

Members of Wahoo Youth Sports Association (WYSA),

As an interested party in the developmental timeframe of Hackberry Park. We, Wahoo Diamond Sports Association (WDSA), have asked to be placed on the Wahoo City Council agenda to discuss the importance of this park and its facilities to the Wahoo community.

**On Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 7:00 p.m City Hall Meeting room the Wahoo City Council will hear comments about Hackberry Park development by a WDSA representative.**

Hackberry Park offers multiple types of amenities for recreation to residents of Wahoo and visitors traveling to Wahoo for one of the many sporting events that the park hosts. It also contains one of the largest green spaces available for general use by the public.

Activities at Hackberry Park start in early spring and continue until late fall, making this park likely the highest usage park and recreation facility within our community by Wahoo residents. It also likely brings to Wahoo the most outside visitors of any city owned facility. The economic impact of this use across its broad range of users and the potential for future growth we believe are important to the residents of Wahoo.

In 2014 residents of Wahoo approved the extension of the ½ cent sales tax that was originally used to fund the Wahoo Aquatic Center. With this funding mechanism in place approximately \$240,000 in sales tax revenue is collected annually to be appropriated by the Wahoo City Council. These funds are to be used principally consisting of the improvements, development and maintenance of park and recreation facilities.

**We will not be proposing any new tax funding be placed upon the residents of Wahoo. We are asking the Wahoo City Council to elevate the financial need to develop and improve Hackberry Park and the proposed timeline for such capitol improvements.**

If you want to make a difference in the developmental timeline of Hackberry Park please attend this meeting or contact your local city council member concerning this topic.

Thank you,

WDSA Board