

**City of Eau Claire
Waterways and Parks Commission
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room – Central Maintenance Facility**

Agenda

- I. Approval of minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting.
- II. New Business
 - a. Recommendation to accept and dedicate section of land along Schwenk Street as right of way. (Kristine Basom)
 - b. Presentation of Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update (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**

August 22, 2018

Members Present: Joshua Miller, Tom Fiedler, Meredith Ball, Ron Doering, Susan McLeod, Kate Beaton, Jenni Sterling, John Bodkin

Members Absent: Kirk Dahl, Megan Kremer, Terry Weld

Staff Present: Jeff Pippenger, Pat Ivory

The meeting was chaired by Joshua Miller at the City's Central Maintenance Facility Conference Room and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

New Commissioner: John Bodkin was welcomed to the Commission. John fills Jason Duba's position on the Commission.

Business Agenda.

A. Recommendation on a variance request to allow an addition to the fourth floor of the building located at 816 Porter Avenue that would be closer to the Chippewa River than allowed by code and for a site plan for the conversion of the building to a 47-unit apartment. Pat Ivory provided an overview of an application submitted by Commonweal Development to allow an addition to the fourth floor of the building located at 816 Porter Avenue that would be closer to the Chippewa River than allowed by code and for a site plan for the conversion of the building to a 47-unit apartment. It was noted that the majority of the building is currently located very close to the top of the river bank while the central portion of the building is constructed into the riverbank.

The addition to the fourth floor would stay within the overall existing footprint of the building, thus not extending any closer to the river. The applicant notes in their submittal, that there is an existing fourth level that is used for mechanical equipment. The proposal would increase the footprint of the fourth floor to provide the additional dwelling units.

The Development Guidelines for Waterway and Greenway Areas state that the setback should be 40 feet from the top of the river bank unless a variance is approved. The Waterways Plan and guidelines further state that exceptions to this standard may be granted in the Downtown. The Land Use Map contained in the Waterways Plan identifies this location as within the Downtown planning boundaries. Pat highlighted sections from the Waterways Plan and guidelines that the Commission should consider in their review.

It was noted that the site plan did not include information related to landscaping, lighting, drainage, dumpster location, sidewalks, pedestrian connections, etc., which will be required for the site plan review by the Plan Commission. Signs would be reviewed with permit and are subject to the residential zoning district standards. No sign is proposed for the west (river-facing) side of the building. If one is proposed for the west (river-facing) side of the building in the future, it would require further review by the Waterway and Parks Commission.

Pat also noted that the City's Comprehensive Plan shows that the City's recreational trail would not

extend along this side of the river between Lake Street and Thorp Drive.

Mr. Ryan Erickson from Commonweal Development and Mr. James Bowe from River Valley Architects were present at the meeting and discussed the proposed project. They discussed the fourth floor addition noting that the side walls would utilize similar building materials as the existing building. The roof would have a small pitch to resemble a prairie school style of architecture. The height of the addition would be of similar height to the existing portion of the building housing the mechanical equipment.

Chris and Sarah Meeks, 32 Newton Street, were present at the meeting and had questions regarding parking, lighting, and other site plan issues. It was noted that most of these issues will be addressed by the Plan Commission.

The Commission discussed the project and several Commission members noted that the proposal did not extend further towards the river and that it appeared to be a good re-use of the building.

The recommendation of the Waterways and Parks Commission will be forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission.

ACTION TAKEN: Tom Fiedler moved to recommend approval of the variance request and site plan. Meredith Ball seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried

B. Recommendation to approve McDonough Park Active Aging Outdoor Area preliminary design.
This item was postponed to a future meeting.

C. Recommendation to approve the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan. Jeff Pippenger reviewed the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to Hobbs Ice Arena, Fairfax Pool, and the overall City parks system. The Commission discussed the projects and had questions relating to a number of the items listed.

ACTION TAKEN: Jenni Sterling moved to recommend approval of the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to Hobbs Ice Arena, Fairfax Pool, and the parks system. Susan McLeod seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Meredith Ball left the meeting.

Other Items.

-The Commission reviewed the special events listing and Director's Report. The Commission questioned if applicants could provide more information about the actual attendance for the special events listed in the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by,
Susan McLeod, Secretary

MEMORANDUM**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Date: September 19, 2018

To: Jeff Pippenger, Community Services Director

From: Kristine Basom, Budget Analyst

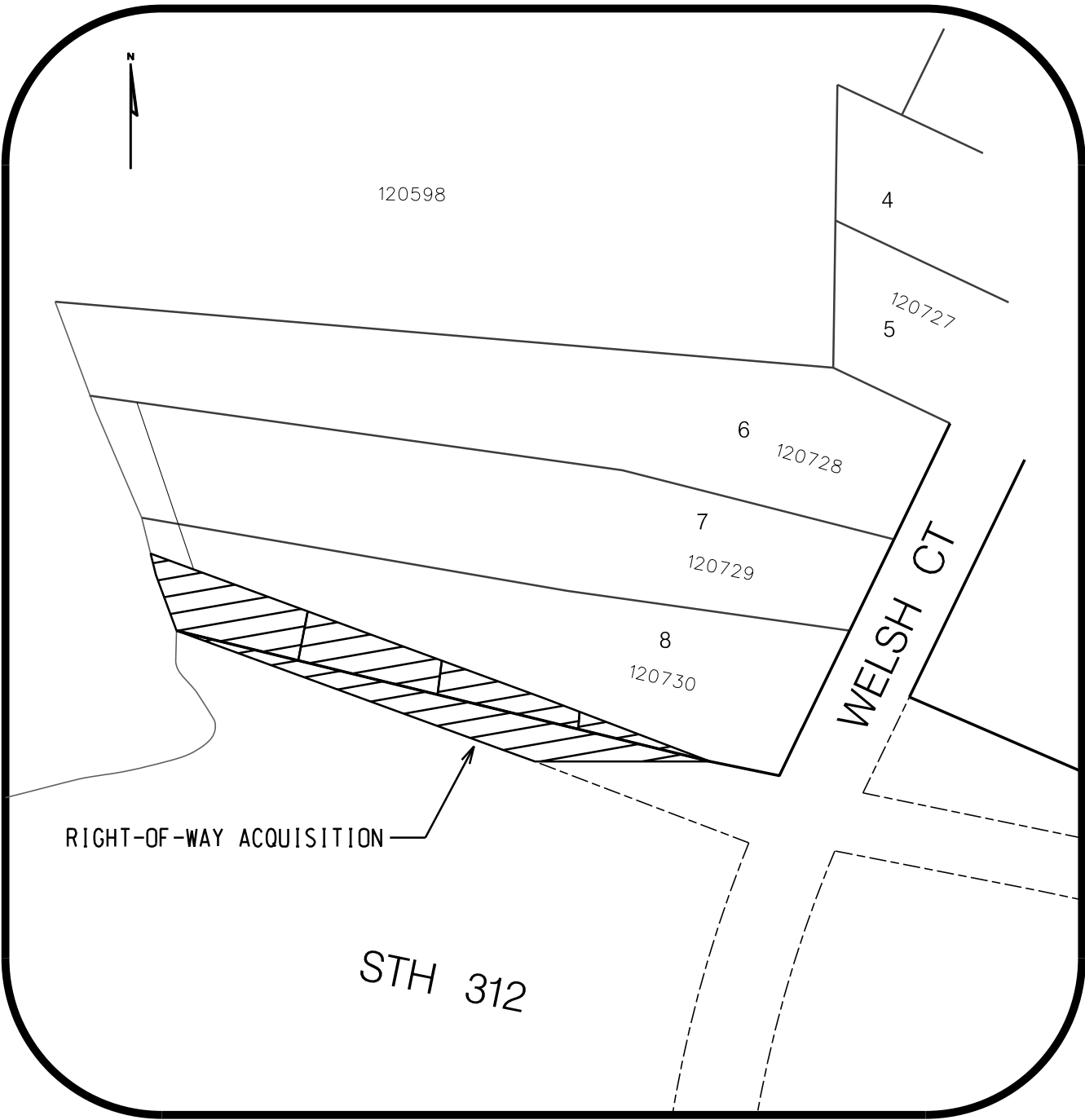
Subject: Acceptance and Right-of-Way Dedication for property at Schwenk Street

In 1991 the State of Wisconsin DOT acquired right-of-way land from the City of Eau Claire for the construction of HWY 312 (North Crossing). No money was exchanged.

In 2018 the State of Wisconsin DOT deeded back to the City of Eau Claire a portion of the right-of-way that was taken along Welsh Drive.

The attached map shows the strip of land along the Chippewa River that was deeded back to the City. The City would like to accept the strip of land and return it to its original status of right-of-way.

Please place this item for review and recommendation to City Council on the September 26th Parks and Waterways agenda.



RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION
STH 312



MEMORANDUM**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

September 18, 2018

TO: Waterways and Parks Commission

FROM: Pat Ivory, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

The City Engineering Department and City Department of Community Development have been working on an update of the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The current plan was adopted in 2010 and is an element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The objective of the plan is to serve as a guide for the City and set forth policies to work towards providing improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity from our neighborhoods to major destination points within the City including the City's schools and parks and open space facilities.

Staff has utilized the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as the primary group in the review and development of the plan. In addition, staff has held several open houses to obtain public input on the plan as well as posting the draft plan on the City's website. We have also addressed connectivity issues noted by the staff of the Parks Division. The Plan Commission has also reviewed and provided comments to staff.

Since one of the objectives of the plan is to provide connectivity to the City's parks, we wanted to provide a brief overview of the document Wednesday night, answer any questions, and obtain comments from the Commission. Upon finalizing the draft, the Plan Commission and City Council will hold public hearings to consider its adoption.

The plan is posted on the City's website. Click on the link below to open a summary page relating to the update of the plan. Once that page opens, the link to the plan update is located in the lower right hand corner of that page.

<http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/community-development/planning/other-plans/bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan>

Pat Ivory, AICP
Senior Planner

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 Brunettes	5/18	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 Carnival	5/20	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	650
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	25
Chippewa Valley Votes Summer Social	6/26	Phoenix Pavilion	200	125

Doll & Pet Parade	6/30	1st Ave, Owen Park	1,000	700
Family Day in Downtown	6/30	Phoenix Park - all	5,000	800
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	7/6-7/8	Carson Park	300	150
Food Truck Fridays	varies	Railroad Parking Lot	1500	ongoing
US National Kubk Championship	7/14	Soccer Park	1,400	1,700
Water Street Mile/5K	7/14	Water Street	500	not reported
Tortoise and the Hare 5K	7/21	Boyd Park	125	not reported
Just Us for Justice Run/Walk	7/25	Carson Park	1000	700
Zumba in the Park	7/25	Phoenix Park	100	45
Downtown Eau Claire Triathlon	7/28	Owen Park	100	140
Spirit Lutheran	8/1	Phoenix Park	400	not reported
Beep Baseball World Series	7/29	Eau Claire Soccer Park	3,700	not reported
Downtown Eau Claire Block Party	7/29	Barstow Street/Grand Avenue	500	1,300
Spirit Lutheran	8/1	Phoenix Park	250	not reported
Half Moon Dragon Boat Festival	8/2	Half Moon Beach	5000	2,000
Get Your Sweat On for Weston	8/5	Phoenix Park-Pavilion	200	80
National Night Out	8/7	Owen Park	-	-
Run, Row, Ride	8/11	Carson - Horseshoe	cancelled	cancelled
Eau Claire Team Hope Walk	8/18	Carson Park	250	not reported
Love Eau Claire - Backpack Event	8/20	Boyd Park	500	500
Grand Evening on the Bridge	8/22	Grand Ave Bridge	150	183
Hebert Dental Patient Appreciation Party	8/23	Hobbs Ice Arena	1000	250
North Riverfronts Back to School Festival	8/25	North Riverfronts Park	100	not reported
Husky Invite	8/25-8/26	City Wells	300	not reported
Festival in the Pines	8/25-8/26	Carson Park	10,000	not reported
Barefeet Co Dance Company	8/26	Owen Park	100	70
Buckshot Run - August 28	8/28	Carson Park	800	not reported
Bucksot Run - September 1	9/1	Carson Park	1,500	1000
Labor Day Picnic	9/3	Phoenix Park	300	not reported
UW Meets EC	9/7	Phoenix Park/Owen Park	900	not reported
Pickelball Palooza	9/8	McDonough Park	150	not reported
Hops for Hockey	9/8	Hobbs Ice Arena	750	300
Out of Darkness Walk	9/8	Carson Park	300	not reported
UWEC Home Football Games	9/8	Carson Park	1,000+	
Altoona Cross Country Invitational Meet	9/13	City Wells	200	
Here We Grow Again Sale*	9/14-16	Hobbs Ice Arena	800	
Walk for Life	9/15	Owen Park	300	
Sharing Hope Walk to Prevent Suicide	9/15	Carson Park	800	
Healthy Kids Running Series	9/15-10/13	Pinehurst Park	750	
Eau Claire Area Heart Walk	9/22	Carson Park	600	
After Dark Series: Hogwarts After Dark	9/22	LE Phillips Memorial Library	350	
Memorial HS Homecoming Parade	9/28	Carson Park	1,000	
International Fall Festival	9/29	Downtown Eau Claire	5,000	
Walk to End Alzheimers	9/29	UWEC/Ciy Trails	800	

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

Hobbs Ice Arena

The condenser project at Hobbs is nearing completion. The first condenser was installed on September 7, and is running efficiently. The second condenser was installed on September 17, and will undergo a startup and inspection before it will go online. We expect to see significant cost savings in electricity with these two more efficient condensers.

Fairfax Pool

The 2018 pool season started out with a very warm Memorial Day weekend and we saw record numbers in attendance. The total number of people who attended the pool this year surpassed the attendance from 2017. Our final attendance for 2018 was 65,574 as compared to 2017 of 59,611.

Forestry Division

The Forestry Division has posted the area East of Rudolph Road, North of Golf Road, and South of Clairemont Avenue targeting boulevard ash trees for removal. The initiative is voluntary for the abutting property owner. Replanting is offered and will occur in the spring of 2019 for this targeted area. This is our part of our continuing effort to mitigate the EAB infestation in the City of Eau Claire.

The youth deer hunt is being planned for this fall with assistance from the Chippewa Valley Bow Hunters. We expect to concentrate on the City's well field area as this sector was one that experienced increased levels of deer population. In the future we do hope to expand out to other areas of public land if possible.

Parks Division

The construction of the off leash dog park at Sundet Park is currently underway. We have installed the curb, asphalt, sidewalks and driveway approaches for the expanded parking lot. The water drinking fountain and water station are scheduled for installation the week of September 17th. The perimeter fencing is complete, and gates, signs, dog waste bag dispensers, and fee collection station are in production. The construction on outside access to the restroom remodel will occur as soon as the door and associated hardware are delivered.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pinehurst Park playground had to be postponed due to our contractor not having enough materials to complete the job. The ceremony will be rescheduled once the playground surface is completed for play.

Prime Times

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

Fall and Winter registration opened the first week of September and numbers are looking equal to previous years at this point.

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.

Groups with special event permits for 2018 were invited start the process for next year by submitting a form to “save their date” for 2019.