

From: Barbara Juwa <bjjuwa65@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 4, 2022, 3:47 PM
Subject: Haen Park
To: <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

As far as Haen Park being dog free, no one was given a voice Making it dog free. In general, most individuals Do Not hang out their with dogs, However, this is a congested neighborhood with walkers, runners, elderly, as well as certain adults who ride their bike on the sidewalk instead of the bike lane. Most dog walkers, including myself, used to walk my dog along the tree line to avoid this congestion. I was appalled when I saw the sign last fall. There are alot of individuals Though that refuse to follow rules and allow their dogs in the park anyways. These are the same Madison idiots who Do Not follow any rules or laws. Someone also needs to occasionally monitor the dogs parks because in several cases, dogs are loose prior to entering the gates.

From: Aaron Piehler <piehler08@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 8:31 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Haen Family Park

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Hello,

My fiance and me live off of tree lane and would be very appreciative if Haen family Park became dog friendly. We always keep our dog on a leash and clean up after him and it would be nice to enjoy the Park.

Sincerely,
Aaron Piehler

From: Shijin Huang <shuang9704@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2022 6:56 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Haen Family Park - Dog Friendly

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We support making Haen Family Park into a dog free/friendly park.

Thanks,

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Shijin Huang

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608-228-4365

From: Kay Zalesak <kmz2562@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:13 AM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Haen Family Park

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To the Board of Park Commissioners:

Our family has lived within 5 blocks of Haen Family Park for over 30 years.

As much as we love dogs, and we have dogs in our family. Out of respect and consideration for others we do not feel that Haen Family Park should become dog friendly. This is a park frequently used for yoga, cricket, soccer, volleyball and social gatherings.

There is a large population of people who live across the street from the park and near the park who use it on a daily basis and are not comfortable with dogs. While walking our family's dogs we have realized some people are very frightened of them.

There are dog friendly parks within a comfortable walking distance and within 2 to 3 miles of this park. Which makes it unnecessary to change the status to dog friendly.

I would suggest Sauk Creek Park to become dog friendly. Unlike Haen Family Park, it isn't as frequently used by large groups of people. Making it ideal for use by people with and without dogs.

Thank you for your consideration

From: Ellen Coatney <eecoatney@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 7:04 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Dogs at Haen Family Park

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Good evening,

I am strongly in favor of making Haen Park dog friendly. There are lots of condos and apartments surrounding that park, and for people with a dog but no yard, public parks are crucial for giving your pup some green space to explore and play in. For example, my dog, Maggie, and I live across the street from Haen Park and we would like to spend warm evenings picnicking and people watching in the park together. See attached photo.

Thank you,
Ellen Coatney

From: Wendy Blanchard <wendyblanchard694@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:16 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Haen Family Park

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I would very much like to see Haen Family Park become Dog Friendly. I often walk my dog in the area and I use to like to walk the perimeter of the park with my dog - or cut across the park when the sidewalks were busy with bikes and people. Often there is a group of people blocking the sidewalk waiting for the bus on High Point at the corner of Tree Lane. It is easier for me, and them, if I can cut the corner and avoid them by walking on the grass for a short distance. I feel that the majority of dog owners are respectful and would clean up after their dog and avoid the park when there are games in progress.

From: brentharrisonmojo@gmail.com <brentharrisonmojo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: BPC consideration suggestion- changes Haen Park to dog friendly with stipulations -re:upcoming Nov.9 meeting

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If approved, may I suggest that 'dog friendly area' for any pooping or peeing be limited to 'area(s)' away from playground, basketball court, cricket area, & common walkway areas (specifically along S.High Point Rd. or periphery near eastern wooded greenway edge) so that average people do not step in nor directly smell excrements... & please have MANDATORY signs & 'dog poop bag' dispenser(s) & trash can(s) available as well as strict warning of noncompliance fines & penalty forewarning. This will avoid complaints from most sides if followed by Park users/patrons. Thank you!

From: tottman <tottman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:41 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dog Status Haen Family Park, Support Dog Friendly

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I live near Haen Park and I support changing its status to "dog friendly".

Tad Ottman
21 Crossbridge Ct, Madison, WI 53717

From: Rosemary Richardson <loganroseapril@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:23 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Haen Family Park "Dog Free"

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I have compassion for dog owners because I am an animal lover, but I also love the beauty of the park. I want it to stay that way, If it becomes dog friendly will the owners clean animal waste, will it be orderly and not violent to others, what about children that want to be in the park and some owners are not respectful to others. I don't want to be negative but I know how humans are today with no respect for neighbors and other humans.
Please keep the park beautiful and Dog Free.
Thank you so much.

From: Chris Henkel <clhenkel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 8:06 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Haen family park

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Hello,
I live on South H. Point Rd and would like to offer my support for Haen park as dog friendly.
Thank you,

Chris

From: mka5986@aol.com <mka5986@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comment on Haen Family Park Dog Policy

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I am writing to express my support for changing the status of Haen Family Park to a "dog friendly" park. I do not have a dog at this time but know that many homes in my neighborhood, Oakbrook Neighborhood, have dogs and would like the opportunity to walk their dogs around the park. My neighbors are

responsible pet owners who leash their dogs and pick after the dogs. I think they would use the park responsibly and support allowing dogs in the park.

Mark K Allen
7850 W. Oakbrook Circle
Madison, WI 53717

From: Sheila Coyle <coylesheila38@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dog Status - Haen Family Park

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I would prefer the park to be designated dog friendly.. I walk my dog by several times a week. I would like to sometimes walk over to watch the cricket matches and maybe play catch if no one's around.

From: Brent Denton <bdenton@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 6:37 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dog Status Request - Haen Family Park

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Hello,

Regarding the postcard received recently on the consideration of Haen Family Park changing from "dog free" to "dog friendly" status:

The Oakbridge Community Services Association (OCSA) is in favor of Haen Family Park changing to "dog friendly" status. Many households in the Oakbridge neighborhood have dogs, and it would be of benefit for them to be able to make use of the park. Neighbors who would only want to make use of a "dog free" park will still find Sauk Creek Park (approximately a quarter mile away from the neighborhood) to their liking, which has similar amenities as Haen Family Park.

Thank you,
Brent Denton
President, OCSA

From: Paige Goodhew <paige.goodhew@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:40 AM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Comments on Dog Status Request: Haen Family Park

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Sauk Creek Estates and would like to share my support for making Haen Family Park dog-friendly. There are currently two dog-free parks within 1/2 mile (Haen Family Park and Sauk Creek Park). It would be appreciated to have at least one of these parks dog friendly so that there is at least one park that families can bring both their children and dogs (appropriately leashed and under control) to spend time together.

Thank you for reviewing this and soliciting comments from the community.

Cheers,
Paige Goodhew
7714 Gray Fox Trail

From: Ellen Schneiderman <ejks73@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 2:09 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Yes to Haen Family Park becoming dog friendly!

Dear BPC:

As residents of the Sauk Creek Neighborhood we are thrilled to have two parks nearby for our human family to enjoy. But, for those of us with dogs as part of our family, these parks are off limits. The nearest park allowing dogs, Walnut Grove Park, is nearly 1.5 miles away. Having a dog friendly park in the immediate neighborhood would be a huge benefit to the many dog loving families in the area.

We are strongly in favor of Haen Family Park becoming a dog friendly park!

Thank you for your consideration,

Ellen Schneiderman & James Stein
Along with, Benny and Bella

From: Brian S. <bgswis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Haen park no dogs

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Please keep Haen park dog free. Dogs will bark, some will bite people, and owners won't pick up poop.

Brian

From: Scott Diaczun <scooter46818@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: No Dogs in Haen Family Park

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Good Afternoon,

I'd like to voice my opposition to changing the status of Haen Family Park from Dog Free to Dog Friendly. Haen Family Park gets a lot of users during the week in the summer and on the weekends most of the time when the weather is nice. There are families with small children, soccer and cricket games, picnics, parties, food cart days, traveling book mobile, art in the park, etc. There are too many opportunities for a dog to get loose, get stressed or overwhelmed, and bite someone. I'm sure that's a liability and publicity no one wants.

Although all dog owners claim to be responsible, I've had to clean up dog dropping in my own yard many times. Allowing the same people to bring their dogs to a highly used park only invites a sanitary disaster. Who wants to dive to save the ball from the soccer net only to slide into a leftover "treat" from the dog?

Additionally, while I am a dog lover and owner, there are a number of people that are afraid of dogs. In a city that is trying to preach equity, why would we encroach on another persons fears?

Most importantly, the Sauk Creek woods are dog friendly, and there already is a dog park at Walnut Grove Park (dog friendly also), so there are options for people to take their dogs out to socialize in the area. There's no need to provide additional locations.

Please vote no to changing the status of Haen Family park, and keep the park Family Friendly.

Thank you,
Scott Diaczun
Sauk Creek

From: gmray61@charter.net <gmray61@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: PLEASE open HAEN PARK BACK UP TO LEASHED DOGS!!

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City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners -

I am writing to you all today to express my strong support to RE-OPEN Haen Park to licensed dogs on leash.

I was so shocked and disappointed when my dog and I walked by Haen Park, as we do every day, and couldn't turn into it, to walk in the grass by the woods to end our walk.

I saw the signs, and immediately stopped to call the phone number on the official park sign to register a complaint about this needless change.

My dog, to this day, STILL struggles as we pass it every day, and CAN'T GO IN!!
SO RIDICULOUS.

We follow all rules, and happen to know many, many dog owning neighbors that follow them too.

We have all been so negatively affected by this.

Finding out that it was just a simple decision from the Board of Park Commissioners, without any real merit, made it even worse for all of us.

PLEASE decide on or immediately after the Nov 9th meeting to RE-OPEN HAEN PARK for all of us to enjoy again, as I had been doing for 10 years. 🐾🐾🐾🐾

Thank you very much,
Sincerely,
Margene Ray
31 Creekside Way
Madison, WI 53717

From: Ester Lowery <ehlowery@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Haen Family Park - Dog Status Request

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Hello Representative,
I would like to submit the following comments regarding the consideration of Haen Family Park. Would you please send me a return reply that you received these comments?

Thank you,
Ester Lowery
7702 Gray

November 3, 2022

I am Ester Lowery, a resident of Second Addition of Sauk Creek Estate, Madison, WI.
Position: I would like to state the position to keep the status of Haen Family Park as “DOG FREE”, and against the request to change it to a dog friendly park.

My spouse and I have resided in the neighborhood and have used Haen Family Park for more than 30 years. It is a relatively small park that serves a large area of residents. Our children used the park during their younger years and now our grandson uses the park on a very regular basis. This park has been a very enjoyable experience of not having to be concerned about him or us accidentally stepping into dog feces or having well-intended dog owners allowing their dogs to run free or leash. I live in the neighborhood, and I feel that neighbors will continue to treat the park as they do my front and backyard. We do not have a dog, yet we must regularly clean dog feces from our yard and replace decorative chips around the mailbox as recently as this first week of November 2022.

Each winter when snow is available, we use the park to cross-country ski around the parameters of the park. Once the ski tracks are made in the snow, almost without fail, a park user with their dog(s) will walk the trail over the ski trail tracks and the dog will have deposited feces on the ski tracks. These feces cause us irritation to have to try to ski around dog feces. This is quite frustrating. These hikers already are aware that dogs are not allowed in the park, but they ignore the rules and are already using the park and depositing feces that are left behind. With the proposed status changed to pet-friendly, this will surely cause more feces left behind by well-intended dog owners.

I am very concerned that when our grandson runs through the park, there will be encounters with dog feces that he will not see or recognize and step in these messes. We would have to closely monitor where he places his feet for fear of stepping in dog feces.

Over the years, Haen Family Park has grown to become a heavily used park by adults, youth and small children during the spring, summer, and early fall. It is my estimate that there could be as many as 200 people some evenings sharing this readily small space for games and fun activities. At times the entire park is being occupied by people. This proposed status change with such a large number of people could potentially cause some overreacting responses by dogs towards adults and children of which would mostly not be appreciated. I am aware that there are some Pitbull dogs in the neighborhood, and by their own nature can be aggressive and intimidating. I am concerned that these loving dogs could display aggressive behavior towards other individuals. My own experience has been that individuals who own dogs as pets tend to think everyone loves their dogs and fail to appreciate that their behavior needs to be restricted around other people. I am concerned that these dogs will cause distress for my grandson and myself as well as dog feces litter on the play

area and ski trails to a greater degree. I am also concerned that the conversion to a dog friendly park will attract dog owners from other neighborhoods to use this limited space thereby orientating the park as a dog park rather than people-oriented park as it is currently being used.

Again, I would like to state my position, to keep the status of Haen Family Park as "DOG FREE", and against the request to change it to a pet friendly park.

Thank you!
Ester Lowery
