

# **DANE COUNTY PARKS**

## **NON-DESIGNATED AND MEMORIAL GIFTS**

### **DONATION REQUEST FORM**

*All Donations Are Tax Deductible*

Thank you for considering a memorial or tribute gift to support Dane County Parks. We want you to know that your gesture is sincerely appreciated. Gifts of this type are considered unique and do not fall under the typical park donation process and will be considered for approval by the Dane County Park Commission following the Dane County Policy on Recognitions, Dedications, Memorial, and Donations for the Dane County Park System.

Examples may include: Artwork, Gardens, Playgrounds, Park Facilities, Landscape Features, Etc.

For assistance with your decision-making please feel free to contact the Parks Director through the Dane County Parks Office at (608) 224-3730 or send an email to [dane-parks@countyofdane.com](mailto:dane-parks@countyofdane.com).

#### **Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge that the donation being offered is to support Dane County Parks. That Dane County Parks will own and manage the donated gift or assign these responsibilities to others. Dane County Parks may modify, move or remove donated items at any time.

Signature(s): Jann Kalscheur      Date: December 10, 2020

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Donor Name(s): Jann Kalscheur

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#### **ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE NON-DESIGNATE AND UNIQUE MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFT PROPOSAL**

Please provide the following information:

- 1) Who, What, Where, When and Why.
- 2) Add pictures and drawings that help clarify the request.
- 3) Estimated monetary value of donated item.
- 4) Name of person or persons (if any) to be recognized, and their relationship or association to Dane County Parks.  
If recognition is desired, indicate desired media: plaque, signage, dedication event, etc. Dane County Parks will contact you to discuss an acceptable method.
- 5) Who will maintains the gift?
- 6) Is there a monetary donation or services provided to support the maintenance of the gift?
- 7) What is the proposed lifespan of the gift?

**Who:** Jann Kalscheur and family and friends of Gary Kalscheur

**What:** 4' x 8' metal sculpture (image on p. 2)

**Where:** Anderson Farm County Park

**When:** 2021

**Why:** The memorial sculpture captures the spirit of Anderson Farm County Park, featuring activities it promotes and some of its beautiful natural elements. The park borders our backyard and Gary enjoyed family hikes in the park. He loved biking and was looking forward to construction beginning on the bike trail. He also loved baseball and was thrilled to learn a baseball field is part of the park master plan. Before his death, he shared how excited he was to watch and officiate games there.

**Estimated Value:** \$7000

**Memorial Designee:** The sculpture is in memory of Gary Kalscheur.

Gary was a life-time resident of Dane County. He lived in Oregon for close to 30-years. His home borders the park and he was literally steps away from the Main St. entrance to the park. He enjoyed weekly hikes to the prairie in the park and volunteered his time this spring and early summer removing brush and invasive trees in the park. As an avid bike rider and one of the original founders of Oregon Youth Baseball, he was so pleased that a bike trail and baseball field were part of the master plan.

**Recognition:** Dedication Event

**Maintenance of sculpture:** There will be no monetary donation provided to support the maintenance of the gift after five years pass. However, if we go with the natural/rust finish, maintenance will essentially be zero. If we do a solid paint color, we would check it annually and touch up any spots that are showing rust during its first five years. The artist (Rich Fizzell) stands behind his painting skills and warrants the paint finish for that amount of time. He estimates \$50/year or less in time and materials for touch up work after the first five years. Again, it will be essentially maintenance-free if we go with the natural/rust finish, the finish we will likely select.

**Lifespan of Sculpture:** The life-span of the structure is 50 plus years. The areas that fail on a structure like this are areas that hold water, and the artist (Rich Fizzell) goes to great lengths to eliminate any water traps. The point that the uprights contact the ground/concrete will be the biggest concern, and Rich mitigates that by using solid steel, rather than steel tubing.

## Memorial Sculpture Design



Gary, Jann and family enjoyed watching a raccoon family that took up residence in its hidey hole in a big oak tree in Anderson Farm County Park. Jann's photographs of the raccoon family and the bumblebee feasting on a blazing star, helped guide two of the design elements in Gary's memorial sculpture.

