



Hobart Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes - Monday March 23rd 2026

ROUTINE ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

1. Call to order/Roll Call (5:00 PM) – Kassie Freckmann, Jane Jerzak, Cynthia Silvers and Tammy Zittlow were present. Mary Jane Hemmy (Chairperson) and Laura Lear (Vice-Chairperson) were absent.
2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda – ACTION: To certify the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda MOTION: Jerzak SECOND: Zittlow VOTE: 4-0
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – None
4. Approval of June 30th 2025 minutes - MOTION: Zittlow SECOND: Freckmann VOTE:4-0

ACTION ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Sorenson Family Park Proposal

Staff brought a proposal to the Committee to create Sorenson Family Park in Centennial Centre. The land is currently owned by the Village of Hobart and is located in Tax Increment District #1. The proposal would include an enclosed pavilion with public restrooms, walking trails and outdoor public grills and benches. Considerable discussion was held on the inclusion of a display in the pavilion featuring a tractor from the Sorenson family, from whom the property was purchased in 2020. The consensus of the Committee was to propose alternate options to recognize the family and get some clarity on that issue before taking the recommendation to the Village Board. ACTION: To support the creation of Sorenson Family Park and recommend the Village Board proceed with the project MOTION: Freckmann SECOND: Silvers VOTE: 4-0

NOTE: Lear joined the meeting at 5:20 PM.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Proposed Multi-Purpose Trail on the Old Railway

Staff provided an update to the Committee on the prospects of creating a multi-purpose trail, in a partnership with other government entities, along the old railway bed in Hobart. Village Attorney Frank Kowalkowski was present for the discussion. ACTION: To recommend that the Village Board seek public comment to gauge interest in creating a public trail on the former railroad bed from Oneida to Pamperin Park, and to recommend the representatives of the Village and Oneida Nation meet face-to-face to reach a mutually beneficial agreement to construct the trail MOTION: Jerzak VOTE: Zittlow VOTE: 5-0

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

Kramer said Brown County has reached out to him to revisit and update the Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and asked if the Board would consider meeting in April to do so. Committee members were in support.

10. ADJOURN (6:00 PM) – MOTION: Jerzak SECOND: Silvers VOTE: 5-0

Submitted by Village Administrator Aaron Kramer