City of Eau Claire Waterways and Parks Commission Wednesday, August 1, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room - Central Maintenance Facility

<u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Approval of minutes from the June 27, 2018 meeting.
- II. New Business
 - a. Recommendation on a variance to allow a single-family home at 1307 First Avenue that would be at a 23.5-foot setback from the top of the bank of the Chippewa River instead of the code required 40 feet. (Pat Ivory)
- 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

June 27, 2018

Members Present: Joshua Miller, Tom Fiedler, Meredith Ball, Ron Doering, Susan McLeod,

Megan Kremer, Jason Duba, Kate Beaton, Jenni Sterling, Andrew

Werthmann, Kirk Dahl

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Pippenger, 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 April 25, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

(There was no quorum for the May 23, 2018 meeting.)

New Commissioner: Kirk Dahl was welcomed to the Commission.

Business Agenda.

A. Recommendation on Sign Plan and Conditional Use Permits Pertaining to Signs and Building Illumination for the Pablo Performing Arts Center at 128 Graham Avenue. Pat Ivory provided an overview of a sign plan and conditional use permit application submitted by the Confluence Council, Inc. for the Pablo Performing Arts Center located at 128 Graham Avenue. The sign plan is a requirement of the site plan for the building. The conditional use permits pertain to two signs that would exceed 100 square feet in size and building illumination and signs that would change in brightness and color over time. Pat noted that the review criteria for the conditional use permits were included in the staff report as well as the review criteria contained in the City's Greenway guidelines. A conditional use permit is also required for a proposed message center to be located on the east elevation of the building. Commission review of this sign is not required as it does not face the waterways or park areas.

Dan Clumpner and Julia Johnson, representing the applicants were present at the meeting and spoke in support of the sign plan and conditional use permits. They noted that the lighting would be displayed similar to the decorative lighting on the Phoenix Park Bridge and would be controlled by the same controller used for the bridge. Lighting of the Grand Avenue Bridge and new Haymarket Plaza Bridge would also be controlled together. In response to a question relating to the brightness of the building and sign lighting and possible light pollution, they noted that the lighting would be subdued, like the Phoenix Park Bridge and would not include any flashing displays.

ACTION TAKEN: Jason Duba moved to recommend approval of the sign plan and conditional use permits. Jenni Sterling seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

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Other Items.

-The Commission reviewed the special events listing and Director's Report. A question was asked about the low tree canopy along the river at Owen Park and the limited visibility of the river. Jeff Pippenger noted that staff has opened several vistas along the riverfront and continue to try to improve the views of the water not only from Owen Park, but the City's other waterfront open space areas. This is undertaken when time allows from the other projects. It was also noted that the Commission would be meeting at the Central Maintenance Facility starting in August.

-It was noted that this would be Jason Duba'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 8:07 p.m. and a photo was taken of the Commission.

Submitted by, Susan McLeod, Secretary

STAFF REPORT

TO:

Waterways and Parks

HEARING DATES:

7/25/18, 7:00 p.m.

North Conference Room

FROM:

Community Development

FILE NO.:

ZBA-1-18

Commission

ZONING BOARD: 8/7/18

AGENDA ITEM:

Recommendation on a variance request to allow a single-family home at

1307 First Avenue that would be at a 23.5-foot setback from the top of the

bank of the Chippewa River instead of the code required 40 feet.

APPLICANT:

Anton Smets, 28 Newton Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701

PROPERTY OWNER:

Anton Smets

TYPE OF INTEREST:

owner

SURROUNDING LAND USE:

North:

residential

East:

Chippewa River

South:

residential

West:

residential

AREA: .2 acres

EXISTING ZONING: R-2

EXISTING LAND USE: vacant

PROPOSED ZONING:

same

PROPOSED LAND USE:

single-family home

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Comprehensive Plan

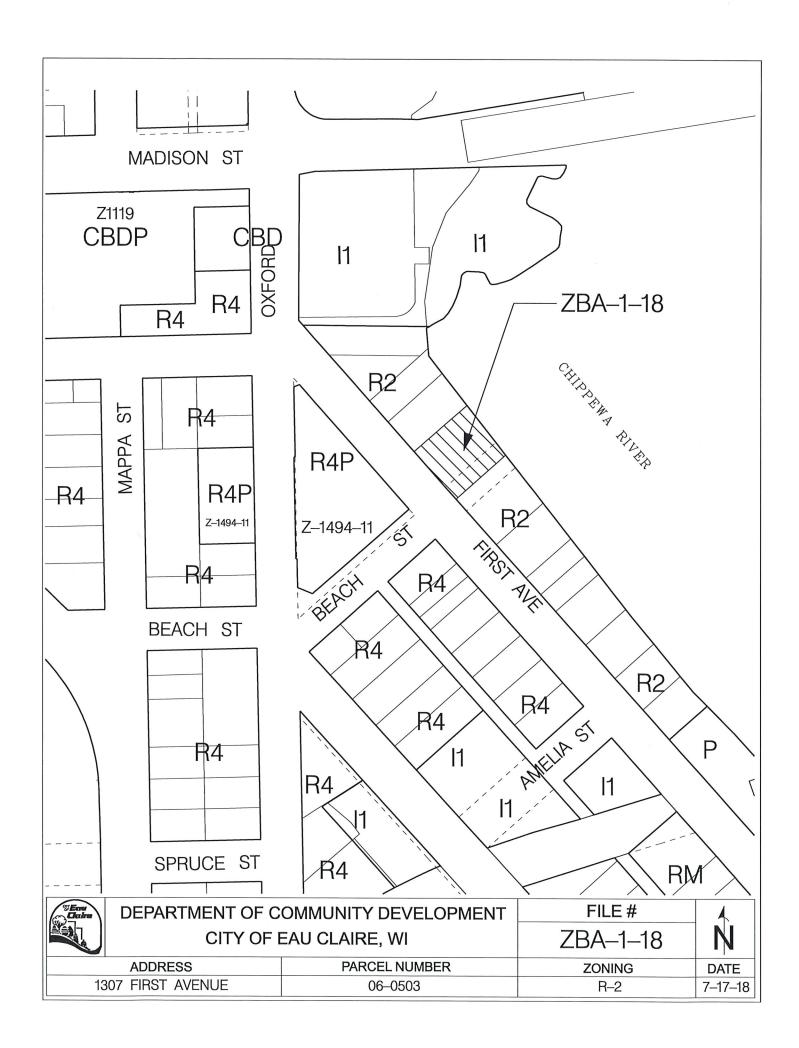
ANALYSIS

Mr. Anton Smets is requesting a variance to construct a new single-family house at 1307 First Avenue that would be approximately 23.5 feet from the top of the bank of the Chippewa River instead of the code required 40 feet. The Development Guidelines for Waterway and Greenway Areas (attached) state that the setback should be 40 from the top of the river bank unless a variance is approved.

Attached is the site plan showing the proposed house along with building elevations. The parcel in question is currently vacant. The information provided by Mr. Smets notes that the previous house on the lot was removed in 2017 and that house was located at setback of approximately 19 feet.

The house to the north (1309 First Avenue) is at a setback of approximately 19 feet from the top of the bank. The garage for the house to the south at 1227 First Avenue is also setback approximately 19 feet from the top of the bank.

The recommendation of the Waterways and Parks Commission will be forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals that will consider the variance on August 7, 2018.



Development Guidelines for Waterway and Greenway Areas.

Setback. In order to minimize any adverse effects on the waterway environment and enhance the appearance and image of these areas, it is necessary that development, including structures, parking lots, drives, storage areas, signs, decks, deposition or extraction of materials, etc., be set back from the waterways. Buildings should be set at least 40 feet from the top of bank in order to protect a corridor of trees and other vegetation as well as to soften the view to the building from the water; reductions to this guideline may be granted in the Downtown as outlined in the Waterway Plan. The top of bank will be located by the City Engineer. It is commonly defined as the point at which the slope changes from less than to greater than 20 percent.

Parking areas, driveways, public streets, plazas, decks, and similar land improvements may be located at a reduced setback but not less than 10 feet from the top of the bank or greenway. In locations where there is no top of bank, the setback should be at least 50 feet from the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). Where there is publicly owned land along the waterfront (the Greenway) Buildings or other structures should be located no closer than 20 feet from the land-side edge of property line with such land.

In addition to the guidelines set forth above, site specific characteristics of a particular property as listed below may dictate additional setback: • The property abuts an especially scenic or natural portion of the greenway and such setback is essential to preserve these areas; • Slope of the area exceeds 12 percent; • The property possesses unique or valuable features or resources in which the additional setback is necessary to preserve such features; • The Eau Claire Waterway Plan identifies an area as proposed greenway and the additional setback is necessary to allow for the eventual extension of the greenway along that portion of the waterway without conflicting with the proposed development; • The floodplain or shoreland/wetland provisions require additional setback; • The height or mass of a building which is proposed would have a detrimental impact on the abutting greenway or waterway.

CITY OF EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

VARIANCE OR APPEAL

	Appeal No. 01-18
	Date File 7/9/2018 Date of Notice
TO BE	COMPLETED BY THE APPELLANT
Appella	nt Anton C Smets Address 28 Nowton Street Earl
Email ac	Idress ton. smets equail. 4phone 715-8347059
Owner_/	
Location	of Property 1307 First Avenue, Eau Claire Wi54705
This va	Address; Lot #, Block #, & Subdivision; Parcel # 15 FT OF BLK 25
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the basi may use	er responsibility to prove to the Board of Zoning Appeals that your variance or appeal should be granted on so of how it applies to the requirements given below. Please be specific. If you need additional space, you another sheet of paper.
APPLIC	CABLE TO A VARIANCE REQUEST ONLY
·	Are there unique circumstances (such as topographical problems) about the land itself or special conditions applicable to your property or to the intended use that do not apply generally to the other property in the same vicinity and zoning district?
	See # 2
•	Strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would constitute unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty to you because:
,	See #3
	The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right possessed by other property in the same vicinity, but which is denied to your property because:
	See 44
	(1/17) 2424

4)	The granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in such vicinity or zone in which your property is located				
	because: See #5				
5)	Other reasons that you may have which are similar to those				
	above:				
<u>APPI</u>	LICABLE TO AN APPEAL REQUEST ONLY				
State Adm	the alleged error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Zoning inistrator in the enforcement or administration of Wisconsin Statutes S.62.23 or the Zoning Code.				
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knon upon	ereby certify that the above statements and plans submitted herewith are true to the best of my vledge. A \$500 fee has been deposited with the City Treasurer. I also hereby permit the City to enter a the property for the placement and removal of a Hearing Notice sign on the property and shall attain the sign where posted on the property duying the pendency of this application."				
Date /	Signature of Appellant				

<u>TO I</u>	BE COMPLETED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR				
This	request for variance or appeal is in conflict with the following provision(s) of the Zoning Ordinance:				
Date	7/9/2018 Roll Mal Noel				

Variance request

1307 First Avenue Eau Claire WI 54703

Attachments

#1

We are asking for a variance on the 40ft High Water Line Setback for new construction, asking to be allowed to build to 20 ft. from the High Water Mark (HWM), from the foundation east wall to the HWM.

#2

We purchased the property located on 1307 First Avenue, Eau Claire WI 54703 on July 12, 2017. After careful consideration if the home could be remodeled we decided it could not reasonably be fixed. We hired Real Land Surveying (RLS) of Eau Claire, WI to prepare a site plan and indicate a buildable pocket. This was the start for the design which is before you (enclosed with application). Because that meant this will be new construction, the 40ft setback applies, which meant that it is impossible to build any kind of residence of normal proportions. We specifically chose this design because it will reset the east (riverside) foundation at the exact same space as the previous house we razed. The setback will then be in line with all adjacent properties, if not slightly more back.

#3

Without the variance the lot would not be suited for any construction of a family residence.

#4

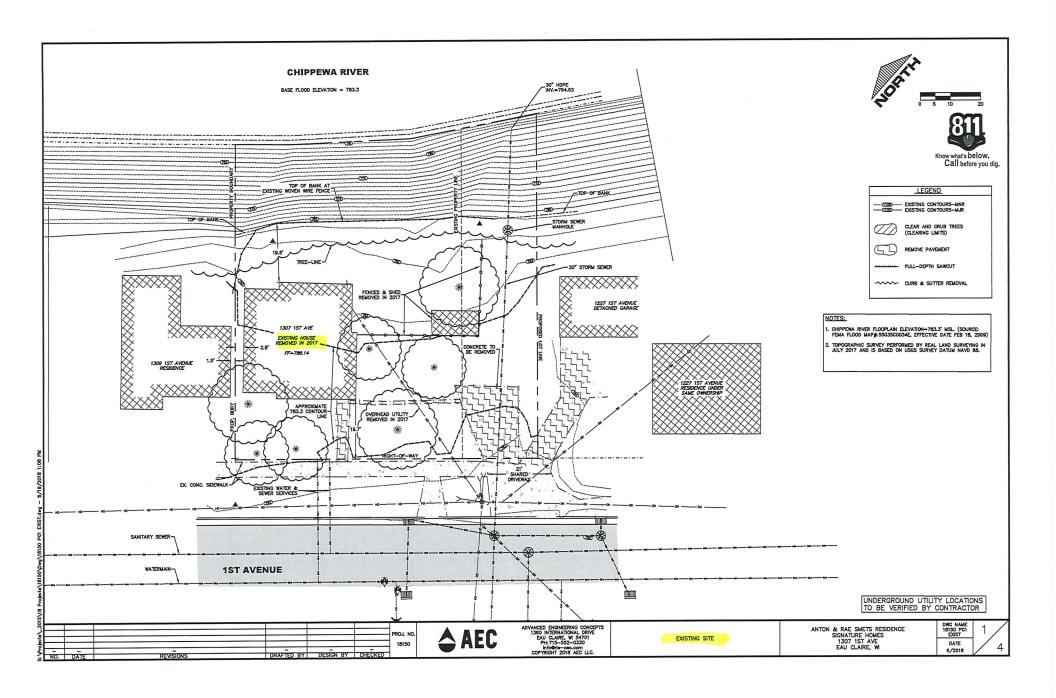
The neighboring homes with waterfront on First Avenue all are at 20 ft. setback from the HWM or even closer. We would enjoy the same access/distance as everyone else. The property at 1227 First Avenue, immediately adjacent to the South, was granted a variance to build a two car garage (new) with similar setback just a few years ago, so there is a precedent to our request.

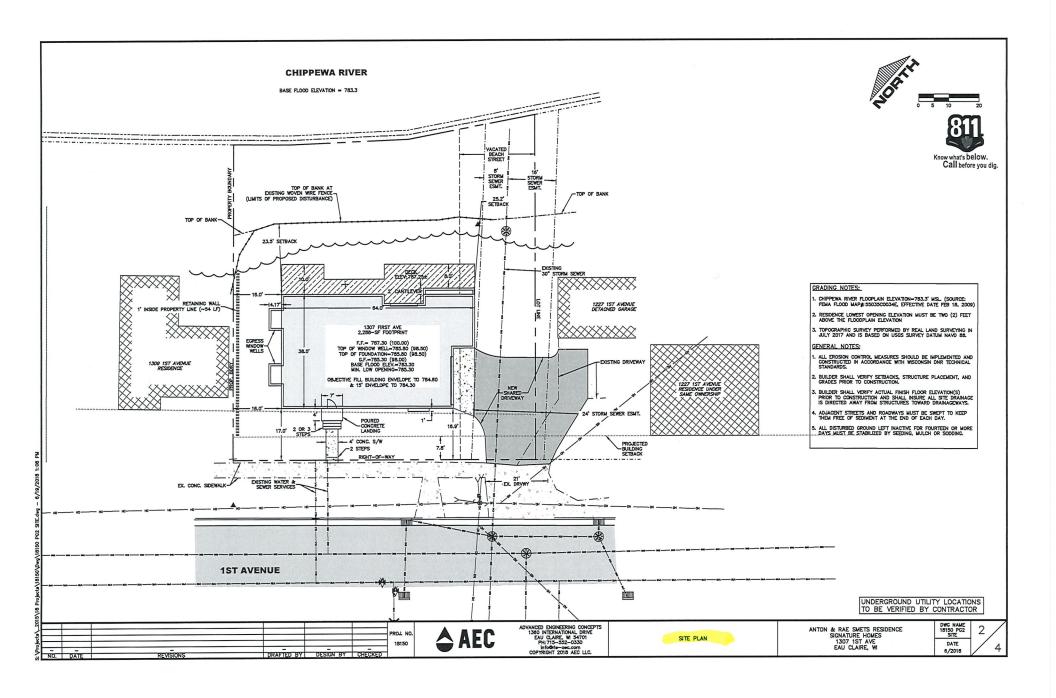
#5

There will be a single family residence to replace a single family residence, both a story and a half (the old and the new) with design to fit into the neighborhood.

#6

We are taking a significant risk in building a new home with multiple the value of other homes in the street. However, other owners have started to renovate properties at First Avenue and with the downtown and cannery district revival, we believe we are contributing to create attractive and strong homes to replace the older and dilapidated ones. We hope to inspire other owners to further improve the homes on this unique location.









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	not reported
Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup	5/5	Boyd Park	200	400
Eau Claire Marathon	5/6	Sat/Sun Carson	10,000	10,000
Water Street Suites	5/6	Water Street	300	not reported
During Race Celebration	5/6	5th St Parking Lot	900	not reported
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	not reported
Be a Hero Fun Run	5/11	Carson Oak	200	75
Girls on the Run	5/12	Carson Pine/Oak	1,000	1,300
UCP Walk in the Park	5/12	Owen Park	100	not reported
MHS Pops Concert	5/15-16	Owen Park	350	200
Alzheimer's Association Blondes vs Brune		Carson Football/Pine	100	not reported
Great Strides Eau Claire	5/19	Carson Oak	250	not reported
Fido & Friends Fun Run/Walk	5/19	Carson Pine	500	300
Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Carn		Randall Park	500	200
Bluegrass on Badger	5/24	Boyd Park	500	500
Rally in the Valley	5/26	Carson Park	300	250
Artist Market	5/26	Phoenix Park	1,500	ongoing
Memorial Day Parade	5/28	Owen Park	2,000	3,000
Tuesday Night Blues	5/29	Owen Park (Phoenix-Aug 7)	1,500	ongoing
Express Fireworks and Scout Sleepover	6/1	Carson Baseball	2,000	ongoing
Eau Claire Triathlon	6/1, 6/2, 6/3	Half Moon Beach	400	not reported
High 5 Free Yoga	6/2	Phoenix Great Lawn	100	ongoing
North Riverfronts Spring Festival	6/2	North Riverfronts Park	100	not reported
Taste of the Valley	6/1-4	Phoenix Park Pavilion+Amp.	6,000	not reported
360 Drop-In	6/2	Lakeshore Shelter	150	not reported
Dabble Day (was Maker Fest)	6/2	Eau Claire Street	500	not reported
Municipal Band Summer Concert Series	6/6	Owen Park	300	ongoing
Sounds Like Summer Concert Series	6/7	Phoenix Park Amphitheatre	1,500	ongoing
Relay for Life	6/8	Phoenix Park	400	300
United Soccer Tournament	6/8-6/10	Soccer Park	?	?
Chippewa Valley Pride	6/9	Phoenix Park - Lawn	150	300-500
Hullabaloo Kids Concert Series	6-9, 7/14, 8-25	Phoenix Park - Ampitheater	500	ongoing
Hosta Plant Sale	6/10	Phoenix Park	250	not reported
Shrine Circus	6/12-13	Carson Baseball	6,000	not reported
Chippewa Valley Air Show	6/13-18	CV Airport	60,000	40,000
Juneteenth Celebration	6/19	Carson Pine	300	450
International Day of Yoga	6/20	Phoenix Pavilion	300	400
Rock the Riverfront-RCU Charity Classic	6/23	Phoenix Lawn	1,200	700
Spirit Lutheran	6/24	Phoenix Ampitheater	250	not reported
Love Eau Claire Day Camp	6/25-8/2	Cameron Shelter	25	ongoing
Chippewa Valley Votes Summer Social	6/26	Phoenix Pavilion	200	

Doll & Pet Parade	6/30	1st Ave, Owen Park	1,000	700
Family Day in Downtown	6/30	Phoenix Park - all	5,000	not reported
July 4th (City Event)	7/4	Carson Park	15,000	
Oxbeaux Street Concert	7/5	Galloway Street	2,000	2,000
Stand Up Paddle Board Yoga	7/5-7/7	Half Moon Beach	42	25
Taylor Ann Thompson Memorial Softball Tournamen	7/6-7/8	Carson Park	300	150
Food Truck Fridays	varies	Railroad Parking Lot	1500	
US National Kubb Championship	7/14	Soccer Park	1,400	
Water Street Mile/5K	7/14	Water Street	500	
Tortoise and the Hare 5K	7/21	Boyd Park	125	
Just Us for Justice Run/Walk	7/25	Carson Park	1000	
Zumba in the Park	7/25	Phoenix Park	100	
Spirit Lutheran	8/1	Phoenix Park	400	
Beep Baseball World Series	7/29	Eau Claire Soccer Park	3,700	
Downtown Eau Claire	7/29	Barstow Street/Grand Avenue	500	
National Night Out	8/7	Owen Park		
Spirit Lutheran	8/1	Phoenix Park	250	
Half Moon Dragon Boat Festival	8/2	Half Moon Beach	5000	
Get Your Sweat On for Weston	8/5	Phoenix Park-Pavilion	200	
Run, Row, Ride	8/11	Carson - Horseshoe	50	
Love Eau Claire - Backpack Event	8/20	Boyd Park	500	
Grand Evening on the Bridge	8/22	Grand Ave Bridge	150	
Hebert Dental Patient Appreciation Party	8/23	Hobbs Ice Arena	1000	
Festival in the Pines	8/25-8/26	Carson Park	10,000	
Baredfeet Co Dance Company	8/26	Owen Park	100	
Completed Event				
Approved Event				
City Council Review				

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

Parks and Recreation Month

July is Parks and Recreation Month. We are celebrating the month with many events in our parks such as...

- Learn how to swim Session 3 of swim lessons starts today and we still have a few spots available throughout the summer.
- It's Shark Week at Fairfax Pool this week, July 9-13. Fun activities are happening throughout the week.
- Wednesday, July 11th is Parks & Rec night at the Express Game. Kids admitted free wearing a Parks & Rec t-shirt or wristband.
- Kids' night out (pizza pool party) is this coming Friday July 13th at Fairfax.
- It's Fairfax Friday Membership Appreciate day this Friday, July 13th at Fairfax. All members receive a free gift.
- Lunch break skate Monday-Friday from 11am-1pm. Ice skating is \$4 and that includes the ice skates.
- Enjoy the City trails too!

Fairfax Pool

Summertime has certainly hit the Eau Claire pool. Attendance at the pool has exceeded 26,000 customers. With the warm temperatures we are hoping to have record numbers this year.

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

The Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services coordinated a goose roundup, on July 10, to reduce goose population on the Chippewa River and Half Moon Lake. A total of 63 geese were rounded up, which included 30 geese at Half Moon Lake, and 33 geese at Mount Simon and Riverview Park.

Recreation Division

Summer registrations are at 5,491, which includes the meal programs. Summer leagues are at 647, which includes baseball, soccer and t-ball.

Prime Times

The 2018 Spring and Summer edition is now available in print, or can be found online at www.eauclairewi.gov/primetimes

Special Events

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



Every Tuesday in July – Fairfax Pool, All day Grandparents Day (grandparents free with child admission)

Monday, July 2 – Hobbs Ice Center, 11am-1pm La Nina Open Skate (No Fee)

Wednesday, July 4th – Carson Park
City of Eau Claire 4th of July Celebration, Fireworks at Dusk

Monday to Thursday All Summer- Hobbs Ice Center, 11am-1pm
Lunch Break Open Skate (\$)

Friday, July 13 – Fairfax Pool, All Day Fairfax Friday Membership Appreciation (\$)

Thursday, July 12 – Fairfax Pool, 1-4pm
Maxx's Splash Bash (\$)

July 9 thru 13 – Fairfax Pool Shark Week (\$)

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Eau Claire Parks & Recreation Night @ Express Game vs Mankato Moondogs (youth free with Parks & Rec t-shirt or wristband)

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