



Waterways and Parks Commission

Agenda

5:30 p.m., June 26th, 2024

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, May 22nd, 2024.**
4. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
 - a. The public comment period will be for 20 minutes. Each speaker shall be permitted no more than 3 minutes to speak and shall only speak once per session.
5. **Business Agenda Items**
 - a. Recommendation for approval of the proposed 2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan Presentation by Steve Plaza, Parks Manager and Corey Lee, Budget Analyst
 - b. Recommendation for approval of a Public Art Application for a mural near the Chippewa River
6. **Discussion and Direction**
 - a. Announcements
 - i. Continuation of the discussion on graffiti at Mt Simon
 - b. Future Agenda Items
7. **Adjournment**

Ellen Faulkner, Chairperson
c: News Media

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Waterways and Parks Commission

Minutes

5:30 p.m., May 22nd, 2024

City of Eau Claire

North Conference Room – City Hall

1. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Faulkner at 5:31 pm
2. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Christopher Johnson, Don Wisner, Ellen Faulkner, Mark Stanley, Erin LaFaive, Megan Holmes, Gina Keenan, Joe Maurer
Members Absent: Clara Serrano, Meredith Ball, Aaron Brewster
Staff Present: Steve Plaza, Al Rinka, John Lofgren, Lindsay Jerry
Others Present: Andrejs Lazda, Craig Menning, Mary McManus, Willi Cheney
3. **Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024.**
Motion to approve by Commissioner Johnson, the motion was seconded Commissioner Stanley.
The minutes pass with no amendments.
4. **Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on this Agenda**
 - a. The public comment period will be for 20 minutes. Each speaker shall be permitted no more than 3 minutes to speak and shall only speak once per session.
5. **Business Agenda Items**
 - a. **Recommendation for approval of street vacation of a portion of Cedar Street**
Presentation by Al Rinka, Deputy City Engineer.
 - i. An adjacent land owner has petitioned the city to vacate a section of Cedar Street so that his business can utilize the lot. A twenty-five foot wide easement would connect the end of Cedar Street to the Half Moon Lake Trail, which will run from Madison Street to Roosevelt Elementary School.

The Commission asked questions of staff:

What is the benefit to the city? Per Al Rinka, the city would like to encourage business development. The property would be maintained better, and the city would get taxes on it. The petitioner would get what he needs, and because of the existing utility easement and planned trail easement, the space would remain undeveloped. It is currently used as a truck turnaround. Vacating the lot would allow the business to continue use of the space without encroaching on city property.

How far is the buffer that the business owner can't build on? Al Rinka estimated twenty feet.

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The Commission noted that the area is zoned residential.

What was the Neighborhood Association's opinion? Per Al Rinka, they needed more information before they were willing to approve it.

- ii. Commissioner LaFaive moves to recommend against vacation of that portion of Cedar Street, Commissioner Wisner seconds the motion. Seven Commissioners vote to recommend against, with Commissioner Holmes abstaining.

6. Discussion and Direction

a. Announcements

i. Discussion on graffiti at Mt Simon

Per Commissioner Holmes, Nick Meyer, owner of Volume One and Chippewa River Trolley Company, approached her about potentially including this part of Mount Simon Park when Chippewa River Trolley Company partners with Beaver Creek Reserve for the Urban Nature Adventure Tour. The location is scenic, but has graffiti and litter.

Per Steve Plaza, there has been paint on the rocks at the "Top of the World," the bluffs at upper Mount Simon Park, for a long time. There are two ways to clean sandstone. Sand-blasting it would deface the rock, and graffiti remover chemicals would require the rocks to be power washed.

Commissioner LaFaive offered to consult a geologist at UWEC.

Commissioner Maurer offered to connect with a landscape maintenance company.

ii. Update from the Friends of the Eau Claire Wells group

Presentation on the City's agreement with CORBA regarding a trail system at the City Well Site by Andrejs Lazda, Founder of Friends of the Wells and member of CORBA.

Mr. Lazda outlined the proposed compromise themes from the Friends of the Wells Group, including accounting for resident privacy, limiting the impact on the ecosystem with no trails on the slope, and hosting no large events like races or clinics at the City Well Site. The Friends of the Wells is asking for the city to limit the number of trails and bring them down off of the slope, and is not looking for detailed involvement.

Additional presentation by Craig Menning, member of Friends of the Wells, on the sandy soil composition at the Well Site, with materials prepared by John Dunn. The presentation focused on the area's geological potential for erosion.

Per Mr. Plaza, before trail development happens on the Wells Site, Friends of the Wells will see the plan.

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- b. Future Agenda Items
 - i. CIP Program

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Ellen Faulkner, Chairperson
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PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Capital Improvement Plan

To: Waterways and Parks Commission

Date: June 26, 2024

From: Steve Plaza

Description: 2024-2024 Capital Improvement Plan

Location: N/A

Background: The proposed Capital Improvement Plan is a five-year plan created with careful planning by the City staff. When adopted, a capital improvement plan is used to direct ongoing capital investments to achieve strategic goals of the City.

Justification: A capital project is deemed as such when the end project holds a value of at least \$5000 and possesses a useful life of greater than one year: Below is a list of proposed 2025 CIP Project:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Allocated</u>
Half Moon Lake Endothall Treatment	2025	\$100,000
Half Moon Lake Alum Treatment	2025	\$60,000
Playground Replacement	2025	\$250,000
Sport Court Replacement	2025	\$70,000
Carson Park Baseball Facility	2025	\$4,000,000
Mt. Simon Playground	2025	\$150,000

Proposed Motion: I move that the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presented as the document on file in the Office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection during normal business hours, is recommended for approval by the Waterways and Parks Commission.

Proposed Location: Various

Facilities Features: See Above

Storm Water: N/A

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

City Comprehensive Plan: Yes

Financial: CIP Budgeted

LAWCON: N/A

MEMORANDUM**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Date: June 26, 2024

To: City of Eau Claire - Plan Commission

From: Steven Plaza: Parks, Forestry & Cemetery Manager

Subject: 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan Review & Recommendation

The proposed 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan is [available online here](#) for your review.

The responsibility of the Waterways and Parks Commission is to determine that the CIP is consistent with the Waterways and Parks plans.

A motion to declare the projects consistent with the City of Eau Claire Waterway Plan and the Parks Plan will be placed on the agenda for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Plaza
Parks, Forestry & Cemetery Manager



Fund 450-Parks & Recreation

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Fund 450 - Expenditure Summary

Proposal Name	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
450-001: Parks & Recreation-Half Moon Lake Endothol Treatment	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
450-002: Parks & Recreation-Half Moon Lake Alum Treatment	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
450-003: Parks & Recreation-Playground Replacement	\$250,000	\$145,000	\$0	\$145,000	\$0	\$540,000
450-004: Parks & Recreation-Sport Court Replacement	\$70,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$220,000
450-005: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Well Pump Refurbish	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$90,000
450-006: Parks & Recreation-Surveillance Equipment	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000
450-007: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Band Shell	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
450-008: Parks & Recreation-Riverview North Pavillon Renovation	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
450-009: Park & Recreation-Dock Replacements-Riverview & Mt. Simon Boat Landing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
450-010: Parks & Recreation-ADA Projects	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000
450-011: Parks & Recreation-C/W Staining Projects-Phoenix Farmers Market, Forest Street Corn Crib, and Suspension Bridge	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$75,000
450-012: Parks & Recreation-Carson Park Historic Grandstand Improvements	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000
450-013: Parks & Recreation-Mt. Simon Play Structure	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
450-014: Parks & Recreation-Shelter Roof Replacement Program	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$150,000
450-015: Parks & Recreation-Sunnyview School Lead Abatement-Carson Park	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000
TOTAL	\$4,630,000	\$420,000	\$575,000	\$335,000	\$690,000	\$6,650,000

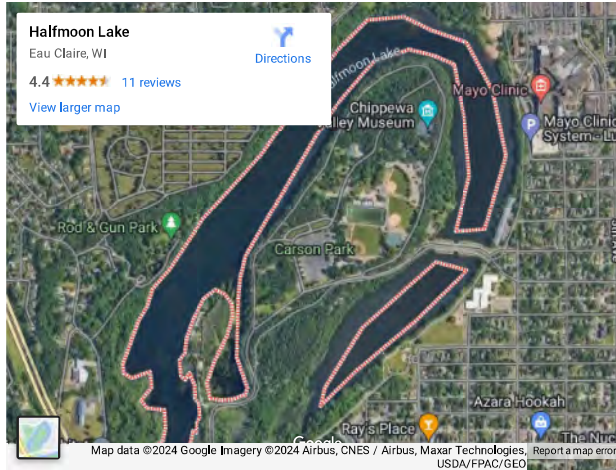
Fund 450 - Revenue Summary

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$480,000	\$390,000	\$475,000	\$305,000	\$440,000	\$2,090,000
Grant	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Promissory Notes-Tax Supported	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$1,950,000
Donation	\$550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000
General Obligation Promissory Notes-One-Year Plus	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$4,630,000	\$420,000	\$575,000	\$335,000	\$690,000	\$6,650,000



450-001: Parks & Recreation-Half Moon Lake Endothall Treatment

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Other
 Useful Life: 10 Years
 Category: Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-001

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000

Description

Ongoing endothall treatments at Half Moon Lake. Early spring treatments of endothall prevent the growth of invasive aquatic species such as curly-leaf pondweed. The City will seek to utilize DNR grant funding to finance up to \$200,000 of the total costs.

Justification

Maintaining Half Moon Lake's water quality requires ongoing herbicide treatments.

This project is consistent with the Waterway Plan, Park and Open Space Plan, and supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets

- Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces
- Goal #4 Develop connected neighborhoods
- Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-002: Parks & Recreation-Half Moon Lake Alum Treatment

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Other
 Useful Life: 10 Years
 Category: Recurring
 Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-002

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$300,000

Description

Since 2009 The City of Eau Claire and the WI DNR has been treating Half Moon Lake to improve water quality and it's recreational uses. The Parks Department has applied for a DNR Grant to help support this effort since 2009. Depending on the water quality in 2023 we may need to go for another round of Alum Treatment in 2024 and 2025. Alum helps encapsulates the phosphorus on the bottom of the lake. If treatment is need in 2024 & 2025 the Parks Department will apply for a DNR Lake Protection Grant to help offset the cost.

Justification

This project meets Strategic Goals #2 and #4 by providing a safe environment for the City.

The City and DNR has spent a lot of time and resources on the water quality of Half Moon Lake and we don't want to see the water quality regress. If additional treatment of Alum is needed it is best to treat it early instead of later.



450-003: Parks & Recreation-Playground Replacement

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset-Replacement
Useful Life: 20 Years
Category: Recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-003

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$250,000	\$145,000	\$0	\$145,000	\$0	\$540,000
TOTAL	\$250,000	\$145,000	\$0	\$145,000	\$0	\$540,000

Description

The goal is to provide playgrounds that meet ASTM standards, and provide more accessibility, replacement of aging play structures is imperative. The useful life of outdoor play equipment is 15-20 years. We have 10 playgrounds in our system that were installed in the 1990s. In addition, obtaining suitable replacement parts for these structures is difficult because they are obsolete as industry standards continue to change and improve.

Justification

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

Goal #4 Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-004: Parks & Recreation-Sport Court Replacement

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: Asset-Replacement
Useful Life: 25 Years
Category: Non-recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-004

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$70,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$220,000
TOTAL	\$70,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$220,000

Description

A comprehensive audit of 13 basketball courts was completed in 2013, to develop appropriate repair programs with a 20-year maintenance budget. Some court conditions are beyond repair and will require re-surfacing because cracks and uneven surfaces can create hazards.

Justification

This request is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Park and Open Space Plan, and the current City's strategic goals and objectives #2 and #6.

Goal #2 Provide excellent recreational parks and open spaces

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-005: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Well Pump Refurbish

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
Type: City Facility-Upkeep
Useful Life: 10 Years
Category: Recurring
Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-005

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$90,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$90,000

Description

The City's high-capacity wells need maintenance to ensure proper functioning.

Justification

This project supports enhancing existing recreational opportunities by refurbishing wells that are used to redirect groundwater away from Owen Park.

This request is consistent with the goals of the Eau Claire Waterways Plan and the City's strategic goals and objectives #6.

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-006: Parks & Recreation-Surveillance Equipment

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-New
 Useful Life: 10 Years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-006

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
General Obligation Promissory Notes-One-Year Plus	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000

Description

Installation of I.T. equipment and infrastructure to allow for thorough surveillance of City park facilities. Installation of cameras, alarms, etc.

Justification

Technology can be a useful way to deter the vandalism of public facilities. Vandalism is both expensive to remove and can deter people from using park facilities, reducing engagement between residents and making parks less fun.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #3, #4, and #6.

This project meets

Goal #3 Utilize technology to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness

Goal #4 Develop connect neighborhoods

Goal #6 Create venues and spaces to connect people



450-007: Parks & Recreation-Owen Park Band Shell

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Upkeep
 Useful Life: 25 Years
 Category: Non-recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-007

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000

Description

A study of all City facilities noted that the bandshell at Owen Park needs repairs. Since the bandshell is adjacent to the river it floods most springs, creating more damage. The study listed the following items: wood frame, stucco finish, steel door, concrete foundation, and basement, wiring, and decorative lighting. The shell leaks when it rains and the entire structure needs to be improved including upgrades to electrical systems to accommodate new technology. This will help perform an engineering study of the shell and begin the repairs.

Justification

Without proper maintenance of the bandshell, it may deteriorate to the point of being unusable. The Parks and Rec staff currently make repairs when needed but the "bones" of the structure need major repairs. This structure is on the Historical Register and great caution needs to be followed to ensure proper restoration of the facility. The goal is to preserve the historical feel of the bandshell but update it to accommodate current and future needs. The 100th birthday of the structure will be in 2038 and it is our goal to have it last for another 100 years.

This request supports the City's strategic goals and objectives #1, #2, #4, and #6.

This project meets

- Goal #1 - Support and grow the region, Promote downtown development
- Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open space
- Goal #4 - Develop connected neighborhoods
- Goal #6 - Organize special programs for neighborhoods



450-008: Parks & Recreation-Riverview North Pavilion Renovation

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Replacement
 Useful Life: 25 years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-008

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000

Description

The pavilion in Riverview Park is one of our most popular pavilions to rent. Although the location is beautiful the pavilion itself does not have enough power to plug in more than 2 crock pots and the concrete foundation is deteriorating. We receive complaints that the electrical needs for the shelter are inadequate (only 15 amp breakers) and the concrete is a tripping hazard.

Justification

We plan on increasing the power to the pavilion to accommodate our current demand and repouring the concrete floor to make it a safe area to gather.

This request is consistent with the City's strategic goals and objectives #1, #2, #4, #6.

Goal #1 - Support and grow the region, Promote downtown development

Goal #2 - Provide excellent recreational parks and open space

Goal #4 - Develop connected neighborhoods

Goal #6 - Organize special programs for neighborhoods



450-009: Parks & Recreation-Dock Replacements-Riverview & Mt. Simon Boat Landing

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Replacement
 Useful Life: 20 Years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-009

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Promissory Notes-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000

Description

The replacement of the two aging docks with new ones is essential due to their deteriorating condition and the significant maintenance they require. The aging docks not only pose safety hazards but also incur escalating maintenance costs, which are likely to outweigh the expenses of installing new structures. By investing in new docks, we ensure the safety of users and visitors while reducing ongoing maintenance burdens. Moreover, modern docks will likely offer improved functionality and durability, enhancing the overall experience for users and extending the lifespan of our waterfront infrastructure. This strategic investment aligns with our commitment to maintaining high standards of safety, efficiency, and sustainability in our facilities.

Although these docks are functional, they require a lot of time for maintenance and have seen better days. Our free boat ramps are used by residences and visitors alike and they are expecting a quality dock. With new docks it will enhance a visitor's experience, help with safety concerns and reduce our staff time maintaining the structures.

Justification

This meets the City's Strategic Goal and Objective:

#2 Provide safe, functional, and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

#3 Develop, nurture, and revitalize safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods.

#6 Create engaging opportunities to make Eau Claire livable, lovable, and fun.



450-010: Parks & Recreation-ADA Projects

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Infrastructure-New
 Useful Life: 50 Years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-010

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Promissory Notes-Tax Supported	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$200,000

Description

In 2019 the city set aside \$200,000 for ADA improvements to the City Parks, these funds were used for improvements to Brauns Bay, Demmler Park, Fairfax Park, Jeffers Park, Mitcher Park, Carson Park, Birch Pavilion and Owen Park Bandshell. The improvements That the Parks Department made could not have been absorbed in the Parks Operating Budget and they benefited access and safety improvements to our shelters and playgrounds. We are requesting that funds be set aside on a two-year rotating basis to improve our ADA compliance in the parks. These funds could be used for restroom modifications, access to facilities, ramps or other repairs that are needed in our Park System.

Justification

This meets the City's Strategic Goals and Objectives:

#2 Provide safe, functional, and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

#4 Develop, nurture, and revitalize safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods.

#5 Facilitate an engaged community.

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450-011: Parks & Recreation-C/W Staining Projects

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Upkeep
 Useful Life: 25 Years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-011

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$75,000

Description

Regular staining of park structures is essential for preserving their longevity and enhancing their aesthetic appeal. Staining acts as a protective barrier against various environmental factors such as moisture, UV rays, and mold, which can lead to deterioration and rotting of the wood. By maintaining a consistent staining schedule, parks can prevent costly repairs and replacements, ultimately saving taxpayers money in the long run. Additionally, staining rejuvenates the appearance of the structures, making them more inviting to park visitors and contributing to the overall ambiance of the recreational area. Ensuring the structural integrity and visual attractiveness of park amenities through regular staining not only extends their lifespan but also enhances the overall enjoyment and safety of the park experience for the community.

Our wooden structures need to be taken care of and part of the maintenance is staining them on a regular basis. There are highly visible structures, Suspension Bridge, Forest Street Corn Crib, Phoenix Farmers Market and Fan Deck are seen by hundreds of thousands of people each year and represent the city. If these are not maintained, they will become eyesores and cost much more to reconstruct in the long term.

Justification

This meets the City's Strategic Goals and Objectives:

#2 Provide safe, functional, and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

#4 Develop, nurture, and revitalize safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods.

#5 Facilitate an engaged community.

#6 Create engaging opportunities to make Eau Claire livable, lovable, and fun.



450-012: Parks & Recreation-Carson Park Historic Grandstand

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza

Type: Asset-Replacement

Useful Life: 50 Years

Category: Non-recurring

Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-012

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Grant	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Promissory Notes-Tax Supported	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000
Donation	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
TOTAL	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000

Description

The Historic Cason Park Baseball Stadium was built in 1935 and has seen very few major improvements over the years. Although the Parks Department maintains the facility very few CIP projects have been done since its construction. The building and stand have seen better days, and we would like to begin improving the grandstand and bleachers. The following are improvements that need to be done to ensure the facility will last a few more generations: Demo existing bleachers, underground LP storage tank, power to project, add stairways to lower parking lot, site work & ADA grading, steel column & roof repair, press box renovation or relocation, pathway & site lighting, storm line extension, reconstruct Half Moon Drive & bus access, improve walking access to downtown, add steps 7 trail to playground, add signage & wayfinding, repave parking lot.

Carson Park along with the Carson Park Baseball Stadium is in the center of the City and has a multitude of activities scheduled inside the stadium. All City High Schools, University, private ball clubs and youth groups use this stadium for baseball games. There are also special activities which have used this in the past from circuses and concerts. The Park and the Stadium have become an Intracel part of people's lives and summertime fun. If nothing is done with the stadium it will slowly become obsolete and unsafe to use. Funds need to be dedicated to keep this City's asset in use for many generations.

Justification

This project will meet the Strategic Goals outlined by City Council of:

#1 Support economic prosperity for all with diverse, creative, economic development and inclusive housing options

#2 Provide safe, functional, and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

#4 Develop, nurture, and revitalize safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods.

#5 Facilitate an engaged community.

#6 Create engaging opportunities to make Eau Claire livable, lovable, and fun.

#7 Nurture community-wide opportunities for personal learning, growth, and development.



450-013: Parks & Recreation-Mt. Simon Play Structure

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Replacement
 Useful Life: 20 Years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 1

Sources

450-013

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Donation	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

Description

The City of Eau Claire received notification of an anonymous donation for the betterment of Mt. Simon Park. The play structure in the park is over 20 years old and in need of replacement. Staff would like to replace the current structure with this donation. The structure will be designed for all and include a pored-in-place surface where needed to accommodate mobility challenges.

Justification

This structure will meet the Strategic Goals:

#2 - Provide safe, Functional and Accessible Infrastructure

#4 - Develop, Nurture, Revitalize by Connecting Neighborhoods

#5 - Facilitate Community

#6 - Create Engaging Opportunities to ma Eau Claire Livable, Lovable & Fun

#7 - Nurture Opportunities for Personal Growth - this play structure will be free of charge to all socio-economic individuals and their families



450-014: Parks & Recreation-Shelter Roof Replacement Program

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan

Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Upkeep
 Useful Life: 40 Years
 Category: Recurring
 Priority Level: 2

Sources

450-014

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$150,000

Description

Many of the Park shelters and restrooms in town are over 25 years old and have asphalt shingles, these shingles are deteriorating. The Parks Team patches the roofs when needed. Most of the shelter and restroom roofs need a total replacement however our staff is stretched with their daily park maintenance throughout the summer and our operating budget can't afford to replace asphalt roofs with metal roofs. The shelters and restrooms in Cannery Park are metal and will have little to no maintenance for the life of these structures. The Parks Department's goal is to slowly convert our asphalt roofs to metal roofs to reduce maintenance and protect our assets. Metal roofs will reduce water damage to the structure and reduce our maintenance of these structures allowing staff to maintain the parks.

Replacing deteriorating asphalt roofs with metal roofs in parks offers several advantages metal roofs provide superior durability and longevity compared to asphalt, reducing maintenance costs and ensuring long-term structural integrity. Additionally, the steep pitch of these roofs makes them susceptible to damage from elements like heavy rainfall and snow accumulation, making metal roofs an ideal choice due to their ability to shed water and withstand harsh weather conditions more effectively. The aesthetic appeal of metal roofs can enhance the overall appearance of the parks. Overall, transitioning to metal roofs not only addresses the immediate need for replacement but also offers lasting benefits in terms of durability, weather resistance, and aesthetic improvement.

We are proposing a semi-annual basic replace the most critical roofs starting in 2026. With this program, we can manage the replacement cost and allow staff to coordinate the work and locations for replacement.

Justification

This meets the City's Strategic Goals and Objectives:

#2 Provide safe, functional, and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

#4 Develop, nurture, and revitalize safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods.

#5 Facilitate an engaged community.



405-015: Parks & Recreation-Sunnyview School Lead Abatement-Carson Park

2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan



Project Information

Contact: Steve Plaza
 Type: Asset-Upkeep
 Useful Life: 20 Years
 Category: Non-Recurring
 Priority Level: 3

Sources

450-015

Itemization Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Transfer from Community Enhancement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000

Description

We are seeking funding to repaint a historical one-room schoolhouse that currently contains lead paint requiring abatement. Preserving this significant piece of our cultural heritage is paramount, and repainting the structure is essential to ensuring its longevity and continued use for educational and community purposes. By addressing the presence of lead paint, we not only mitigate health risks but also uphold safety standards for all who visit or utilize the space. Additionally, this restoration effort aligns with our commitment to historical preservation, enriching our community's understanding and appreciation of its past.

Justification

This meets the City's Strategic Goals and Objectives:

#2 Provide safe, functional, and accessible infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

#3 Develop, nurture, and revitalize safe, healthy, and connected neighborhoods.

#5 Facilitate an engaged community.

#6 Create engaging opportunities to make Eau Claire livable, lovable, and fun.

MOTION

I move that the 2025 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan, presented as the document on file in the Office of the City Clerk and open to public inspection during normal business hours, is recommended for approval by the Waterways and Parks Commission.

Motion made by: _____

Seconded by: _____

June 26, 2024

PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Public Art Application – Grand Ave Plaza

To: Waterways and Park Commission Members

Date: June 26, 2024

From: Steve Plaza, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery, Buildings and Grounds Manager

Description: Accept Public Art Application for Riverside Parking Deck

Location: Exterior wall on Riverside Parking Deck

Background: Julie Pangallo of the Sculptures Tours is working with Visit Eau Claire to create a mural on the exterior wall of the Riverside Parking Deck. Julie has met all the requirements of the Public Art Application and is seeking the WWPC approval prior to going to the Eau Claire City Council for final approval.

Justification: This mural would be in addition to other murals that we placed on the wall in 2023. It would be painted directly onto the exterior wall and not on a sheet of plywood like the other murals.

Proposed Motion: I motion that we accept the proposed Public Art Application from Julie Pangallo to paint a mural on the exterior wall of the Riverside Parking Deck

Proposed Location: Riverside Parking Deck adjacent to the Chippewa River Trail

Facilities Features: Mural on parking deck

Financial: None – Artist will take care of all the cost and prep the wall of the parking deck

Attachments: Application
Design of Mural



CITY OF EAU CLAIRE
PUBLIC ART PERMIT APPLICATION

See Chapter 9.76.230 for details regarding definition of public art.

APPLICANT/ARTIST INFORMATION

Name: Eau Claire Sculpture Tour Email: julie@sculpturetour.org
Address: 128 Graham Ave. Ste. 234 City/State/Zip: Eau Claire, WI 54701
Home Phone: Cell Phone: 715-492-3240

PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION (Attach additional sheet, if necessary)

[X] New Public Art Proposal [] Public Art Proposal Renewal (Date Originally Approved:)
Project Title: Christy Skuban Memorial Mural Proposed Location(s): Riverside Parking Deck (Graham & Gray)
Description of Art Project: Colorful, geometric, abstract mural designed by Tommy Rada and Christy Skuban
Scope/Dimensions/Length of Time Requested: Around 12 ft x 8ft, painted directly onto parking ramp side, July or August for completion
List of Materials to be Used: Paint, primer, brushes/rollers, drop cloth
Site Requirements (living trees, bushes, the river, etc.): Just the wall space

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED (Attach to application)

[] Site plan of the development, which includes at least one of the following:
o Orientation of the Public Art Attached
o Distance in measurement between the Public Art and public streets Attached
o Locations of trees and shrubbery Attached
[] Sample, model, photographs or drawings of the proposed Public Art Attached
[X] Written statement by the artist declaring the valuation of the Public Art \$5,000
[] Certificate of Liability Insurance (\$1,000,000) that names the city as an additional insured Attached

AGREEMENT

The applicant must agree to comply with each of the following terms as consideration for issuance of a Public Art Permit with the City of Eau Claire. The application will not be accepted unless the applicant agrees to these terms by initialing each of them.

- JP The art shall not constitute a public nuisance.
JP The applicant agrees that the art shall be repainted or reapplied within 60 days of written notice by the city, at applicant's sole expense.
JP The city may remove, alter, reconstruct or relocate any public art, or require the applicant to do so, as it may deem necessary at the time and at the applicant's sole expense.
JP The applicant acknowledges that if approved, any public art needs to be reapproved or removed at the end of the term.
JP The applicant has reviewed Chapter 9.76.230 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire and agrees to abide by those regulations.
JP The applicant acknowledges that the City shall not be liable or responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any property of the artist resulting from any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to theft and vandalism.
JP The applicant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Eau Claire, its officers, agents, and employees for any and all types of claims, actions, or expenses arising from the art caused by construction, operation or maintenance of such public art; and agrees to defend the City, its officers, agents and employees, at no cost to the City should any claim or action be asserted.

Your signature below indicates that you have read the foregoing application, know the content thereof and state that the same is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Signature Julie Pangallo

06/18/2024 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Submitted:
Waterways & Parks Commission Recommendation: Date:
City Council Approval Status: Date:
Permit Start Date: Permit End Date:



ORIENTATION: WEST

PLACEMENT: FACING BIKE TRAIL, 110 FEET FROM PUBLIC STREET

PROXIMITY TO SHRUBBERY: AROUND 20 FEET FROM TREES/SHRUBBERY – ACROSS THE TRAIL





CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

6/17/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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	E-MAIL ADDRESS: certificates@spectruminsgroup.com		
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	INSURER F :		

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Certificate holder is an additional insured

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**
 City of Eau Claire
 203 S Farwell St
 Eau Claire WI 54701

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

STAFF REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Mt. Simon Park – Top of the World Sandstone Formation

To: Waterways and Park Commission Members

Date: June 26, 2024

From: Steve Plaza, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery, Buildings and Grounds Manager

Description: Discussion – Mt. Simon Sandstone Maintenance

Location: Upper Mt. Simon Park – Top of the World outlook

Background: Waterways and Parks Commission Chairperson Ellen Faulkner requested to revisit the topic of the paint on the sandstone bluffs at Upper Mt. Simon Park

Justification: Chairperson Faulkner would be interested in working with a small group to discuss the paint on the sandstone, including how to influence the artists to value the place differently.

Proposed Motion: Discussion Only – no action needed

Proposed Location: Mt. Simon Park – Top of the World Trail

Facilities Features: Footpath and Sandstone Formation

Financial: Operational Budget

Attachment: Pictures of the site

