Date: April 16, 2026

RE: Request for placement of permanent recognition plaques

Prepared by: Jill Berke, Park Board Chair

The Park Board is requesting consideration by Town Board for recognition plaques to be installed at Glover Park for:

- Jim Freund, 30 years service to Park Board
- Hudson Hospital Foundation, monetary gift to bike repair station

Vendor: Pella Engraving Co. (reference QUOTE 2/24/2026)

Cost: $366.58 (includes shipping)

Proposed motion: approve the cost of $366.58 for two permanent plaques from Pella Engraving Co. to recognize former Park Board member, Jim Freund for 30 years service to the parks; and, Hudson Hospital Foundation for gift to bike repair station, to be installed at Glover Park.

The Park Board took action on July 23, 2024 (reference minutes) took action by motion, "Member Swanson moved to place the plaque at the Hein East Pavilion to recognize the exemplary service of Jim Freund to Troy parks; second by member Rowekamp. Discussion. Motion unanimously carried.

Park Board took action on Feb. 24, 2026 by motion (reference minutes):

"Chair Berke moved that the Park Board recommend to the Town Board to approve the recognition sign for Jim Freund for 30 years of service and recognition of the Hudson Hospital Foundation for their donation to the bike repair station using the current recognition sign standard, and to place Jim Freund's plaque near the Eagle Scout recognition plaques at the kiosk next to Hein Pavilion; second by member Swanson. Discussion. Members Johnson and McElmeel had questions about the signage standard. Chair Berke stated there are other recognition plaques at Glover Park and the most recent two permanent plaques follow a general standard in color and materials. Motion unanimously carried.

Background

Currently the Park Board has acknowledged with permanent plaques for:

-Hudson Boosters and River Falls Youth Baseball Organization with special recognition of Randy Lau (2009)

- Charlie Macdonell (10 years exemplary service 2004-2014) placed at the North Ball Field

-Bob Enloe, plaque mounted on memorial bench next to South Ball Field (2024);

-Recognition plaque listing all Eagle and Girl Scout projects at south kiosk

-Plaque at Community Building recognizing Town Board members, Park Board members, Engineers & Construction companies, Grants and Donors, Town Road Crew, Park Rangers (2021)

Permanent Recognition Plaque Standard

-Dark brown background

-Gold/bronze letters

-Material: zinc, 8x9” appropriate for outdoor use

-Holes and screws provided

Location: kiosk next to Hein Pavilion, above Scout Recognition plaque

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Acknowledges 30 Years Service

Jim Freund

Park Board 1993 – 2023

Visionary for Eagle Trail, leading Boy Scouts to install the original hiking trail in Glover Park; mentored Eagle Scout projects; gave immeasurable hours of volunteer service at Glover Park and Cove Boat Ramp; and, served as Park Board Vice-Chair for several terms.

Town logo

2024

Town of Troy Park Recognizes

Hudson Hospital Foundation

for generous gift

Bike Repair Station, Glover Park

Location: bike repair station