

**City of Eau Claire  
Waterways and Parks Commission  
Wednesday, May 23, 2018  
7:00 p.m.  
1000 Ferry Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703**

**Agenda**

- I. Approval of minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting.
- II. New Business
  - a. Tour future site of the Southwest Dog Park and Boat Launch
- III. 2018 Special Events list (Information only)
- IV. Directors Report (Information only)
- V. Adjournment

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**CITY OF EAU CLAIRE  
WATERWAYS AND PARKS COMMISSION**

**April 25, 2018**

**Members Present:** Joshua Miller, Tom Fiedler, Meredith Ball, Ron Doering, Susan McLeod, Megan Kremer, Jason Duba, Kate Beaton, Jenni Sterling, David Leaman, Andrew Werthmann

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jeff Pippenger, Todd Chwala, Pat Ivory

The meeting was chaired by Joshua Miller in the North Conference Room and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**New Commissioner:** Andrew Werthmann was welcomed to the Commission.

**Business Agenda.**

**A. Recommendation on 5-Year Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Facilities Plan.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of the 2018-2022 Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Facilities Plan. The plan updates the 2013-2017 Plan. Pat noted that the plan is used by the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Divisions of the Community Services Department to identify park, open space, and recreation facility needs and projects for that would then be considered for inclusion in the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The plan is also a requirement of the Wisconsin DNR and other funding agencies in order to apply for grant funds for park projects. It has traditionally been prepared in conjunction with the Parks Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, which is the long-range plan for parks and open space for the City.

Jeff Pippenger then discussed several of the projects listed in the plan that would be considered over the next five years. He noted that not all projects would be completed during that timeframe, but the listing provides direction as to the park-related needs in the community.

The Commission discussed the plan and suggested that several projects be added to the listing. The projects suggested included: completion of the history walk markers in Phoenix Park, consideration of community gardens at Boyd and Cameron Parks, and consideration of developing smaller scale dog parks within the vicinity of Downtown.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Jenni Sterling moved to recommend that the suggested projects noted above be added to the plan. David Leaman seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Doering then moved to recommend approval of the plan. Jason Duba seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Presentation on Tree City USA Recognition.** Todd Chwala was present at the meeting to inform the Commission that the City of Eau Claire had been recognized for the 39<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA community. Todd then discussed the Tree City USA program. Requirements to be eligible include: having a Commission or Board such as the Waterways and Parks Commission, an annual proclamation for Arbor Day, having a tree planting activity, and a budget expenditure for forestry of at least \$2 per capita. The Commission thanked Todd and his employees for all their work in the Forestry Division. They also discussed methods that the Forestry Division could better promote the work that has been accomplished and work that is ongoing.

**Other Items.**

- The Commission reviewed the special events listing and Director's Report.
- It was noted that this would be David Leaman's last meeting with the Commission as he is moving from Eau Claire. The Commission presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his service on the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Susan McLeod, Secretary

## Waterways and Parks Commission / 2018 Special Event Information

Event Name	Event Date	Location	Estimated Attendance	Reported Attendance
Polar Plunge for Special Olympics	2/24-25	Half Moon Beach	1,000	not reported
Shamrock Shuffle	3/10	UWEC Campus	1,000	750
Chippewa Valley Easter Egg Hunt	3/31	Carson Pine	900	900
Here We Grow Again Sale	4/17-23	Hobbs Akervik	800	2,500
52nd Street Jazz Festival	4/20	Barstow Street	3,500	4,025
Jeanne Richie Memorial Puddle Jump	4/21	Boyd Pk/Phoenix Pk	1,600	1,200
Walk MS Eau Claire	4/28	Phoenix	500	425
Farmer's Market	5/2	Phoenix Park	-	-
Go Paint! Chippewa Valley	5/5	Phoenix Great Lawn	60	
Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup	5/5	Boyd Park	200	400
Eau Claire Marathon	5/6	Sat/Sun Carson	10,000	
Water Street Suites	5/6	Water Street	300	
During Race Celebration	5/6	5th St Parking Lot	900	
Barstow Block Party-Valleybrook Church	5/6	411 & 412 Barstow St	200	200
Barstow Block Party-Childrens Museum	5/6	220 S Barstow Street	500	
Be a Hero Fun Run	5/11	Carson Oak	200	75
Girls on the Run	5/12	Carson Pine/Oak	1,000	
UCP Walk in the Park	5/12	Owen Park	100	
MHS Pops Concert	5/15-16	Owen Park	350	200
Alzheimer's Association Blondes vs Brunettes	5/18	Carson Football/Pine	100	
Great Strides Eau Claire	5/19	Carson Oak	250	
Fido & Friends Fun Run/Walk	5/19	Carson Pine	500	
Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Carnival	5/20	Randall Park	500	
Bluegrass on Badger	5/24	Boyd Park	700	
Rally in the Valley	5/26	Carson Park	300	
Artist Market	5/26	Phoenix Park	1,500	
Memorial Day Parade	5/28	Owen Park	2,000	
Tuesday Night Blues	5/29	Owen Park (Phoenix-Aug 7)	1,500	
Express Fireworks and Scout Sleepover	6/1	Carson Baseball	2,000	
Eau Claire Triathlon	6/1, 6/2, 6/3	Half Moon Beach	400	
High 5 Free Yoga	6/2	Phoenix Great Lawn	100	
North Riverfronts Spring Festival	6/2	North Riverfronts Park	100	
Taste of the Valley	6/1-4	Phoenix Park Pavilion+Amp.	6,000	
360 Drop-In	6/2	Lakeshore Shelter	150	
Dabble Day (was Maker Fest)	6/2	Eau Claire Street	500	
Municipal Band Summer Concert Series	6/6	Owen Park	300	
Sounds Like Summer Concert Series	6/7	Phoenix Park Amphitheatre	1,500	
Relay for Life	6/8	Phoenix Park	400	
Chippewa Valley Pride	6/9	Phoenix Park - Lawn	150	
Hullabaloo Kids Concert Series	6-9, 7/14, 8-25	Phoenix Park - Ampitheater	500	
Hosta Plant Sale	6/10	Phoenix Park	250	
Shrine Circus	6/12-13	Carson Baseball	6,000	
Chippewa Valley Air Show	6/13-18	CV Airport	60,000	
Juneteenth Celebration	6/19	Carson Pine	300	
International Day of Yoga	6/20	Phoenix Pavilion	300	
Spirit Lutheran	6/24	Phoenix Ampitheater	250	
Chippewa Valley Votes Summer Social	6/26	Phoenix Pavilion	200	
Doll & Pet Parade	6/30	1st Ave, Owen Park	1,000	
Family Day in Downtown	6/30	Phoenix Park - all	5,000	
July 4th (City Event)	7/4	Carson Park	15,000	

Completed Event				
Approved Event				
City Council Review 5.22.18				

CITY OF EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY  
May 2018 Monthly Report

Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup

The Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup was held on Saturday, May 5. We had over 400 volunteers come out to help with cleaning up litter and planting to make our parks a great place. Well done to all the Parks Division employees who assisted with this day.

Carson Park Main Playground

The final preparations of the playground is being constructed, and expected to be ready to open to the waiting children of the community. We plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the near future, and will invite all members of the Waterways and Parks Commission to be present.

Fairfax Pool

The construction of the addition of the first aid room and manager's office is wrapping up. The shower rooms will get painted and the plumbing contractor will begin on shower fixture installation. We continue to work with Ayres and Rhom to get turf seeded and floor repaired. The pool is being filled this week.

Forestry Division

Our Forestry crews continue to work on the EAB abatement, and have the assistance of others in the Community Services Department helping with stump grinding, and restoration.

Parks Division

Summer activities are in full swing after a long winter. Ball parks are full of ball players and spectators, and so are our crews making sure they are ready for these games. Additionally, we are working hard keeping the parks and pavilions clean for the many reservations and special events.

Recreation

The 2018 spring and summer program registration is up over 300% from 2017. The partnership with the Eau Claire School District is helping us provide wonderful summer activities for our local youth to participate in.

## Special Events

The Special Events Committee continues to work with all the groups that conduct events within city parks and meets at least monthly. The group will also review alcohol license applications.