

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of February 10, 2020**

**Members Present:** John Mann, Dale Poynter, Jenny Ebert, Greg Kocken, Brady Foust, David Klinkhammer

**Members Absent:** Joan Myers

The meeting was chaired by John Mann in the North Conference Room at City Hall and called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

- 1. Recommendation on Carson Park Baseball Stadium and Restroom Project.** Pat Ivory provided an overview of the project to replace the metal bleachers along the first and third base sides of the Carson Park Baseball Stadium. As part of the construction of the new bleachers, ADA-accessible new restrooms will be constructed underneath the back portion of the bleachers. New concession areas, dugouts, and storage areas will also be provided.

The current metal bleachers were constructed in 1964 and were built to be portable to be moved each year. In the spring, they are moved to the baseball stadium and then upon conclusion of the baseball season, they are moved to the football stadium located to the north. The bleachers have long been a safety concern as the area below the bench seats are open and could result in users falling through the bleachers to the ground. In addition, the bleachers are not able to accommodate spectators with a disability nor offer them comparable viewing opportunities that are available to other spectators. The dugouts are not original as they were constructed in the mid-1980s.

The proposed project does not involve any changes to the historic stadium. The baseball stadium was placed on the National Register in 2003 and locally designated in 2004. The exterior walls of the bleachers will be constructed on a rock-faced block that has a color and texture similar to that of the historic baseball stadium.

Pat noted that because the stadium is on the National Register, that the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) is required to review the project. Upon review of the project by the WHS, the project was approved. Pat also noted that the Commission had reviewed the project back in 2017, but had not taken any action.

Jeff Pippenger from the City and Raivo Balciunas, from Ayres Associates, were present at the meeting and discussed the project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Brady Foust moved to recommend approval of the project. Dale Poynter seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Update from the HPF.** No update.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

  
Jenny Ebert, Secretary