

# **Kaul Park – Town of Ixonia Property Management Plan**

## **I. 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.

## **II. Introduction**

### **A. Background**

- a. Kaul Park was a land donation from Leonard Kaul in the early to mid-1970s. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources subsequently installed a boat landing for public use.
- b. The Ixonia Park system currently consists of Fireman’s Park, Ski Slide Park, and Kaul Park.

### **B. Program Objectives**

- a. Current uses for the park consist of picnicking, shore fishing, and a boat launch used by kayakers, canoers, fishermen, and hunters.
- b. 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.
- c. This document is intended to provide a park usage policy and a structured plan for ongoing park improvements.

## **III. Inventory of Existing Conditions**

### **A. Physical Characteristics**

- a. 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.

### **B. Intended Uses**

- a. Fishing, hunting, river access, and picnicking.

## **IV. Problem Issues and Potential Solutions**

### **A. Issues**

1. Adjacent property owners have logged multiple complaints about boat motor noise and traffic.
2. No consistent use policy in force

**B. Potential Solutions**

- 1. Provide a use policy for the facility**
- 2. Address concerns with adjacent landowners**
- 3. Request increase police patrol of the area**

**V. Resource Management Plan**

**A. General Recommendations**

- a. Continue use for activities stated above**
- b. Maintain aesthetics**
- c. Provide a use policy for the park**

**B. Specific Recommendations**

- a. Launch improvement**
- b. Open/closed hours**
- c. Flooding closure procedures**

**C. Funding**

**VI. Kaul Park Use Policy**

- a. Public park hours are from 5 am to 11 pm.**
- b. No power loading of boats or watercraft.**
- c. No overnight camping.**
- d. Dogs are permitted and must be on a 6' or less length lead.**
- e. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for animal waste removal.**
- f. No burning or campfires are permitted.**
- g. All trash and recyclables that are brought in must be taken out.**
- h. Signing and postings are prohibited.**
- i. Removal or destruction of park property is not permitted.**
- j. Parking is only permitted on the west side of the park road from County Highway CW to the first concrete block. No other parking is allowed.**
- k. The vehicle turn around shall only be used for watercraft launching and retrieval. No parking or loitering of motor vehicles is permitted.**
- l. The park launch will close when high water covers the park bench pad.**