



Waterways and Parks Commission

Agenda

7:00 p.m., February 22nd, 2023

City of Eau Claire

North Conference Room – City Hall

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023.**
4. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
5. **Business Agenda Items**
 - a. 2023 Waterways and Parks Commission board member review
 - b. Recommendation for approval of easement at the Forest Street Gardens property for Xcel Energy (Engineering Department)
6. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Announcements
 - b. Future Agenda Items
7. **Adjournment**

Ellen Faulkner, Chairperson

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Minutes

7:00 p.m., January 25th, 2023

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1. **Call to Order** at 7:01 PM by Chairperson Faulkner
2. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Kirk Dahl, Ellen Faulkner, Charlotte Hudgins, Gina Keenan, Megan Holmes
Members Absent: Christopher Johnson, Meredith Hollars, Jessica Schoen, Emily Anderson, Joe Maurer, Kate Felton
Staff Present: Steve Plaza, Lindsay Jerry, Matthew Staudenmaier, Joseph Bronner and Jacob Edge
Others Present: Ty Jacobs and Will Ostrander
3. **Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022.**
 - a. Minutes could not be approved because the meeting did not reach a quorum.
4. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
 - a. Time was provided for members to discuss items not on the agenda.
5. **Business Agenda Items**
 - a. **2023 Waterways and Parks Commission Board Member review**
 - i. No terms expired in 2022. Board Member review to take place at the meeting scheduled for February 22nd, 2023 due to the lack of a quorum.
 - b. **Eagle Scout Project Mt. Simon Park**
 - i. Presentation by Ty Jacobs, Eagle Scout, on a proposed Lifejacket Station at Mount Simon Park Launch Ramp. Proposed construction by the Eagle Scouts and maintained by the DNR's "Kids Don't Float" program, with lifejackets provided by Jacob's Jackets and/or public donations, and a concrete pad supplied by the City of Eau Claire Parks Department.
 - c. **Presentation by Forestry Supervisor Matthew Staudenmaier on Forestry Operations**
 - i. Review of Arboriculture in the City of Eau Claire historically and in present time.
 - d. **CORBA Well Site Agreement review and vote**
 - i. Presentation by Will Ostrander on a proposed single-track trail system for non-motorized use by the public for recreational purposes, to be designed, constructed, and maintained by CORBA.
6. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Announcements
 - b. Future Agenda Items
7. **Adjournment** at 8:26 pm

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MEMORANDUM**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Date: *February 16, 2023*

To: *Waterways and Parks Commission*

From: *Corey Lee, Budget Analyst*

Subject: *Recommendation for Approval of Easement at Forest Street Gardens Area*

Please place an item on the next Waterways & Parks Commission agenda to discuss and make a recommendation on the above-referenced item.

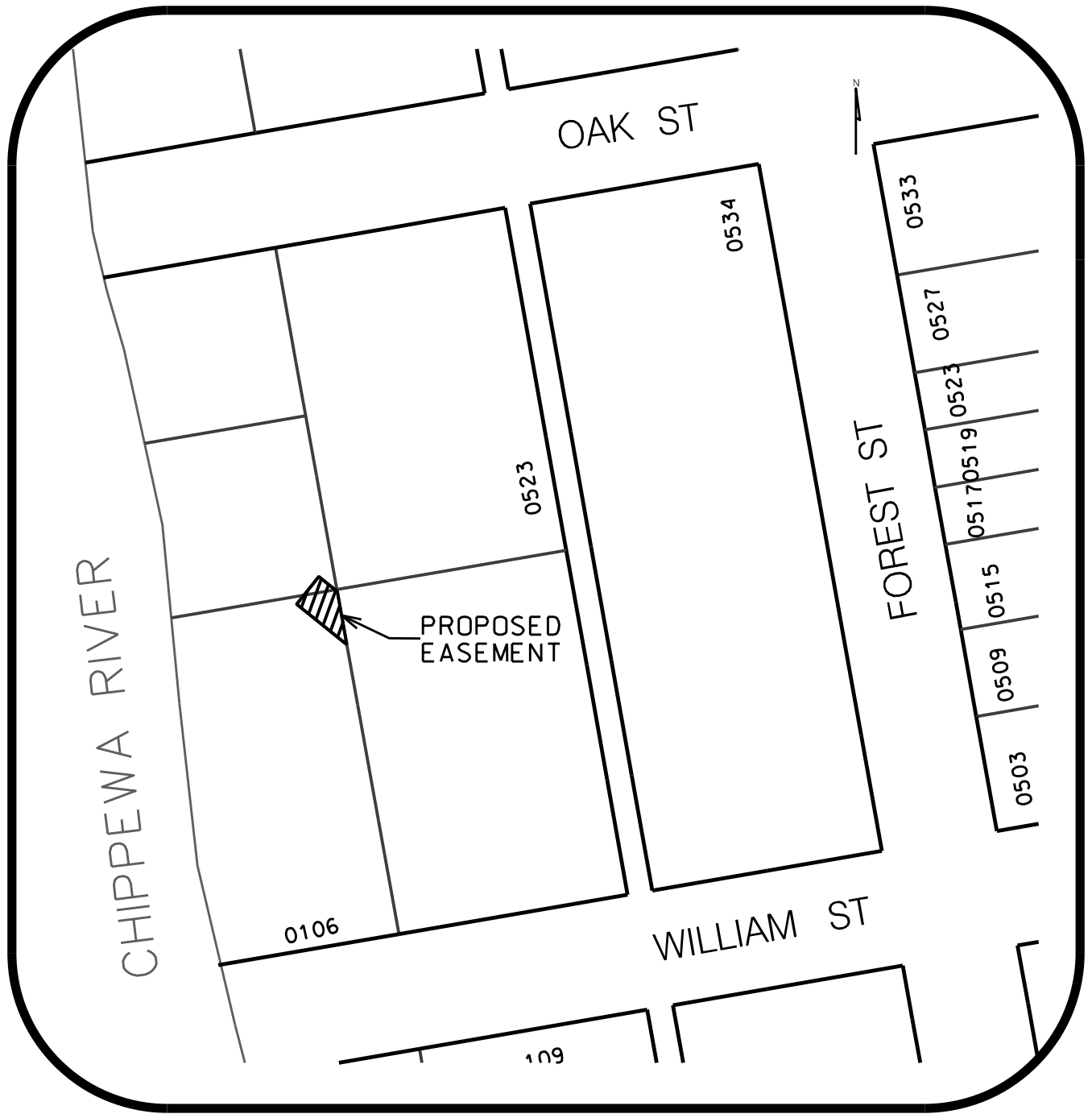
The City has received a request from Xcel Energy for an electrical underground distribution easement to be located on the Forest Street Gardens area, Parcel No. 08-0387, generally located north of William Street and west of Forest Street. Xcel needs to replace the existing shield wire on the transmission line running north-south along the river with a fiber optic (OPGW) cable. In this case, they are not able to string this fiber optic directly into the substation overhead due to the proximity of electrified components.

The easement area being requested is approximately 500 square feet (20-ft by 25-ft) and beneath the existing transmission line. Xcel's installation of the underground facility will be directionally drilled and all soil disturbances will be restored. No trees should be impacted in this process.

This fiber optic connection will enable better communication throughout the network between substations thus increasing response times and reliability. Xcel plans to transition from overhead to below ground at the transmission line structure #29, then cut over to the adjacent Xcel Energy-owned parcel and continue underground into the substation control house.

The Plan Commission will review this easement request at their meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023. If approval is recommended, City Council would then review a resolution to grant the easement at the Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Legislative Session.

City staff recommends approval of the easement agreement.



106 WILLIAM STREET
UTILITY EASEMENT

Xcel Energy Underground Fiber Optic Installation Forest Street Gardens Area

