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Notice is hereby given that the Park and Recreation Committee of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

Meeting of the:	PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU
Date/Time:	<u>Monday May 4, 2020 at 4:30pm</u>
Location:	City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - Council Chambers
Members:	Tom Neal, Patrick Peckham, Tom Kilian, Lou Larson, Sarah Watson

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (All items listed may be acted upon)

- 1 Call the Meeting to Order
- 2 Public Comment or Suggestions
- 3 Introductions
- 4 Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair
- 5 Approve Minutes - March 2, 2020
- 6 Discussion and Possible Action Postponing the Opening of the Wausau Pools
- 7 Discussion and Possible Action Approving a Request to Contribute Funds to a Water Feature within JoJo's Jungle Playground
- 8 Educational Items
 - A. Dog Park Special Committee Update
 - B. Project Update - JoJo's Jungle & Playground Installation, Boat Launches, Park & Trail Maintenance, Tree Care
- 9 Future Agenda Items - Opening Pools
- 10 Next Meeting Date - June 1, 2020 at 4:30pm
- 11 Adjournment

City Clerk

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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: March 2, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, David Nutting, Pat Peckham (c), Dennis Smith, Tom Neal
Others Present: Greg Freix-Assistant Director of Operations, Robert Mielke-Mayor, Eric Lindman-Public Works Director, Tom Kilian, other interested parties

1. In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Peckham at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward

3. Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Nutting, second by Neal to approve the Park and Recreation Committee draft February 3, 2020 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Execution of Lease Agreements for Alexander Airport Park and Airport Sports Park – Alexander Airport Park and Airport Sports Park are located on property that is part of the Wausau Downtown Airport. This property is not currently utilized by the airport and has been developed and maintained for park purposes. The lease that the City had for use of this property as park property has expired. The Committee is asked to recommend to the City Council the execution of a new five year lease for these parks. **Motion** by Gisselman, second by Nutting to approve the execution of the lease agreements for Alexander Airport Park and Airport Sports Park. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Riverside Park Soil Testing Locations – For the four test locations Lindman had looked at drainage patterns and the low areas but said any of the tests could be moved if Committee wished. Peckham had thought if storm water washed into the park from the area of the culvert outfall any contaminants would go towards the river but questioned if they would go down and sideways instead. Lindman thought a lot of it stays down along the bank which has been tested and he thought dioxins adhere to soils where they are at pretty tightly unless there is a lot of soil erosion. Lengthy discussion occurred on the location of the four test spots. Members seemed to favor moving the test that was placed furthest to the north to a more southerly location. Discussion followed on its placement and if it should be placed more out in the park area or closer to the hill. Peckham and Smith were interested in testing where people are going to be.

Tom Kilian, 133 E. Thomas Street, Wausau – discussed his group’s recommendations which would be to sample at both the surface and at the A-Horizon, to perhaps strike the northern sample, to take a sample in the former ponding location of which there is one very close, to move the one sample to the west closer to the edge of the forest where they took their sample. Their most significant request is to test between the culvert inlet and the culvert discharge. He felt members were discussing the most elevated area in the park and it’s the areas around the forest where the runoff concerns would be.

Neal was interested in testing at both the surface and at the A-Horizon. Lindman said that wasn’t initially in the proposal that they had, they have always just been taking one sample and typically it’s at the base of the A-Horizon. If Committee wants them to take a look into these samples from the lab it would increase each around \$700-\$800. Peckham said his logic and he understood Lindman’s thoughts to look for tests to be some distance from the tests that were just done by the Citizens for Clean Wausau who did them near the bottom of the hill. Peckham thought they would move out from those tests having established what they are in that general area and go out further afield and find out what’s out there. Lindman said some of the thought process when selecting locations was not to test right next to or within twenty feet of the existing test but to get the boundaries and determine if the values were declining as they get into the park. Nutting was comfortable with those locations and with moving the one location. Smith thought Committee should keep in mind that that they are trying to find out if areas are polluted and are also trying to find out the areas that are not polluted so that they know those are safe. Lindman clarified the location that Committee wanted the northern most test moved to.

Kilian didn’t feel the testing plan could be supported without some of their requests being accommodated. There would need to be a sample between the culvert inlet and the culvert discharge taken at both the surface and at the base of the A-horizon. They had been comfortable with four tests if the hot spots were going to be looked for and not test in areas that have very little indication of ever being problematic. Kilian clarified for Peckham that the sample would be in the forest area between where the culvert discharge is and the park at the bottom of that hill, below the outlet of the culvert. Smith said if they already know

the other ones showed exceedance he thought it was logical to construe that the test they are going to do now is going to show exceedance. Kilian agreed and then he would expect the City to deal with it like he felt the City should have done many years ago. Smith said if they have the test results that previously showed exceedances and now do these then they would have a comparison if it has gotten better or worse. Kilian agreed and thought with the half-life it may have waned so much over time that there is not an exceedance there anymore which would be the best outcome.

Motion by Neal to accept the addition of that test site that Kilian outlined, second by Smith. Peckham questioned what it would cost to do five tests instead of four. Lindman said if they are going to test both the surface and the base of the a-horizon it would be another \$700-\$800 for each so \$1500. Neal **amended** his motion to add a fifth test near the outfall of the culvert and move the location of the northern most test as had been previously discussed, second by Smith. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Naming the Dog Park, 2 Hearts Dog Park – A request by Brian Stolzman to name the new dog park “2 Hearts Dog Park” was made to the Dog Park Special Committee on February 3, 2020. The naming of the park is in honor of Brian’s late wife Deb Stolzman who passed away last year after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Deb was the first president of the New Life Pet Adoption Center near Marathon City. She had a love for animals and a love for the community. She worked for Midwest Communications and was involved in many community organizations. The Dog Park Committee established an amount of \$17,500 that would be required to name the park after Deb. The 2 Hearts for Deb Foundation is committed to raising the set amount. The Dog Park Committee is recommending approval of the naming request to name the dog park 2 Hearts Dog Park to the City Council.

Brian Stolzman, 3420 Horseshoe Spring Road, Wausau, spoke about his late wife, the meaning of 2 Hearts, and that this is a great way to continue her legacy and do something for the community. **Motion** by Neal, second by Nutting to accept the proposed naming of the dog park as 2 Hearts Dog Park. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

7. Educational Items

A. Dog Park Special Committee Update – The Committee has raised \$73,259.25 to date and an additional \$20,000 has been requested to be allocated from the City CIP budget.

B. Project Update – Sylvan Recreation Area: Routine grooming continues on the tubing hills and cross country ski trail system. Snowmaking “trial” is underway to determine the number of machines that can be used during snowmaking operations. Cross country ski trail grooming continues; use has been steady. Ice Rinks: Rinks are maintained daily as use is ongoing and weather conditions are cooperating. Vista Clearing: Continuation-staff has been working on removing and/or reducing vegetation in designated vistas as time allows. Athletic Park: Prep work (snow removal and utility work) continues for upcoming outfield light replacement and Phase IV construction. Routine Operations/Programs include snow removal operations, urban forestry program-tree trimming, removals, stump grinding, building and structure maintenance, shelter reservations and special events, equipment maintenance and repair.

8. Future Agenda Items – Boileau Park usage report

9. Next Meeting Date – April 6, 2020 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall.

10. Adjourn – **Motion** by Neal, second by Nutting to adjourn at 5:30p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

AGENDA SUMMARY

4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee will make nominations for a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Committee. The Committee will then vote on each position.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Postponing the Opening of the Wausau Pools

Staff has met with Mayor Rosenberg and the Marathon County Health Officer to discuss guidelines for opening the pools this summer. Staff will review Governor Evers' Badger Bounce Back plan and explain how the plan affects pool staffing and operations. A plan for the pools based on the guidelines will be presented.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Approving a Request to Contribute Funds to a Water Feature within JoJo's Jungle Playground

Organizers of JoJo's Jungle successfully raised over \$2 Million dollars to construct a very special inclusive playground for the community. The original goal for fundraising was \$2.4 Million dollars. A decision was made last year to reduce the scope of the project slightly to get the project budget plus a contingency within the funds raised. One of the items taken out of the project was a spray area and water labyrinth (illustration attached) totaling approximately \$162,817.00.

Now that the project is almost complete funds set aside as part of the contingency were not needed and account for all but \$25,000 of the funding needed to add the water features back in to the project. Mr. Patrick Hoerter who has led the fundraising and planning of the playground is asking the City to consider contributing \$25,000 to the project to add the spray feature to the playground. The playground will be a City playground and the water features are an added amenity for the community to enjoy.

As part of the project the City Council budgeted \$100,000 from TID 7 funding to add ADA accessibility to the parking lot at Brockmeyer Park. The cost to update the parking lot has come in significantly lower than expected and approximately \$70,000 will not be utilized. If the Committee chooses, a recommendation can be made to the Finance Committee, to utilize the unused funds allocated to Brockmeyer Park parking lot for the installation of the water features at JoJo's Jungle. The funds will remain in Brockmeyer Park.

8. Educational Items

8A. Dog Park Special Committee Update

The Dog Park Special Committee has not met recently. The Committee will be working on signage and will plan additional fundraising events for the future. Work on the dog park has not yet begun due to a wet site. Grading and over seeding will take place first followed by work on the parking lot, water line installation and fencing installation.

8B. Project Update

JoJo's Jungle Playground is nearing completion. The playground companies are completing the equipment installation. Poured in place surfacing is scheduled for mid-May. The playground will remain closed until all playgrounds can be reopened.

Neighborhood Park Playground Installation – Oak Island playground will be installed as the site dries out and staff will complete the installation of Pleasant View Playground throughout this summer. Playgrounds will remain closed until all playgrounds can be reopened.

Gilbert Boat Launch – asphalt work will be completed and rip rap will be installed along the shoreline. Oak Island Park and Scholfield Park boat launches are open. Memorial Park boat launch will be open following the paving of the road.

AGENDA SUMMARY

Park and Trail Maintenance – Water systems in all parks are being assembled for summer use, staff is working on park cleanup including soil and turf work. Fencing along the River Edge Trail is being worked on and the plants for the downtown planters are growing well in the department greenhouse.

Tree planting for the spring will begin soon and routine trimming, removals and stump grinding continues.



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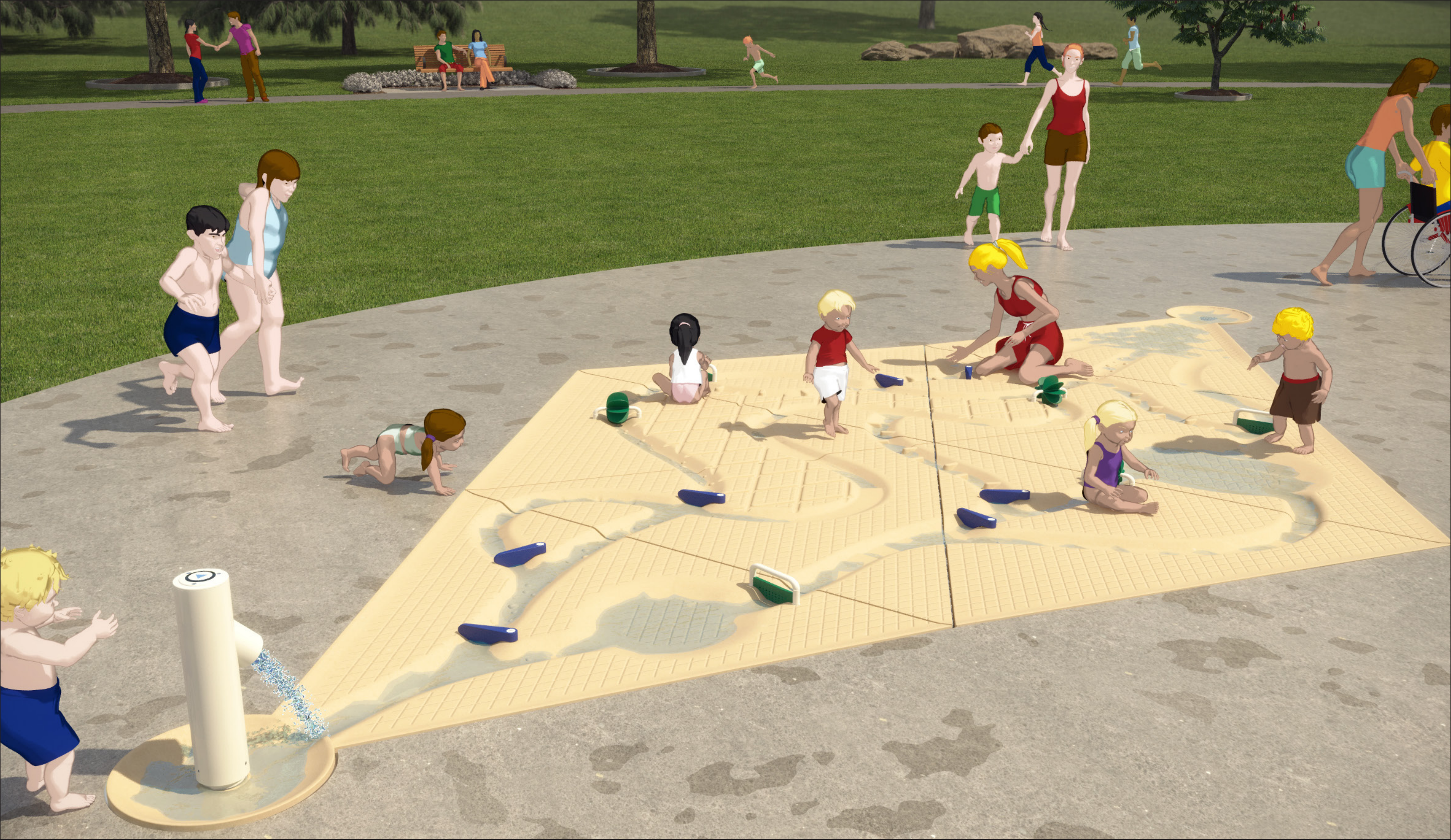
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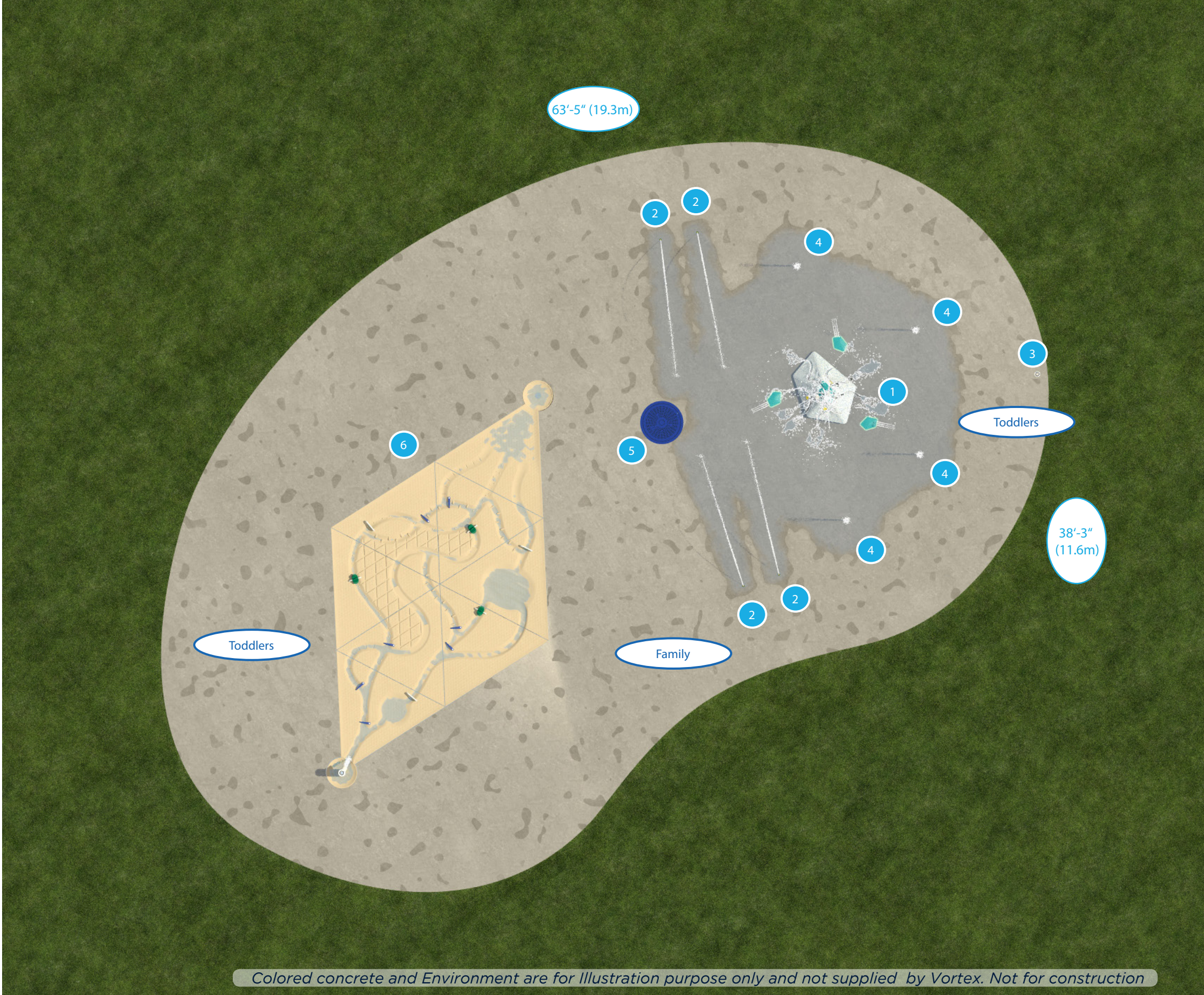




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