City of Eau Claire Waterways and Parks Commission Wednesday, April 24, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room - Central Maintenance Facility

Agenda

- I. Group photo outside
- II. Approval of minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting.
- III. New Business
 - a. Appointment of City Council committee member (Joshua Miller)
 1. John Lor
 - b. Recommendation to purchase property along Mead Street, parcel 14-0098. (Kristine Basom)
 - c. Urban Forestry Report Information Only (Matt Staudenmaier)
 - d. Recommendation on West Grand Avenue Plaza improvements located at the west end of the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. (Pat Ivory)
 - e. Recommendation of approval for construction of the dog park and boat launch in Southwest Eau Claire on Ferry Street. (Jeff Pippenger)
 - f. Recommendation of approval for installing a Little Library at Sundet Park (Jeff Pippenger)
- IV. 2019 Special Events list (Information only)
- V. Directors Report (Information only)
- VI. Adjournment

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CITY OF EAU CLAIRE WATERWAYS AND PARKS COMMISSION

(Meeting Minutes)

March 27, 2019

Members Present: Joshua Miller, Tom Fiedler, Susan McLeod, John Bodkin, Ron Doering,

Jenni Sterling, Terry Weld, Kirk Dahl, Meredith Ball, Jeanne Mueller

Members Absent: Kate Beaton

Staff Present: Todd Chwala, 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 February 27, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

New Commission Member: Jeanne Mueller was welcomed to the Commission.

Business Agenda.

A. Recommendation and rezoning and site plan for the construction of the UWEC visitor center. Pat Ivory provided an overview of an application to rezone land from R-1 to Public and for a site plan for a visitor center for UWEC that would be located southwest of Park Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue. The site abuts Putnam Park and Little Niagara Creek located to the south.

The Commission discussed the site plan asking questions relating to setback, building design, window placement, pedestrian circulation, drainage, erosion control, and drawings lacking detail on the south side of the building.

Lisa Fleming from Ayres Associates discussed issues related to drainage and erosion control during construction.

Travis Schroeder from Ayres Associates discussed the design of the building and public plaza areas.

Mike Rindo from UWEC answered questions relating to the use of the building, parking, building design, and pedestrian circulation on the site.

ACTION TAKEN: Meredith Ball moved to recommend approval of the rezoning and site plan subject to the DNR wetland waiver. Jenni Sterling seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

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B. Recommendation on naming the park and open space along Forest Street. Todd Chwala informed the Commission that the City had received a request to name the Forest Street open space as "Veteran's Tribute Park". The City has a formal process for the naming of parks that includes a 60-day comment period, then a recommendation from the Waterways and Parks Commission, with final action by the City Council. The Commission discussed the request and questioned whether the name Veteran's Park could be used. Pat Ivory noted that the City already had an open space area called Veteran's Park. The Commission questioned whether that area could be renamed.

ACTION TAKEN: Kirk Dahl moved to initiate the 60-day comment period for the park name "Veteran's Tribute Park". Ron Doering seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Items.

-The Commission reviewed the special events listing and Director's Report. Todd Chwala noted that annual reports for Hobbs Ice Arena and Fairfax Pool were included in the packet for the Commission's information. If they had any questions regarding the reports, Commission members should feel free to contact Todd or Jeff Pippenger.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by, Susan McLeod, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Date: March 13, 2019

To: Jeff Pippenger, Community Services Director

Scott Allen, Community Development Director

From: Kristine Basom, Budget Analyst

Subject: Recommend the purchase of property along Mead Street (Parcel nos. 14-0098)

The City of Eau Claire purchased three parcels, for a future park, along Folsom Street in February 2019.

The property owner of vacant land adjacent to the parcels recently acquired, has reached out to City staff regarding the potential to acquire their parcel as well.

City staff believes this parcel could help with development for athletic fields. There is currently a short supply of fields for the amount of soccer activity we have in the City.

The purchase agreement for the acquisition of the parcel is for \$10,000; the same amount as the assessed value for the property.

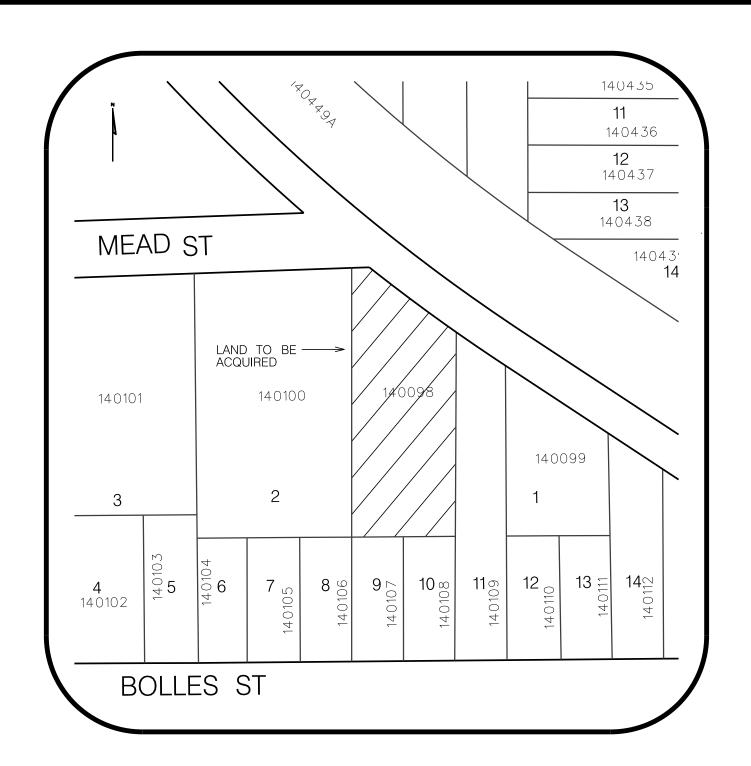
The Parks System section of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, Objective 1, Policy 2 states, "Acquire land for new parks and trail in the approximate locations and sizes illustrated by Figure 5-1, Parks and Greenway Plan, and listed in Table 5-2, Existing and Planned Parks and Greenways and School Playground sites."

Also, under Policy 2 of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan it states:

Folsom Street Park: One new Neighborhood Playground is proposed between Folsom and Bolles Streets, just south of Roosevelt Elementary School, where two new bicycle paths intersect. (Numbered 69 on Figure 5-1.) This neighborhood has a shortage of park space and is nearly fully developed.

This acquisition is consistent with the objective and goals of the plan.

Please place this item for review and recommendation to City Council on the April 24th Waterway and Parks Commission agenda and the May 6th Plan Commission agenda.



LAND ACQUISITION PARCEL #14-0098 MEAD STREET

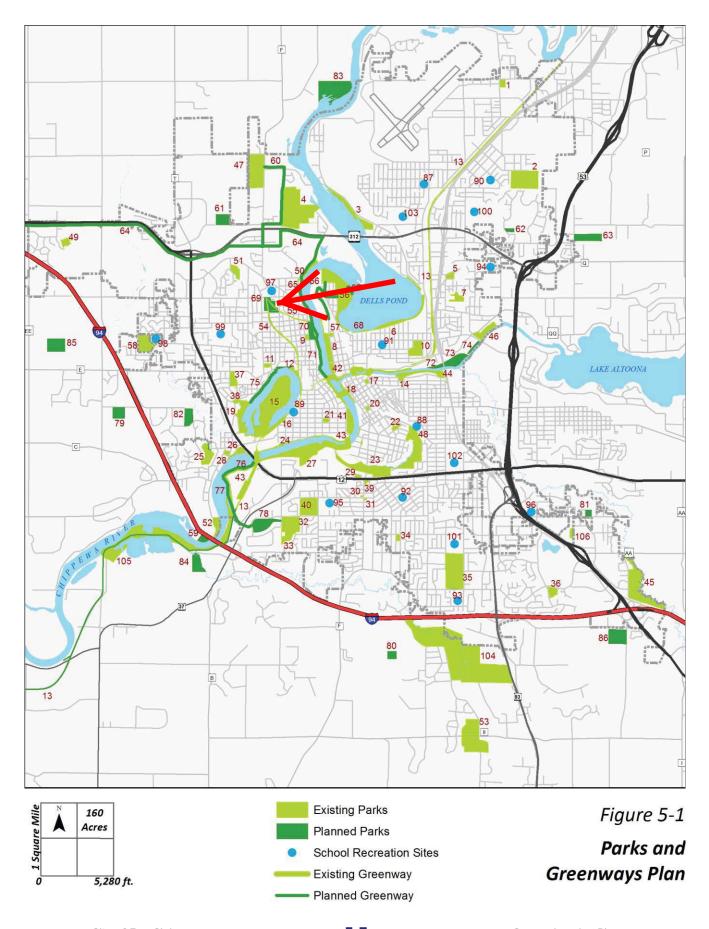


Table 5-2 Existing and Planned Parks, Greenways and School Playground Sites

	ing Parks and Greenways	43	Chippewa Valley State Trail				
1	Sundet Park	44	Archery Park				
2	Pinehurst Park and Recreation Area	45	Southeast Community Park				
3	Riverview Park	46	Upper Eau Claire River Open Space				
4	Northwest Community Park	47	Jeffers Road Fields				
5	Zephyr Hill Park	48	Kappus Park				
6	McDonough Park	49	Westridge Playground				
7	Shale Pit Special Area	50	Domer Park				
8	Forest Street Park	51	County Farm Playground				
9	Kessler Park	52	Ferry Street Open Space				
10	Mount Tom Park	53	Kyes Community Park				
11	Cameron Park	54	Half Moon Lake to Roosevelt School				
12	Half Moon Beach / Bayview		Greenway				
13	Chippewa Valley State Trail and Greenway, including First Street Park	55	High Bridge to Roosevelt School Greenway				
14	Boyd Park	56	Mt. Simon Community Park				
15	Carson Park	57	North Riverfronts Neighborhood Park				
16	Lakeshore Park	58	Sherman Creek Waterfront Park				
17	University Park	59	Chippewa River Dog Park				
18	Confluence Trail and Plaza	-					
19	Rod and Gun Park		ned Parks and Greenways				
20	Wilson Park	60	Northwest Community Park Trail				
21	Randall Park	61	Prairie Lane Park				
22	Demmler Park	62	Princeton Neighborhood Park				
23	Putnam Park	63	Peterson Avenue Park				
24	Hobbs Arena	64	Xcel Corridor Greenway				
25	Mt. Washington Ski Jump	65	Upper Chippewa River Greenway				
26	Veterans Park	66	Trail link to Mt. Simon Park				
27	UW Arboretum	67	Addition to Mt. Simon Park				
28	Newell Park	68	Dells Pond Greenway Addition				
29	Wold Court	69	Folsom Street Neighborhood Park				
30	State Street Park - NW	70	West Riverside Park				
31	State Street Park – SE	71	West Riverside Greenway				
32	Eau Claire Soccer Park	72	Eau Claire River Greenway				
33	Grover Heights Park	73	Eau Claire River Greenway				
34	Mitscher Park	74	Eau Claire River Greenway				
35	Fairfax Community Park	75	Half Moon Lake Greenway Addition				
36	Oakwood Hills Park	76	Lower Chippewa River Greenway				
37	Buffington Park	77	Lower Chippewa River Greenway and Short Street Trail				
38	Buffington Drive Open Space	78	Sky Park Special Area				
39	Jaycette Park	79	Neighborhood Park – Union				
40	UW Bollinger Fields	80	Neighborhood Park – Washington				
41	Owen Park	81	Gateway Drive Neighborhood Park				
42	Phoenix Park	٠.					

- 82 Menomonie Street Neighborhood Park
- 83 Upper Chippewa River Waterfront Park
- 84 Brunswick Park

School Playground and Open Space Sites – Planned

- 85 School-Park Site West
- 86 School Park Site Southeast

School Playground and Open Space Sites – Existing

- 87 Davey Elementary School
- 88 Flynn Elementary School
- 89 Lakeshore Elementary School
- 90 Locust Lane Elementary School
- 91 Longfellow Elementary School
- 92 Manz Elementary School
- 93 Meadowview Elementary School
- 94 Northwoods Elementary School
- 95 Putnam Heights School
- 96 Robbins Elementary School
- 97 Roosevelt Elementary School
- 98 Sherman Elementary School
- 99 DeLong Middle School
- 100 Northstar Middle School
- 101 South Middle School
- 102 Memorial High School Fields
- 103 North High School Fields

County Parks

104 Lowes Creek County Park

State Open Space

105 DNR State Trail Open Space

Town Parks

106 Horlacher Fields (Town of Washington)

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: New Member

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: April 24, 2019

From: Matthew Staudenmaier per Todd Chwala

Description: Proclamation

Location: N/A

Background: City Council, on Tuesday, April 23th, put through a proclamation recognizing Eau Claire as a Tree City USA for the 40th year.

Justification: Tree City USA is a qualification awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation. Qualifying criteria to be recognized as a tree city include: A proclamation; A board or commission appointed to advise on tree issues (Waterways and Parks Commission); An event themed towards Arbor Day (Amazing Eau Claire Cleanup, tree planting with volunteers); Expenditure of at least 2.00 per capita dedicated to community forestry initiatives. Currently, Eau Claire is tied for 2nd longest in the State of Wisconsin with 40yrs (Sheboygan has 42 years).

Proposed Location: N/A

Facilities Features: N/A

Storm Water: N/A

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: N/A

City Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Financial: N/A

LAWCON: N/A

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: WEST GRAND PLAZA

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: April 24, 2019

From: Dave Solberg – Engineering Director

Description: West Grand Plaza Site Plan Approval

Location: West end of the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge between the Chippewa River and First Avenue.

Background: West Grand Plaza is proposed to be constructed to complement the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge rehabilitation finished in 2018 and the West Grand Avenue reconstruction scheduled for 2019. The green space lying where the West Grand Plaza will be constructed is dated and is proposed to be rehabilitated into a plaza and lawn area.

The existing green space contains landscaping, benches, a covered picnic table, sidewalks and trails, and viewing opportunities of the Chippewa River.

The site plan for West Grand Plaza Plaza includes most of the existing features of the green space except for the covered picnic table. In addition to existing features being enhanced, decorative pavers, swing benches, limestone and boulder seating, and a stacked block retaining wall are proposed. The City will be accepting the donation of the sculpture titled "Celeste" on April 23, 2019, which will be placed within the plaza when construction is complete. Staff has been approached regarding the potential for tribute donations to the plaza in memory of former Public Works Director Brian Amundson. Potential donations may include a decorative concrete medallion in the lower plaza, memorial sayings incorporated into the plaza, memorial benches, and other subtle tributes.

The trail through the plaza will maintain a 10' width or wider and eliminate the "trail narrows" sign. The retaining wall will create more usable space in the plaza. Currently there is a grass slope extending from the edge of sidewalk to the lower lawn area. The wall will create two larger, flatter areas in the green space. The upper flat area or "upper plaza" will include planter beds, boulders, hardscape, and a tree to replace the existing signature Ash tree in the plaza area. The lower flat area or "lower plaza" will have decorative stamped and stained concrete with an ADA accessible walk connecting the lower plaza to the street level sidewalk. The railing necessary is planned to match the river theme railing present along the trails, rivers, and bridges downtown, if within

budget. The design includes electrical facilities to support lighting in the upper plaza and potential small performances in the lower plaza.

The schedule for construction the plaza and bridge is anticipated to begin in summer of 2019 and be concluded by fall. Construction will be coordinated with the West Grand Avenue Project. Access to the west end of the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge will be close during construction. Every attempt will be made to allow access to the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge during the "Grand Evening on the Bridge" in August.

Justification: West Grand Plaza will enhance the quality of life for residents of the City and also expand access and recreational opportunities to the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers.

Proposed Location: West end of the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, between the Chippewa River and First Avenue.

Facilities Features: Finished project will contain sidewalks & multi-use trails, decorative hardscape, landscaping, seating areas, bike racks, small gathering areas, locations for public art, and viewing areas of the Chippewa River and Confluence area.

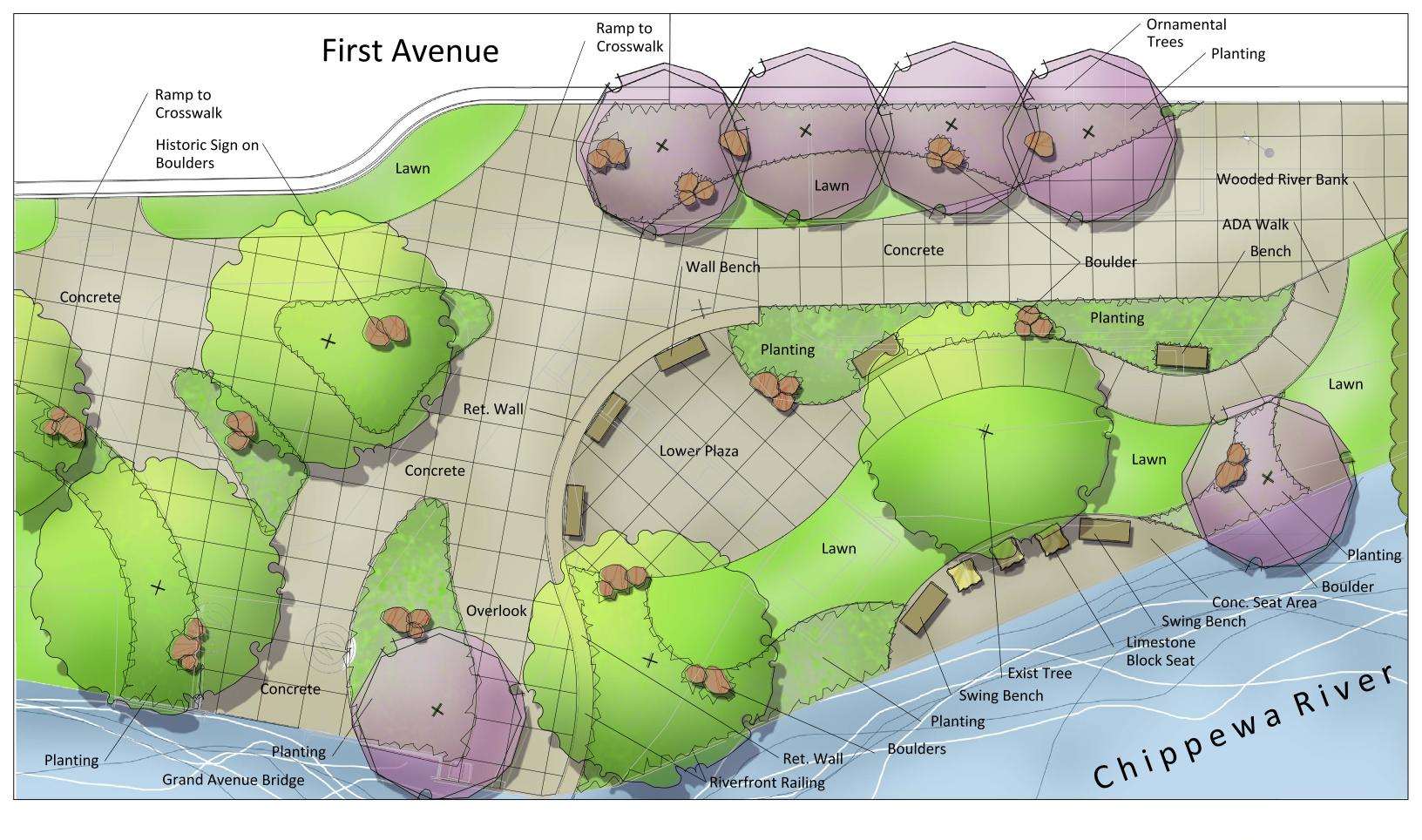
Storm Water: No impacts.

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: Consistent with the goals of the 2018-2022 Park, Open Space, & Recreation Facilities Plan.

City Comprehensive Plan: Consistent with goals of 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

Financial: City funded.

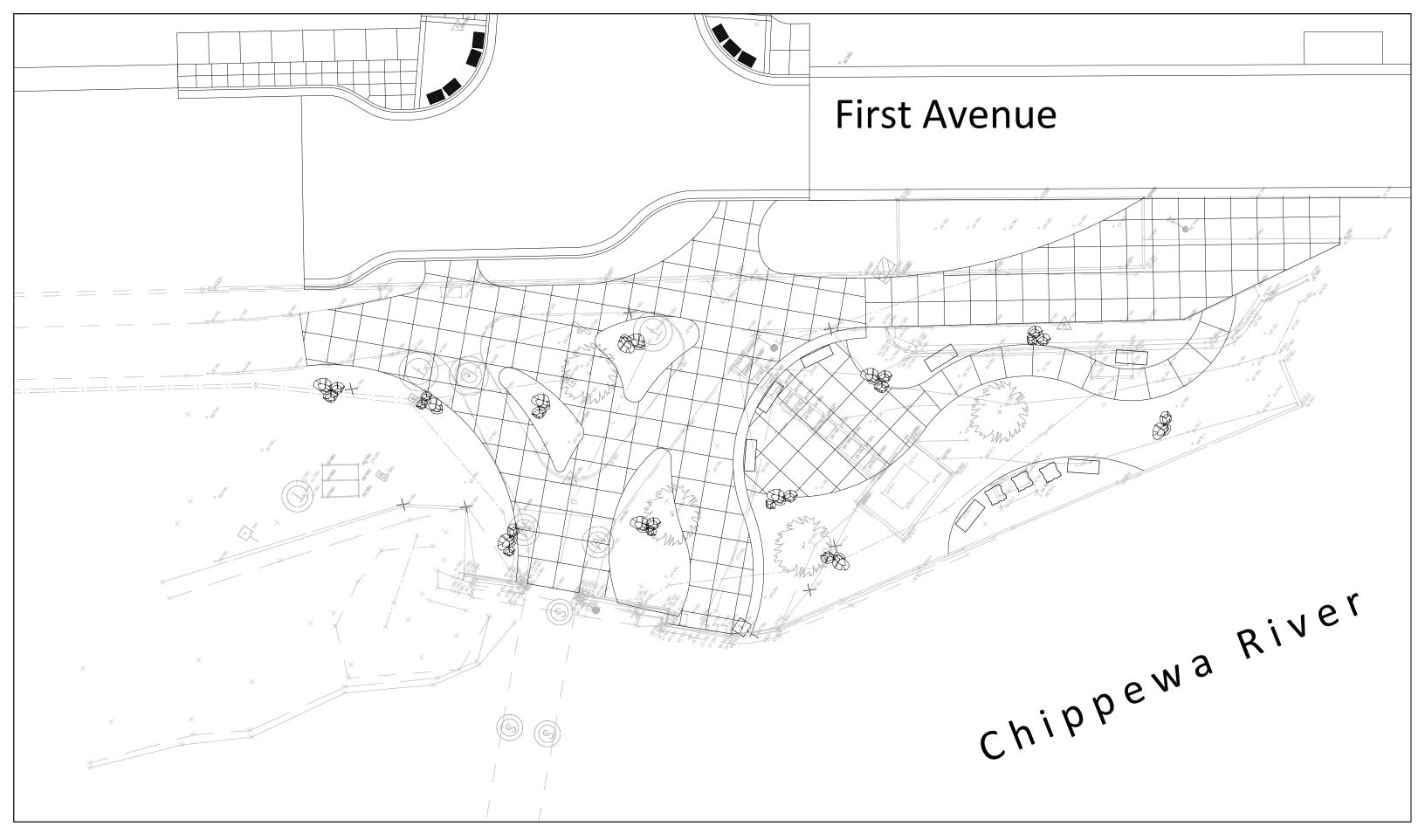
LAWCON: N/A

















PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Southwest Boat Launch and Dog Park

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: April 24, 2019

From: Jeff Pippenger

Description: Recommendation to approve construction of the dog park and boat

launch.

Location: Ferry Street

Background: The City of Eau Claire has been working with CBS Squared, Inc. to design a Dog Park and Boat launch on land that is located at the south end of Ferry Street near the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The Dog park will consist of a parking lot that can accommodate 24 vehicles, a portable toilet, and a dog transition area that will consist of information, pet waste bags, garbage cans, and fee deposit area.

The Boat Launch area will consist of 12 vehicle and trailer parking, boat launch area, and a kayak and mooring deck. Additionally, there will be a storm water detention pond.

Justification: There is a desire for additional dog park space with water access and an improved boat launch in this area of the Chippewa River. The Community Services Department anticipates receiving grant money to help reduce the cost of the project. Additional funds for the project will come from fees collected at the other dog parks in Eau Claire.

Proposed Location: Southwest Eau Claire at the south end of Ferry Street.

Facilities Features: N/A

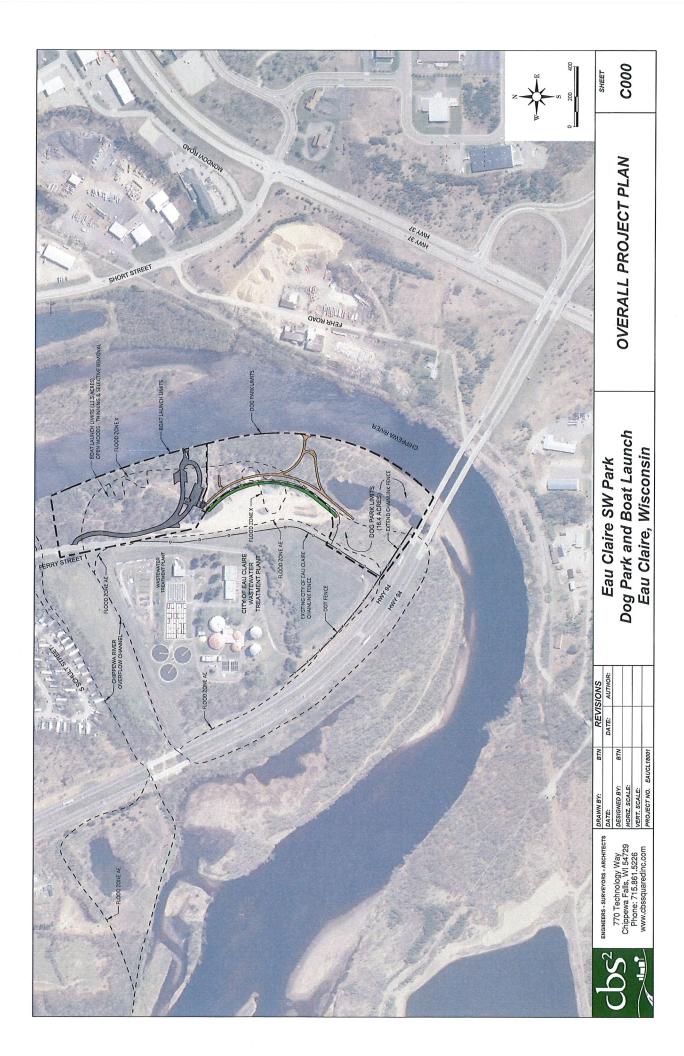
Storm Water: N/A

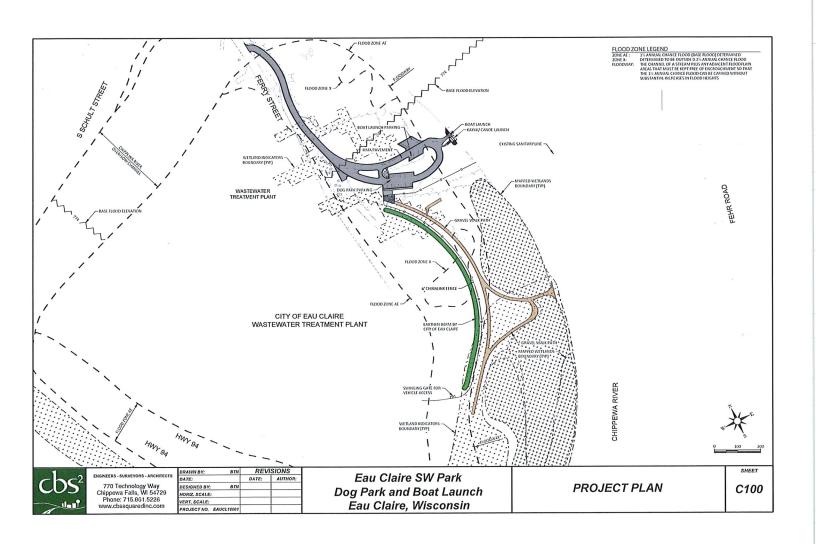
City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan: Yes

City Comprehensive Plan: Yes

Financial: N/A

LAWCON: Yes





Southwest Dog Park and Boat Launch Proposal

Public Meeting | 12-13-18 | 6:00pm-7:00pm

Please sign in!

Name	Address	Phone Number
Judy Gattin	2007 Maner Ct EC 54703	715577 1731
Lucher Jerry	739 Ferry St EC	8177-517-81P
Tom Scholtz	WITS TOURY GVANTON W.S	715818226/
Mike aust	2115 Charland St.	2588-522-512
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Date: 12.19.18

Phone call regarding: Ferry Street and Dog Park

Owns property at 451 Ferry Street

Mark called to express his support of the Dog Park and Boat Launch project being proposed. He believes it is a very good idea. Also hopes we have considered increase in traffic on Ferry Street, but otherwise is very in favor of the project.

Call taken by Tiffany Weiss, Community Services Admin

From:

Rick Schunk <rcschunk@outlook.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:39 AM

To:

Community Services

Subject:

boat landing/dog park

Good morning to whom it may concern,

I would really like to attend the meeting but it will not fit into my schedule, thanks for the letter and keeping the neighborhood informed, I really appreciate it. I would be interested in having a dog park and boat landing located on Ferry St, I think it would be a nice addition to the South West side of Eau Claire. Please don't hesitate to give me a shout if you need anything from me or have any questions.

Thanks

Rick Schunk ABR, PSA, RENE Realtor Coldwell Banker Brenizer Realtors Cell: (715) 379-9224

Fax: (715) 839-1491

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From:

Doug Ottum < Doug@rentatcornerstone.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:36 AM

To:

Tiffany Weiss Doug Ottum

Cc: Subject:

RE: Ferry St boat launch and dog park

Thanks Tiffany

Sounds like a great idea.

Doug

From: Tiffany Weiss [mailto:Tiffany.Weiss@EauclaireWi.Gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:18 AM To: Doug Ottum < Doug@rentatcornerstone.com >

Subject: RE: Ferry St boat launch and dog park

Good morning, Doug~ Yes, that's the correct location. And the dog park will be natural trails and follow the property along the river. Please let us know if you have other questions or any comments! Thanks, Tiffany

Tiffany Weiss Community Services Assistant City of Eau Claire 910 Forest Street Eau Claire, WI 54703 tiffany.weiss@eauclairewi.gov

phone: 715-839-4649



From: Doug Ottum [mailto:Doug@rentatcornerstone.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 8:08 AM

To: Community Services

Cc: Doug Ottum

Subject: Ferry St boat launch and dog park

Hi Jeff:

Thanks for sending the letter regarding the Ferry St. proposal.

To clarify the location......

The very south end of Ferry St. near the water treatment facility?

From:

James ONeill <jbarryoneill@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 6:16 PM

To:

Community Services

Subject:

Boat Launch and Dog Park Proposal

Attn: Jeff Pippenger,

I grew up in the 700th block of Ferry St and 5 years ago was able to purchase the old family home and currently live in it. I'm 65 years old so obviously things are way different than they were when I was a kid.

I'm not opposed to either the dog park or the boat landing. I know that there are people using that area for an informal dog park already.

I'm curious however, has there been a study completed on how much traffic increase is expected? How many users expected compared to the other dog park? There seems to me that there is already an inordinate amount of traffic going to the waste water treatment plant. Big trucks, medium size trucks, various city vehicles, and of course, RV's spring through fall on the weekends. There are also a lot of vehicles condensed in a small housing area at the mobile home park. All of these go right by my home daily.

Traffic is my only concern pertaining to this proposal. I'm not a dog or a boat owner, but maybe I will be again and would use these facilities myself.

Thank you,

James O'Neill 722 Ferry St.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

jwheeler1960@charter.net

Sent:

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:28 PM

To:

Community Services

Subject:

Proposed boat launch and dog park

Boat launch - NO, we don't need the extra noise and traffic or the extra trash/litter it can bring.

Dog park - NO NO NO. There are enough barking dogs during the day and at night in the neighborhood already. The added smell because people DO NOT pick up after them.

Added note: Forest Hill Cemetery has a sign stating dogs must remain in vehicles but I see people with dogs and not always on a leash. I've seen piles that owners have not picked up.

The Wheelers

Shawtown residents of 37 years

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Free Library for Sundet Park

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: April 24, 2019

From: Jeff Pippenger

Description: Recommendation to approve installation of a free library at Sundet Park

Location: Sundet Park

Background: Locust Lane Elementary School wishes to donate a free library to Community Services Department Parks Division at Sundet Park. Similar free libraries have been successful at other city parks, neighborhoods, and along some trail segments. Locust Lane will be responsible for the installation and upkeep of this structure.

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Justification: There is a desire to provide more opportunities for residents of all ages and income levels to have access to free books. This book share program offers that opportunity.

Proposed Location: Sundet Park

Facilities Features: N/A

Storm Water: N/A

City of Eau Claire Park and Open Space Master Plan:

City Comprehensive Plan:

Financial: N/A

LAWCON: N/A



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Key Features:

- Two story model provides sufficient interior storage place
- Unfinished model gives Steward creative freedom to design their library

Details:

- Weighs 40 lbs
- Exterior dimensions: 21" wide (roof) x 23.5" tall x 18.5" deep
- Interior dimensions: Bottom space approximately 15.5" wide x 12" tall x 13.25" deep; top
 space approximately 15.5" wide x 8.75" tall in front, 4" tall in back, 13.25" deep
- · Made from plywood and pine
- · Features a metal roof
- · Applying primer, paint, or stain is recommended before outdoor placement
- Installation materials (post, post topper, and installation hardware) not included







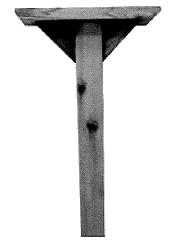


















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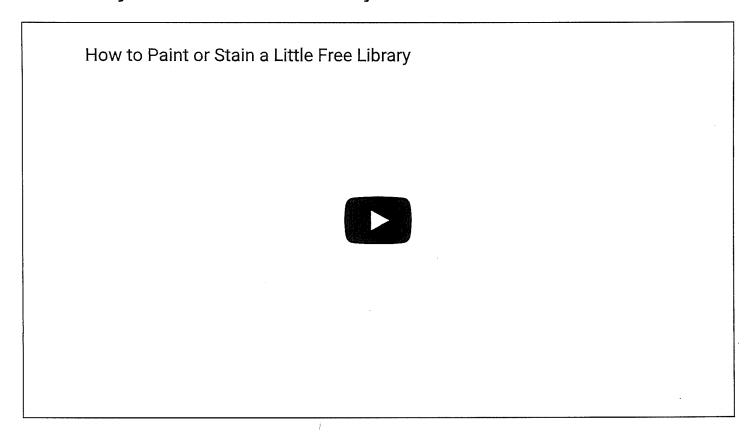
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May 2019 Special Events

Event	Date	Location
Farmer's Market	5/4-10/31	Phoenix
Food Truck Fridays	various	Railroad Parking Lot
Eau Claire Marathon	5/5	City streets and parks
Barstow Block Party-Valleybrook Church	5/5	411 & 412 Barstow St
Barstow Block Party-Childrens Museum	5/5	220 S Barstow Street
Girls on the Run	5/11	Carson Pine/Oak
Walk MS Eau Claire	5/11	Phoenix
Valleycat	5/11	City Trails
UCP Walk in the Park	5/11	Owen Park
MHS Pops Concert	5/15	Owen Park
Westhill Auto Rallies	various	Phoenix
Be a Hero Fun Run	5/17	Carson Oak
Cars & Trucks	various	Downtown
Eastside Hill Neighborhood Vendor Sale	5/18	Boyd Park
Great Strides Eau Claire	5/18	Carson Oak
Fido & Friends Fun Run/Walk	5/18	Carson Pine
Lazy Monk Tails and Trails	5/18	City Trails
MDS Muscle Walk	5/19	Carson Oak
Historic Randall Park Neighborhood Carnival	5/19	Randall Park
Bluegrass on Badger	5/23	Badger Ave

Approved

Pending Approval

CITY OF EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY April 2019 Monthly Report

Parks Division

We have completed the construction of a fence around the play equipment at Sundet Park. Additionally, the exterior door to provide restroom access to the shelter is nearly complete, and we are working with an electrician to install automatic locks.

The installation of the top rail and new grab bars have been completed at the Carson Park baseball stadium.

A number of employees are prepping our athletic fields to have them playable as soon as possible.

Forestry Division

Our Forestry staff has wrapped up tree pruning this spring. We are continuing to remove ash trees and preparing for spring planting season, and expect to plant close to 500 trees this spring season.

Recreation Division

The Amazing Eau Claire Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. The current registration is around 150 people, and we are still recruiting and registering volunteers.

Strut your Mutt is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hobb's Boat Landing and Trail.

Outdoor sports facilities are being prepped for the upcoming season, but Mother Nature has again thrown us a curve ball that has pushed us back a bit.

Prime Times

The 2019 Spring and Summer edition is now available 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.