. **Intended Uses**
	1. Fishing, hunting, river access, and picnicking.
7. **Problem Issues and Potential Solutions**
8. **Issues**
9. Adjacent property owner has logged multiple complaints about boat motor noise and traffic.
10. No consistent use policy in force
11. **Potential Solutions**
12. Provide a use policy for the facility
13. Address concerns with problematic landowner
14. Request increase police patrol of the area
15. **Resource Management Plan**
16. **General Recommendations**
	1. Continue use for activities stated above
	2. Maintain aesthetics
	3. Provide a use policy for the park
17. **Specific Recommendations**
	1. Launch improvement
	2. Open/closed hours
	3. Flooding closure procedures
18. **Funding**
19. **Kaul Park Use Policy**
	1. Public park hours are from one (1) hour before sunrise to one (1) hour after sunset. Exception to posted hours are for watercraft retrieval using the boat landing.
	2. No power loading of boats or watercraft.
	3. No overnight camping.
	4. No overnight parking in the park.
	5. Dogs are permitted and must be on a 6’ or less length lead at all times when in the park.
	6. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for animal waste removal.
	7. No burning or campfires are permitted.
	8. All trash and recyclables that are brought in must be taken out.
	9. No unwanted fish may be left at the park, they must be taken with the parties who caught them.
	10. Signing and postings are prohibited.
	11. Removal or destruction of park property is not permitted.
	12. Park will close when high water covers the park bench pad. This will be confirmed by Highway Superintendent and Park Staff for final determination of closure. Town Chairman and Park & Recreation Chairman will be notified of decision. Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department will also be notified of park closure.