

# Kohlweys donate land to expand Grafton park

*Nearly half an acre added to Lions Park*

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**Grafton** — Village of Grafton residents received an early Christmas present at the village's Dec. 3 board meeting, an addition to Grafton's Lions Park.

Village residents Alfred and June Kohlwey's donation of nearly a half acre to the village became official at the meeting.

Earlier this year, the Kohlweys approached the village to donate the vacant residential property located at 1127 Keup Road and village officials told them that they would accept it, according to Village Administrator Darrell Hofland.

"The village is appreciative of the

donation," Hofland said.

Next, the village plan commission will consider a land use map and rezoning amendments relating to the inclusion of this land as part of the park, and according to Hofland, there will be no cost to taxpayers.

"The southern half of Grafton's Lions Park is passive in nature so no improvements are anticipated for this donated parcel," Hofland said.

The roughly 15-acre park was originally purchased from the Kohlweys back in 1995 after the village of Grafton successfully obtained a grant from the state, which paid for 50 percent of the cost of the land.

The park offers visitors a paved trail, access to Cedar Creek, play equipment, picnic tables, a shelter with rest rooms and a parking lot.

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