

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

To: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

From: Kristine Butteris, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director

Date: 11/17/2025

Subject:

Background

The Hepp Heights Subdivision Phase I was built in 1953 as the first major development in Watertown.

Hepp Heights Phase III Edge Field was brought before common council in November of 2023. With this subdivision is an addition of park space with .98 acreage.

Loos Homes is now in charge of this project and would like to dedicate this designated land to the City of Watertown.

Budget Goal

- Proactively maintains and improves our parks and infrastructure to ensure safety, quality, and equity

- Fosters community growth by assessing opportunities, stakeholder input, environmental needs, and modern code and policy priorities

- Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

Financial Impact

There are parkland dedication fees that can be used to purchase amenities for this property. This property will be maintained by the parks crews until all other parks are updated and then we will work on park development of this property.

Recommendation

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department is looking for a positive recommendation to move this resolution on to Plan Commission.

Motion: Provide a positive recommendation to Plan Commission for the dedication of the Hepp Heights Subdivision Edge Field Park.