

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

Item No. 2.B.

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – Friends of Peninsula State Park

Donation of \$135,000 to Peninsula State Park in Door County, WI.

FOR: April 2022 Board meeting**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Preston D. Cole, Secretary**SUMMARY:**

The Friends of Peninsula State Park began the fundraising efforts for playground replacement in September of 2021. Included in this donation is the removal of the woodchips and timber frame, light earthwork, installation of a concrete pad and safety surface, and installation of accessible playground features. Not only will this project continue to provide enjoyment for park users as the old playground did for decades, but it also furthers Peninsula State Parks drive to provide accessible amenities to all users, like the recent completion of the accessible ramp at the new Eagle Tower III.

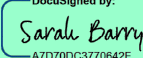
The wood structure playground was built in the 1980's and over several decades it reached the end of it's lifetime in the summer of 2021. After an inspection in 2021 the structure was declared unsafe and was deconstructed. Park Supervisors and the Friends of Peninsula State Park identified the replacement of the playground with a new ADA accessible playground as an immediate priority.

The Friends of Peninsula State Park, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, started planning for the replacement of the playground in Fall of 2021. The proposed project will have the same footprint but will have an accessible base and features. The total cost of the project is \$135,000.

Friends of Peninsula State Park will fully fund the \$135,000 for construction of the new Nicolet Beach playground. The fundraising efforts had amazing support from individual donors and foundations. If approved, the construction will likely begin in spring 2022 with completion by early summer 2022.

It's expected the new playground will expand visitor experience to children of all ages and abilities. Peninsula State Park is one of the largest Wisconsin state parks and is visited by over a million visitors annually.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Natural Resources Board accepts this donation of \$135,000 from the Friends of Peninsula State Park.

Approved by	Signature	Date
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For

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8

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Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its April 2022 meeting, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$135,000 from:

Friends of Peninsula State Park

This donation will be used to fund the replacement of the playground at the Nicolet Beach Day Use Area at Peninsula State Park in Door County, WI.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

Greg Kazmierski, Chair