



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

A. ROLL CALL.

Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Brian Johnson, Excused - Ald. Andy Nicholson
Others Present: Dan Ditscheit, Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, Ald. Vander Leest

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Lefebvre to brighten up the parks with colorful fences and painted tennis/basketball courts.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to open the floor for discussion.
Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to close the floor for discussion.
Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to refer the beautification of the park tennis and basketball courts and other amenities to the Public Arts Commission for further discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Vander Leest that as part of the 9/11 Memorial renovation, the main beam from the 9/11 towers should be returned to the original monument, which will be placed at the current location on Dousman Street.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve the request by Ald. Vander Leest that as part of the 9/11 Memorial renovation the main beam from the 9/11 towers will be returned to the original monument, which will be placed at the current location on Dousman Street on the condition that the fundraising goals are met. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Vander Leest to have bi-monthly updates (every 2 months) on the 9/11 Memorial fundraising progress, the initial fundraising letter to potential donors to go out in the next 60 days and the City Park Department to continue to assist in the effort to raise \$100,000 for the 9/11 Memorial renovation.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to direct staff to work with Ald. Vander Leest to develop a fundraising plan for the 9/11 Memorial renovations and report back to the Park Committee in 30 days. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Consideration with possible action on accepting a donation from the Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball group for infield and irrigation improvements to the ball fields at East River Optimist Park.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette, to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson, to close the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve the donation of \$15,000 from the Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball group for the purchase of infield mix at East River Optimist Park. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

5. Consideration with possible action on the approval of the funding sources for the installation of the ferris wheel and a portion of the boardwalk/pier at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve using the 2018 excess revenue from Bay Beach and if necessary a portion of the approved 2018 bonding for the installation of the ferris wheel and a section of the boardwalk and pier at Bay Beach Amusement Park. Motion

carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

2. The next Park Committee meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2018.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Present Alderman. Nicholson is excused.
- Let's go back there.
- Oh, sorry. I'll get that.
- That's okay.
- That was just like a warm-up, okay.
- You're good to go and the camera's all pointed at it.
- The Parks Committee will come to order and will note Alderman Johnson and Alderman Brunette and myself, Alderman Wery are present, Alderman Nicholson is excused. Can I have an approval of the agenda?
- Motion to approve the agenda.
- Second.
- Motion by Alderman Brunette, second by Alderman Johnson, anything you wanna change? Those in favor?
- Aye. Opposed? Motion carried.
- If you could just repeat who made the motion, 'cause I was a little behind schedule, there.
- That's all right, Brunette and Johnson. If we're goin' too fast, just throw somethin' at me. Paddler. Not you, go.
- Everybody's teed up, so.
- Okay, now... Global mats.
- Would be approved.
- Second.
- Motion by Alderman Brunette, second by Alderman Johnson to approve the minutes, any discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried.
- Just give me a moment.
- Sure.
- Computer's a little slow.

- Brewers in the first half here today, right?
- Okay, and we are ready for Item One.
- All right. Item number one, consideration with possible action on the request by Alder Lefebvre to brighten up the parks with colorful fences and painted tennis or basketball courts.
- I guess what I'd like to do is--
- You wanna come up and up?
- For discussion?
- I would like, yeah.
- At this round if you wanna open the floor?
- Sure.
- Made the request. He'll give his name and address and then, he's the one who made the request to me, so. I'll let him just...
- I'd like to make a motion to open the floor for interested parties.
- Second.
- Motion by Alder Brunette, seconded by Alderman Johnson to open the floor for interested parties, those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. I just need your name and address, sir.
- Hi, my name's Paul Boucher, I I 20 Elizabeth, number one. And I go to the parks a lot and I know it's a lot there, there hasn't been as much progress as I'd like to see as far as, the way parks are now? You know like, cell phones have really advanced and people spend a lot of time on their cell phones 'cause they're... Built for them paid a lot of attention to making them attractive. The parks like, the basketball courts haven't changed since the 80's. They put the three-point line in, and they used to have poles, but people kept running into the poles, so they put the arch statue. Since then, they really haven't changed. And the way you paint a court, or the way the court looks, attracts different people. If you had a black and silver with skulls, it's gonna have, attract a certain type of people, if you painted it pink it'd be a different type of people you're gonna attract. So I'd like to request that they paint the basketball courts? I know, like right now they've been painting butterflies, they've been painting frogs, in Madison they paint cows and they paint Buc-ee's. It'd be nice if they had something like, maybe courts, like billboards. I know at Mason and Monroe they have a billboard there, and I see tourists all the time stopping by and getting their picture taken. So it'd be nicer if the parks were more attractive. As far as fences, I think they started putting hurricane fences up around 1970, give or take a few years, and there are thousands of miles of the chain link gray fences in the county. And now they're switching to more colorful fences, but just, the coated fences actually last longer. So if you get coated fences you can have like, let's see like, Redsmith kind of red fences, around East High you got red, purple around west, you know, color fences that would be more attractive. And then like at the Aquatic Center you could have an

aquatic, aqua-colored fence. And so I was just hoping to beautify the, you know, the basketball courts, the tennis courts, and... That's...

- Okay. Any questions from committee, or? Did you have anywhere in mind that you think would be a good spot to start?

- Like a basketball courts? On Eastman there's uh... There's Farlin Park and there's the two courts at Eastman Park. I know there's no lighted courts in town, if you had lights, if, I dunno. There's different ways you could paint it, it could be like a mural, or you could, instead of painting on white you could paint like, just neon colors. Or you could black paint it like, most of the lane area, the circle area, the three-pointer, you paint 'em all different colors. I went to a website called Bright Basketball Courts, and they have bright tennis courts, and there's a silhouette athletes in action, and they have different things that you can put on a basketball court, so there's different levels you can go to. I know we're painting these triangles now in town, and people are actually payin' to paint the triangles. We could have schools involved painting the basketball courts. You could paint the backboards even if you want to, right now they just paint the pink backs around the, of the rim. But there's some really beautiful courts online and I like to attract more people to the parks to enjoy them, and right now, people, they're always tellin' you what not to do, you know? Don't smoke, don't drink, don't do drugs, don't do opioids, instead we should have things that people want to do. Focus on the positive and get people exercising. One of the... There's a lot of weight problems and exercise problems in the area, and things like, there's the, where's that, the ninja, American Ninja? If we had something like American Ninja stuff in the parks, get people to the parks. I know we have skateboard parks, which are really nice, but the buy-in to go to a skateboard park, you're probably gonna get a board, and kneepads, it's gonna cost you over a hundred dollars to just use that, to start, but if you had like an American Ninja, with bright, colorful things, that might get people more to the parks.

- All right, appreciate it Paul, thank you. Anyone else here for this item?

- Make a motion, return to regular order of business.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Brunette, second by Alder Johnson to return to regular order, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. What are your wishes, otherwise staff be...

- Yeah, I can add to that a little bit, so I did a little research just to look at costs and what we, you know, how we could accomplish this. So in the past for chain link fence, when I first started 18 years ago, basically everything in the parks was galvanized fence. And it was the most economical way to do it. Over the last five years or so we've really been trying to improve the aesthetics a little bit, and we've been doing more and more black chain link fencing. Which is a vinyl-coated fencing and as, as he mentioned in his presentation, that vinyl-coating fencing doesn't rust as quickly, it looks a little nicer. The standard colors that are available to local fence contractors are green, brown, and black, and that's it. And the cost for that fencing is about 45% higher than standard chain link fence. If we wanna go with any other color, there are other colors available to get more vibrant. But all of that would be a custom order for any fence contractor in the area. Nobody stocks that material and that, it's not just not purchased that often, but they can make it. What I've been told by one fence contractor is, you can expect double the cost of the black fence to do a custom color. Now, does it make sense in some locations to do that? It might, on a case-by-case basis, so. You know, we can look at that as we go forward with projects and decide where it makes sense to do that. It would be difficult to fit that into the budget and do that in every single situation, but it might make sense periodically, if that's the desired look you're going for. What we wouldn't want to do is paint a fence that color with, you know, just standard paint, because that's just gonna chip away and it's just not gonna hold up over time. As far as the basketball courts

and tennis courts, the only method that we would really consider as a parks staff is if we went with a standard Color Coat system instead of a painted system. You can paint it, but the painting takes regular maintenance you have to paint it frequently, and the bigger concern is with the paint, it can get slippery when it gets wet. So what we would approve is using a Color Coat system similar to a tennis court. That's a proven industry standard for both tennis courts and basketball courts. You can go with intricate designs, which adds cost to do the designs, obviously, versus just one color. And the colors do cost a little bit more too. For example, in our tennis courts, typical tennis court, two courts costs about \$18,000 to do Color Coating to make it look new and fresh. We always go with a dark green and a light green, is what we go with, those are the cheapest colors and it's the standard color. They do offer a variety of other colors though, in that product, if they offer blues, purples, reds, stuff like that. And some of the colors are more expensive than others. But really, you know, it would add about \$500 to the cost of a tennis court Color Coating. If we were planning on Color Coating anyway, it would only cost maybe a thousand or 500 to a thousand dollars to get a vibrant color. So that might be a possibility for tennis courts. Basketball courts, we don't object to doing that either, we think that would add a lot of value and, you know, would just really make the parks look a lot nicer to do it, it just adds a cost that, in the past we haven't done that before for basketball courts. Right now, all of our basketball courts are asphalt and that's it, and then we just paint a stripe on it. And if we wanna Color Coat a basketball court, it costs about \$8500 to do that, to do so. And the cost might go up or down, depending on the, how good of the asphalt currently is, I think the worse condition the asphalt is in, the more prep work that you have to do, the more expensive it's gonna be to do that initial Color Coating. So again, we don't object to Color Coating the basketball courts, it's just a matter of, you know, do we want to budget for that and make that our priority. What I would recommend is, you know, if we wanna discuss this in more detail and make some of these priorities, we discuss it through our bond requests, which we do once a year in the spring when we bring our capital improvement projects forward. And talk about it at that time. And it would really be up to you to decide if you wanna go, you know, just invest a little bit more to add the colors. It's just something that doesn't, it's not free to do it, that's all. I guess my proposed motion would be to replace, to receive and place on file, but if you'd like to think of a different motion, I'm open to suggestions.

- Alderperson Lefebvre, and then.

- I think that's a good idea, you know, to see... You don't have real figures, you often just see what it would cost and maybe just do something, start slow, maybe, you know. 'Cause I can see, I think that would be a good thing to do and yeah, just makes everything look nice, you know, for the neighborhood and for the city, too. It's a good beautification idea. So, I would, you know, definitely support it, but it depends on, you know, cost. And I think, you know, just start slow. That's all I'm gonna say.

- All right, thank you. Alder Johnson?

- I think maybe what I'm gonna recommend and propose is that we kind of split this issue up, I think we're talkin' about two issues, it sounds like at least what's been presented to us, one is the fences, the other's been the courts. And it seems to me that the fences are just something that we can handle on a case-by-case basis is that, the bonding issue as well.

- It's a bonding issue because we only, sorry, we replace fencing through our bonding requests, so.

- So what happens?

- So what we usually do is we ask for a lump sum cost to just do general fence repairs throughout the city. We don't really necessarily put a specific project to it, and we do this every few years now when some of our fencing is starting to look old. It, you know, if you want us to delineate which fences we would recommend as part of that process, we can do it, but we usually just ask for a general dollar amount. And so really what it comes down to is if we wanna go with the more, you know, special colors, which would be a special order, it just means we would be doing less fencing with that money.

- Yeah, and I appreciate that insight. I guess I'm not necessarily inclined to go replacing fencing that doesn't need to be replaced right now. But if, I do take the issue to heart, and that is, there is a huge movement, nationally right now, about public spaces and places where people spend time. And a big part of that is parks and your neighborhoods, and communities all over the country are making investments in our neighborhoods, because again, that's, people spend 90% of their time within five miles of where they live. And they want those places to be warm and inviting and so, I do support the concept, I think we have to figure out the best way to do that. And so when I look at fences, I do see that as, you know, kind of a, something that we would address as it comes up. When you look at things like the courts, I understand the Parks perspective and take on this, I don't know that this is a Parks issue when it comes to, I mean other than having the Parks as a collaborator in this, but the issue at hand to me, it seems, how do we beautify them? In which case then, I would suggest that this is a Public Arts Commission issue. And so that would be my recommendation is that we refer that component of the topic over to the Public Arts Commission to see what they can do in terms of partnering, maybe with our neighborhood associations who might be willing to identify a park. Maybe they're willing to apply for some GBNLC funding to take on a project like this, maybe there's a particular neighborhood association who wants to beautify their park. But I think the Public Arts Commission can be the coordinator of that effort, because it seems to me that that's the heart of what we're talkin' about here.

- Did you want to--

- So I would make that motion that we refer the beautification of the courts and other amenities to the Public Arts Commission for further discussion.

- Okay, motion by Alderman Johnson.

- Second.

- To refer this to the Public Arts Commission, the beautification of the courts, I guess was the discussion?

- And other amenities.

- And other amenities, right?

- Maybe you wanna paint a swingset, bath house, put a mural up, I dunno.

- Any discussion on that? I hear they have a full-time fundraiser now.

- Three-quarters time.

- Okay.

- Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. I think we got into fencing, had some ideas, I would mention I know of one project that's probably gonna get a new fence. On the west side of Colbert, I believe we're doing a new fence, whether it's appropriate or not, I mean hopefully, hopefully we'll go with the vinyl and we'll spruce it up, I mean we can look at something there, we're replacing it anyway. I think you want it to look nice in that setting, not too gaudy, but I'm sure there's something we can do to really look attractive.

- Sure.

- It's funny to receive 'em, is there a motion to receive in place on file for this one and have staff as appropriate bring forward prizes that they think would work? As far as fence color, you know?

- You know, we could just, I mean, it's up to you if you wanna put that new motion or not, we can just go ahead and do that.

- Maybe receive in place and with the understanding that, as things come forward, if you think it's appropriate, you'll let us know, staff.

- It's kind of up to you if you want two separate motions for this or not. Or if you wanna just refer the beautification of the basketball courts--

- I think the referral kind of suits that purpose.

- Place on five for the fences.

- And then we could just work with the Public Arts Commission on a case-by-case basis, whether it's the fencing or the basketball courts and just have everyone motion.

- That sounds good. Any other discussion on that? Those in favor?

- I think we voted.

- Oh, did we already? All right, well, we're done. Thank you, Paul. Keep in touch with Alder Lefebvre and maybe staff, because the Public Arts Commission meets regularly now and they're a pretty good resource, I've seen their art poppin' up around the city and they're pretty creative. I think we can get something goin' here. Thank you. Number two, consideration with possible action on the request by Alder Vander Leest, that as part of the 9/11 memorial renovation, the main beam from the 9/11 towers should be returned to the original monument, which will be placed at the current location on Dousman Street.

- Staff, anything on this first?

- Uh, no, you can just go with them.

- Alderman Lefebvre. Alderman Vader Leest. I am really, I am off today.

- Gentlemen of the committee.

- Oh man, I gotta, I was just takin' a nap half hour ago.

- On number two here, this just talks about returning the beam back to the monument, if we can raise the \$100,000 to renovate what's there right now, right now it's in disrepair. And I think the beam is the main part of the memorial, in other words, it is from the 9/11, from the towers, and I feel that part of the monument should be returned back to the, back to the original monument. There's not a lot of monuments, I think, throughout this state, I don't know how many there is, throughout the state of Wisconsin. And I think this is, you know, a plus for Green Bay, that we do have one, the 9/11 memorial is, it touches a lot of people's hearts and lives, and so we do have the monument here, I think that'd be good if we can, you know, try to raise this money, raise 100,000 and get it back into, you know, good appearance and, you know, that the city can be proud of what's there, so.

- Are you, Alder Vander Leest, are you looking to have the, the beam brought back before it's fixed, or once everything's done?

- No, not, in other words, when we get the money, if we can raise the \$100,000 to do the repairs and, you know, bring all the marble back up to whatever, and I think the Parks Department is gonna have their hand in how it's gonna be done, 'cause they knew about what happened the first time around, it wasn't done properly, it wasn't, it got wet and, you know, so I think Dan is, you know, familiar with what has to be done. I think they did, the Engineering Department did do a study on it and some of it was placed incorrectly, how it was done, that's why it failed so quickly. And some of the spelling and different things on the, I think on the marble wasn't good, the marble is cracked, it's in disrepair. So this would be a kind of, in other words, when we raise the money then the beam would come back. That's my thought, I don't know how you feel about that.

- Questions from committee?

- I'm just curious what the motion would be, what would you want the committee to do, refer to staff, or have a motion?

- Well in other words, if we can raise the money, that the beam would go back to the memorial, where it is, where it was originally.

- Sure. That's something, I'm sorry, Alderman Vander Leest, is that something--

- Yeah, I guess I can, I can kinda respond to that. As far as the motion I think all you have to do is to approve the agenda item, because the agenda item was to, that as part of the memorial renovation, the main beam from the 9/11 tower should be returned to the original monument, which will be placed at its current location, so. I think all you really need to do is to approve it. And to just give you a little bit more background and history on this for those of you who weren't on the Park Committee then, the beam was taken down in 2017 because it was starting to rust because it was set in an exterior application, it wasn't really protected from the elements. So it was taken down to protect it, I've been told that it's currently on display at the police department in the lobby inside. So that's where it is, and it's protected inside. And so we would have no objections if the monument gets renovated and the fundraising is successful to then place it back on the monument, as long as it's done in a way that we protect it from the elements, so we would install it differently than it was originally installed. So, we wouldn't have an objection to do that when the renovations occur.

- I would think that, in order to fundraise that, folks who would give money would want that. You could use that as a focal point, you know, it's kind of an essential that the committee and then the council approve it, so that can be used as a reason. I'd be more willing to give if I knew that was the situation.

- That's good.

- Unless there's any other questions or comments I'd make a motion.

- And I guess, I mean, the only question I would have, I mean, are there any... We don't really have a plan at this point, do we? In terms of whether its going to be renovated or placed?

- We do, actually. What was approved by the Park Committee and City Council last year was to tackle a fundraising effort to renovate the existing memorial. We had a lot of discussion, it went to several different Park Committees, but that was the end result. At first, the motion was to renovate it and put it somewhere else, the motion changed, and then it became, let's do a fundraising effort to try to save it and keep it in the same location and have it look identical, or nearly identical to how it was originally installed. So we did allow one of the individuals from the initial fundraising effort to begin a fundraising campaign, I believe we talked about it a few months ago here at Park Committee, and gave an update to the fundraising campaign, and I think that that's what we're gonna talk about, kind of in the next agenda item, where that sits and Alderman Vander Leest's role in that.

- Okay, so and ultimately why I'm asking is I don't necessarily want to make a commitment to place that beam there if there's the possibility that the memorial could look different after, but it sounds to me like what you're saying is it's going to be the exact same thing as what's there right now, just be finished.

- That is what the committee and council voted on and approved, is to make it look identical with the same engraving, make it look the same, just take care of the cosmetic and the structural issues so that it looks good for 20, 50 years after it's repaired.

- Okay, thank you.

- Thank you.

- So I'd like to make a motion to approve the requests by Alderman Vander Leest that as part of the 9/11 memorial renovation, the main beam from the 9/11 tower should be returned. Will be returned to the original monument, which will be placed at the current location at Dousman Street on the condition that the fundraising goals are met. Like to add that addition.

- All right, motion by Alderman Brunette, is there a second to that?

- Second.

- Second by Alderman Johnson, any discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried.

- Thank you.

- And number three, a consideration with possible action on the request by Alder Vander Leest to have bi-monthly updates every two months on the 9/11 memorial fundraising progress. The initial fundraising letter to potential donors to go out in the next 60 days, and the City Park Department to continue to assist in the effort to raise \$100,000 for the 9/11 memorial renovation. Alderman Vander Leest.

- That's the goal, is to raise 100,000 and, you know, if we can get some community support, I think we can raise that money and anybody that's within our city or Brown County, that's, you know, that's interested in donating, we'll take donations of any size. And I think that we can achieve the amount. If we had, just for example, if we had a hundred people that gave a thousand dollars, we'd have a hundred thousand dollars. But we'll accept donation of any size. A lot of people don't have a lot of money, and whatever donation they'd want to give, that would be, you know, any donation would be welcome. And we're hopin' to raise the money. So that's it.

- Have you had any contact with Barb Jacks?

- I haven't had any contact with Barb Jacks about it. But, she's a citizen of the area, and if she'd wanna, you know, have somebody put maybe, you know, the restaurant.

- Is she the only one right now that's leading that fundraising effort? And how is, and is she in charge?

- I can answer that. So at the last Park Committee where this was brought forward we were, we allowed their group to fundraise. Barb Jacks said that she would kind of take the initial lead on the fundraising. And then at the time, and then at the last Park Committee that we discussed it, basically she hadn't made any progress so she requested assistance from the city, from a councilmember, from a Brown County board member, and at

that committee, Alderman Vander Leest stepped up and he said he would help with the fundraising effort. So really, the two of them have to connect to kinda figure out a fundraising scheme moving forward. Or a fundraising plan moving forward, and kind of determine how they're gonna achieve that goal. I haven't had any recent discussions with Mrs. Jack until, you know, since the last Park Committee where we discussed it, so I don't know if she's secured any fundraising since then. So I think the first step is for the two of them to get together and see where they're at and what needs to be done. I guess as, you know, as far as the actual agenda item goes in your communication, I do have a few questions and I just want some clarification here on how we're going to proceed with this, so. You know, I guess one of the stipulations or one of the requests in the agenda item is for an update to the Park Committee every two months. I don't have an objection to that, so what we would do is we would just have you come forward with an update of where we sit with the fundraising efforts. If the committee wants to do two months, that's up to you. If you want to change that to a different amount of period, then that would be your decision.

- Is there a reason that we couldn't just include that in the monthly report?

- We could just include that in the monthly, in the director's report as a summary, yes, and then it wouldn't have to be a formal agenda.

- I mean, we're talking about \$100,000, it shouldn't, it shouldn't take that long, I guess, to raise that amount of money. If there's truly an interest from the community to do that. And so that's, I mean, I guess part of my fear right now is that, it just seems that the fundraising coordination around this seems a little bit loose. And there's no, at least from what I've heard, at least there's no time period that's been established, there's not a fundraising cabinet that's been established, it doesn't seem like there's been a lot of accountability from city staff to see updates on this and I'm not, I don't mean to suggest you're not doing your job, so much as it is that I don't know that that demand has been created. And so, fundraising can be easy if you've got the right plan and approach to it, and as long as you've got a community that wants to support that initiative. I mean, if it's been since 2017 since this has been talked about and we haven't made any progress, I would say something's broken in that process. And we need to figure out what that is, and if that's this committee's responsibility, I'd like to have that conversation tonight. If it's staff's responsibility, I would love to hear a report back next month on what the plan is, and what kind of timeframe we're looking at.

- And that's also one of the clarifications that I wanted coming out of this meeting, too. For previous fundraising efforts, Parks staff does not typically tackle a fundraising effort. I cannot recall really ever doing that in any instance, since I've been with the city. So if that is the request, then we're not really set up for that. We can look at that, but we've never done it to date. As you can, as you know from Colburn Pool, we usually put it on the donors who come forward to actually create that capital campaign and actually go out into the community and try to successfully fundraise. And so, you know, I guess that's what, when the fundraising was approved, that was the direction that was given to the fundraiser. It was, you know, put together a fundraising packet and a strategy, then get back to us with regular updates.

- Was there a deadline that was placed on that?

- Well I think everybody had an initial deadline of tryin' to get the memorial replaced by this year's anniversary. I think that was the initial goal. But as I mentioned, you know, they ran into a few stumbling blocks and the committee was never formed by then, there was just one individual. So she was requesting help to try and get a committee, get some progress going on it, and that's when Alderman Vander Leest said that he would assist with that, so.

- Well and I guess my point is I think, I've, I certainly value and appreciate all of the the interest in this particular project, but was there ever a deadline established to say, you know what? At some point we're going to not continue to watch a monument decay in our community if appropriate amounts of money can't be raised to fund the restoration of it. So I'm just curious if a dialog had ever occurred, that put a deadline on this.

- I believe, and I'm going off of memory, but I believe that we were shooting for, ending or finalizing the campaign in June or July of this year. I think it was June, but I'm going off of memory, I don't have my minutes in front of me. But I think that that was the fundraising goal and it was approved.

- Okay, so, that goal had, that date's come and gone.

- Yes.

- Is that monument owned by the Parks?

- It is owned by the City of Green Bay.

- By the City of Green Bay. I mean, I'd love to hear from the other Alders about, it seems to me if that deadline's come and gone, we need to take some type of action.

- I want to speak with Kathy.

- Oh, Alder Lefebvre?

- I think the problem, too, is there wasn't a lot of publicity on it. And if there was, it didn't really state where funds could go, who to contact, I think that was the problem too. But what about the community foundation, wouldn't that be a good start to work with them? You know, to get this, and I think you need, you're going to need some lit publicity on this and where can people put the fund, you know, where can you, yeah, put your money in, where does it go?

- How's investments, they usually don't fundraise. That's not necessarily--

- The foundation will help you with the financing.

- No, no, but they, right.

- But you need to bring them your plan and convince them to help you. They won't...

- Right, just do it.

- Yeah, believe me.

- But I think it kinda helps where there's a place that people can, you know like--

- That's some of the information that I've been talking with Dan about, as far as where we can get the money sent. If we're gonna go through the Greater Green Bay Foundation, or if we're gonna go another route. Myself, personally, I'd like to see the, if we fundraise for it, I'd like to see the checks come in and, you know, be in the hands of the, if it's the Green Bay Foundation or if it's the City of Green Bay, whoever's gonna handle the checks that, you know, City of Green Bay has it, it's a City of Green Bay property. We're kinda just in the infancy, basically, Brian, of getting it started, and basically in the next, within the next 60 days I hope to get some letter sent out to a lot of different individuals, where we can start the fundraising and see what kind of support I can get going on it. And that's basically where we're at right now, and they were talkin' about, I want to take and... I'm gonna move forward with tryin' to get some donors and see how it goes in the next, whatever, I'll know. After, I'm sure after the first of the year how it, if money's coming in or if it's not comin' in. And that's kinda where I'm at right now, as far as... I think the previous person, she had some money that was, you know, raised, and somehow or another, Dan may be able to mention how it, what went forward with the money that they had raised and they lost the money.

- Yeah, and I guess I'd rather, I mean--

- If you don't wanna talk--

- I'd rather hear it directly from her versus.

- Okay, that's fine.

- 'Cause I don't know--

- But anyway, my thoughts are that, I'll try to get the fundraising going, send out some letters, and see if we can get some support and see where we're at. And, you know, I would say give us, you know, a 12 month period and see where we're at at the end of the 12 months and see if it, hopefully we can get it raised a lot sooner than 12 months, but, you know, I'd like to see them-- In other words, you have to start somewhere. Nobody's really started and moved forward on it, so. Basically by, you know, gettin'... I just have to find out exactly where the money's gonna go, if it's gonna be the, if, you know, if Dan can talk to the, to the Greater Green Bay Foundation and find out if they would work with us on it.

- Here's kind of a different way, there are a few ways we can approach it. So the question is, if somebody donates money where does it go and who holds that money? Typically the City does not like to take that role. Because of a couple of reasons. One of those is, if the project doesn't happen, then we have to distribute the money back, that could be problematic, especially if the money is being given back on a different year from when it was donated and the person already took a tax write-off on it. That's not something the City really wants to get involved with for that reason. So, one thing we've done in the past is we've worked with the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation in the past for projects, but they have to, you know, want to do the project too and you're gonna have to give them a presentation, and once again, that's something that the City hasn't really gone through that process before, we expect the donor groups to do that. So that's typically how it's been done in the past. And then the third way is if the City were to collect the funds, I guess what I would recommend is that, what we're actually collecting is a commitment for the funds instead of the actual funds. So that we know how much we have and whether, you know and then once we hit our goal, then we'll know what our commitments are. And then we don't have to, if it doesn't happen or it doesn't move forward, then we're not actually distributing any money back to the people who gave money towards the project. All you're doing is canceling the commitment. So that might be a possibility if you want to go that route, I guess that that's an option you could consider, but if we collect the money, then City staff has concerns and the Law Department has concerns with just accepting it, not knowing 100% that the project's gonna go forward. Obviously, everyone would love the project to go forward, but 100,000 is a big commitment for fundraising, and let's say you only collect 50,000. Then we have a tough decision to make as a City, do we front the rest of the money, do we continue with fundraising, or do we give the money back? And it's just not, it doesn't put the City in a great situation to collect that money and have to make that decision down the road, so.

- Would the people committee, would that be a better way to go and have--

- This is under discussion and, we'll have to give it some thought.

- I'm gonna defer to Alderman Brunette right here.

- Yeah, I have some, and Dan, thank you, you've touched on a lot of the thoughts that I had. I have a little first-hand experience with this sort of thing, when Colburn Pool was in the early stages, 2002. People were aware that the pool was near the end. It caught many by surprise so there was a lot of support within the neighborhood, within the general community saying, "Let's save this pool," and we had this very loose connection of people saying, "We're gonna fundraise and we're gonna do this, "we're gonna have a bake sale and we're gonna do that." And Tony, the Park Director at the time, her, I was, you know, on the council in that area. Had a discussion, she said, "Jesse, let's get these folks to slow down "because they're doing a great

thing, "they're wanting to fundraise, "but they have no idea how big that this project is, "they don't understand the legal ramifications of donors "and how to market what you're tryin' to do, "there's gotta be a cohesive plan." So this took, and Chris, you were involved with this, this took six months, a year, through almost the end of my term. Finally what happened was, attorney Bill Vande Castle, volunteered his attorney, you know, capabilities, legal capabilities to draft a fundraising organization. And then that then had immediate credibility in the community when they went and started collecting funds and all kinds of donations and then by then you took over, I stepped away and you kinda used your expertise in this area from your experience with Rush Pool, so. If the committee can't decide on an action, what I would recommend is that we refer this to Park staff to work with Alderman Vander Leest to come up with a fundraising plan, you know. If that means you need to find an attorney to draw out the paperwork so it can be an identifiable entity, a friends of 9/11 memorial, I think that that would, that would gain a lot of credibility and it would address a lot of the concerns that Dan had. What if the fundraising goals don't get met? How do we recognize gifts? All those questions that Attorney Vande Castle just laid out brilliantly for us.

- That is something that the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation regularly does, is they will serve as a fiscal agent for initiatives like that so it might allow us to avoid some of that? But I think your point of referring it to staff, so that they can have that conversation with the Foundation to see if that's something they'll take on.

- Is that all right with you, Dan?

- Yes, that would be fine.

- Okay.

- I think we'll just leave it at that until we get further information.

- Sure.

- I'd like to make a motion to refer to staff to work with Alderman Vander Leest on a fundraising plan. Would that be sufficient?

- Would be sufficient. Chris, I got one question for you, how did the Greater Green Bay Foundation work with your organization, were they a plus or a minus?

- Worked with them twice, once with Colburn, or once with, yeah.

- Fisk. Fisk.

- Fisk, which became Louresh, and that one was seamless, it was perfect. We fundraised the money and, you know, they handled all the accounting of it, all the tax letters, all the reminder letters, all the collections, it was beautiful.

- So they actually collected the money?

- Yeah, and they held it. They did all the accounting work. The second time around, you know, Mr. Vande Castle came in and laid everything out for us, and that's kinda where I started back in again in the group decided not to form their own non-profit, but to have Community Foundation do it again so we had to do a presentation. Supervisor Cory Campbell and I went and laid everything out, we had to show them our timeline, how we wanted to fundraise, the goal, the plan, and convince them to help us. And they took us on, and I don't know if they how happy they did or not, but obviously they fundraised money, the project didn't go forward and they were stuck with a large amount of money. That had to go back and... So, hopefully that won't be an obstacle this time, but. Different project and.

- All right, thank you for your information.
- You just have to go and sell it.
- I don't know if Chris if--
- Alder Brunette, if I could maybe offer... 'Cause I don't think the motion's been seconded yet and I'd like to maybe offer an amendment to that, that. I don't know if 30 days is soon enough to come back to this committee with a report on what the plan is? Because again, my concern is, we still have a monument out there that is in disrepair. And I don't want to leave it out there any longer than it needs to, and at some point, if we can't raise the money, we need to make a decision about the future of that monument.
- Okay, I'd like to amend my motion to add a 30 day report back to the Parks Committee.
- And then I would second that.
- Motion by Alderman Brunette, second by Alderman Johnson. Do you have the motion, Dan?
- Yes.
- Okay. Please clean to have staff work with Alderman Vader Leest and other interested parties to bring back a plan in 30 days?
- Yes.
- Okay. Fair enough. Yeah, I would love to help with you too, but uh...
- Right, thank you.
- I think we just need to get it going, I think even the Mayor mentioned it at some point, he would like to see it in place by next 9/11. And now I can't remember if it was before the council meeting, but he had mentioned that as well, so.
- That'd be the goal.
- Maybe he'd be willing to help you.
- Okay, thanks a lot for your information, thank you very much gentlemen.
- Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you, Alderman.
- Yeah, thank you. Scared we have no date.
- Number four, consideration with possible action on accepting a donation from Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball Group for infield and irrigation improvements to the ballfield at East River Optimist Park.
- Okay, I will start this one off here. So, the Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball Group approached the City and requested approval to donate funding towards the replacement of infield mix at both ballfields at East

River Optimist Park. So what they are proposing to do is to donate \$15,000 towards the purchase of the materials, so the infield mix. And then, Parks staff will actually purchase the materials and most of the work actually installing it will be done by Parks staff to replace the infield mix, but we might actually contract out all but a small portion of it to a contractor who's more suited for that type of work. So we would anticipate that the total project cost would be approximately \$20,000. And so the remaining \$5,000, that would be needed, it would just be taken out of existing park accounts. And so we wouldn't have to ask for any more funding to accomplish this project. And because the infield mix costs a little bit more than what they originally thought that they were going to donate towards, what they will be doing is they kinda pulled the request to donate for irrigation. So we might look at that at a later date, but right now they don't have the funding to do any irrigation out there, so. Right now it's a donation of \$15,000 for us to put towards the infield mix. So we do have a representative from the group that's here. Just speak on this if you'd like to open the floor, that's up to you.

- Move to open the floor.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Brunette to open the floor for interested parties, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Yeah, please step forward, name and address.

- Good evening gentlemen, my name's Eric Hunter, 2406 Heather Court. I am the Vice President of the East Side Youth Baseball League and we've been working diligently the last few years to make improvements to our fields over here at Optimist Park and we've got a couple projects that we've just completed, some new batting cages, dugouts, and we're trying to make what we have the best. We're competing against other areas that have big fourplexes and giant concession stands and bathrooms and stuff like that and we've got our two-diamond facility over here, which is great! So we're just tryin' to make some improvements, like I said. Workin' with Dan, I've only been workin' with him and talkin' with him for a few months but it's been great, I think the relationship's been good and we've been taking suggestions from him to, or from the entire Parks Committee, really, to find out what the best solution would be to to improve our infields. Right now, I don't even know what's on it right now, Dan, do you? Dirt.

- Yeah, it's old. It hasn't been fixed up in a while.

- Yeah, so I don't really even know when the last time it was repaired. I played my youth baseball there when I was a kid and I'm 40 now, so. But there are several things, just. Better playing surface, better drainage, improve the safety of the field just for these kids, I mean that stuff, once it rains and then dries out it's like concrete. The base anchors aren't even, there's a lot of things that need to be fixed. And water's a huge thing, the field kinda sits low. It's got some lips and basically just corrals water onto it so it causes quite a few rain outs, a lot for a fun ball season, as the last couple of weeks. And it'll look better, you know. It's, we're lookin' at a couple different options for for colors and by the infield, so. We just really wanna make, keep movin' in the right direction, we've got a great Board of Directors that's been very active in tryin' to make the parks better, tryin' to attract more kids, more families to our league. So this is just the latest project that we're, that we're workin' on.

- Sure, Alderman.

- I want to say just, thank you, I mean, this is great. When you see community members that come together and put in a lot of time and effort and really wanna make improvements to the spaces that are meaningful to you, so we appreciate that. One question, would you like to help raise money for a 9/11 memorial?

- As my wife likes to say, we have a volunteering problem, so we're raising money, volunteering at schools, scouts, baseball, all kinds of stuff, athletic boards, so. But no, I appreciate that but yeah, we're just... Kinda, tryin' to not, we're not lookin' for a handout, we're just tryin' to make an investment as a league and hopefully, like Dan said, the... We have a proposal to do it the right way, and the proposal we were going to invest in, I don't want to say it was the wrong way, but, we can really get a lot done with this new thing, we just need a little bit of help, so. We're just asking to meet us somewhere and try to get it done. Maybe, hopefully this fall.

- So that's a yes to the 9/11?

- He's a terror today.

- That would be a no, Alderman.

- I'll just echo Alderman Johnson, thank you, we really appreciate donors, especially in parks. I mean, it's how we get a lot of our things done. I know beautification and the East Side are two words that don't go together, but we could certainly try. No, I'm kiddin'. I'm bein' a West Sider. I played a lot--

- We're getting there.

- I played a lot of baseball over there at those fields, and they could use some, in my youth, yeah.

- Yeah, yeah, it's come a long way, it really has.

- It's gonna look beautiful, is this part of the whole project with the new parking lot?

- It will be added to that project now, yes.

- Okay, good, that's gonna be great then. Thank you.

- Yeah, it really will be.

- Any other questions?

- Motion to return to regular order.

- Motion to return to regular order Alderman Brunette,

- Second.

- Second, Alderman Johnson, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion is carried.

- My question I guess would be for Dan or maybe you as Chairman, I didn't see any documentation or anything, the motion itself consideration of a possible action except, you know, donation, it doesn't say--

- What I would recommend for the motion is to approve the donation of \$15,000 from the Green Bay East Side Youth Baseball Group for the purchase of infield mix at East River Optimist Park.
- Okay, I'll make that motion.
- Was there a reason why it wasn't included in the agenda?
- At the time we were still kinda workin' through what they were avail, what was available to for the donation and we were kinda deciding if irrigation was part of it or not.
- Okay, that's fine. I'll make the motion that he suggested.
- All right, Alderman Brunette.
- I second that.
- Second by Alderman Johnson. Discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. This goes to council next week on Tuesday. Can't imagine council saying no. Pretty sure it'll be unanimous, but could be wrong.
- Full moon that night?
- What's that?
- Is there a full moon that night?
- Yeah, right, they ever have. Thank you.
- And John's getting his publicity out there in the halls.
- Oh good, well that's good, that's what we need, yeah. Number five, consideration with possible action on the approval of the funding sources for the installation of the Ferris wheel and a portion of the boardwalk pier at Bay Beach Amusement Park.
- Okay, so I have included in the agenda a pack of two different graphics, and so these are, the first page is actually the construction documents of what we're gonna be building as part of the Ferris wheel site work project, and then the second page is kind of a 3-D rendering of what we're going to be building. And part of it, I included this is it shows how the pier is going to be constructed, but more importantly it kinda shows what we have to build as part of this Ferris wheel project, because once the Ferris wheel's built, it'll be in the way of getting some of the pier and boardwalk stuff done at a later day, and so. You know, at the last Park Committee, you approved the transfer of all available 2018 Bay Beach revenue from the Bay Beach 214 Operations Fund to the Bay Beach 436 Capital Improvements Fund to pay for the site work associated with the Ferris wheel donation. Since that time, you know, it's been a good month since our last meeting, we've been working very closely with the engineering consultant to complete the design. And through the design process our consultant determined that portions of the new pier and portions of the new boardwalk will need to be installed as part of the Ferris wheel project, due to the proximity of the wheel. The wheel's, like I mentioned, the wheel's gonna be in the way and we will not physically be able to build a portion of the pier once the wheel is installed. So, of course this added more cost to the project to include that in there. So right now the project is currently out to bid, it was advertised last week for construction and bid opening and scheduled for October 9th. What we're anticipating is that the entire project will likely cost more than what

we earned in revenue out at Bay Beach for 2018. So what we're asking for is that any expenses over our revenue for this year, we charge the five million dollars in bonding that was set aside for the beach and pier and boardwalk project. And so, because we're building a portion of the boardwalk and a portion of the pier, and that is adding cost to this project, we've, staff feels that that's an acceptable ask, but that's what we're asking for. And I guess if you wanna open, if you wanna talk about it I'd be more than willing to answer any more questions that you might have on this.

- Gentlemen? Alder Johnson?

- So, would it be safe to presume then that the expectation is that you're going to need to use some of 2019's income to cover this additional expense?

- No, because--

- And you're using the bond to mortgage it?

- No, because, we would've had to have built this anyway as part of the pier and boardwalk project. It's just, it would've waited, originally we were planning on waiting to do this work for these sections until the actual project of the beach pier and boardwalk project, the entire project's being done.

- Okay, so I'm sorry--

- And now what we're saying is a portion of it needs to be built early. So if it exceeds our dollar amount of what we have in revenue for this year, we're just asking to tap into that five million dollars, just to build the portions that we have to because of the wheel.

- So we've already bonded that five million dollars and it's sitting in a bank account somewhere?

- It is sitting in a park account and city and Bay Beach revenue is paying off that bond request. On a year-by-year basis. So we haven't--

- That's fine.

- We haven't made the initial payment yet, 'cause we just bonded for it this year, this spring.

- And I don't mean to go too far off the rails on this, but when do you expect to spend that five million dollars? Is that...

- Our plan is to do construction on the beach, the boardwalk, and the pier next year. So we'll do the engineering over the winter with construction starting next year, so.

- Is there a reason we didn't bond for it next year?

- I'm trying to think. We had, we talked about that, I'm trying to think.

- Part of it were the grants, right?

- Yeah, part of it was the grants, and you're correct. So we applied, as part of the funding package, it was five million dollars in bonding, a million dollars in fundraising that the Mayor was going to tackle, and then a million dollars in grants. And so the concern was, if we didn't bond for it initially, then the grant programs wouldn't, might not think that the city's really committed to the project 'cause that's a substantial investment. So by bonding for it prior to that, we could put that in our grant request that, a large amount of the funding's in

place, we just have this small amount that we have to get in grants and fundraising. And so basically that looks favorably upon grants, when you can say that the majority of the funding's in place.

- So that was a--

- I think you're right, I think that was the primary reason.

- Couldn't they just have passed a motion that said we'll take up bonding in 2019? And wouldn't that commitment been just as good? My concern here is we're spending interest on a year's worth of, you know, five million dollar bond and nothing to show for it.

- And I think part of that concern was, it was going to be a new council coming in the next year, and that might've played a role into it. Into the decision to bond.

- That's unfortunate that politics is playing a role in some fiscal management for the city, but. I mean, it's too late, I'm just tryin' to better understand what happened there, but, all right.

- So but like I said, with that five million dollar bond, it's not, it doesn't go on to the taxpayers, so the revenue at Bay Beach will pay that off until it's paid off. We'll pay the yearly payments on it.

- Do we know where fundraising's at? Any idea?

- You know, it's well underway, I guess I'm not at liberty to really give you that update, I know the Mayor will be giving an update at some point in the near future. But I will tell you that fundraising is well underway, I mean it's been successful so far.

- There's somebody who can help with the 9/11 memorial. Huh, gentlemen? What do you, what are your wishes?

- So I mean, if you're open to it, I guess I do have a proposed motion, and that would be to approve using the 2018 excess revenue from Bay Beach, and if necessary, a portion of the approved 2018 bonding for the installation of the Ferris wheel and the section of the boardwalk pier at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

- I, if I could.

- Sure.

- I'm a little uneasy about it, on one hand, Bay Beach has such a great track record and your staff does an outstanding job with the community spurs there, it's new, it's changing for the better. But I think this makes me a little nervous. These pieces aren't, a vote was made previous to this council with anticipation and now it kinda sets everything all outta whack and, you take a institution like Bay Beach that, for the most part, has been meticulously ran, and you start doing stuff like this. For me, it's a concern, 'cause it's almost like, if the projections aren't met, things don't go as smoothly as possible with the rest of the project, fundraising goals aren't met, then it's sort of like, the first domino of something that could lead to a bad, bad effect, and so, I'm uneasy. I generally support the motion and again, due to the track record of the community support of Bay Beach, the fact that we're gonna bring a Ferris wheel here that's gonna be incredible for the community. The buzz is gonna be there to generate the revenue and all those things, but. I'm just uneasy, just so you know.

- And I can, you know, report back, you know, the final numbers at a later date if that, if that helps. So that you know where it came in at and where the money is coming from.

- Do we anticipate the entire project to be more than the five million, or is that still looking like it'll be within scope?

- Well the total project was seven million.

- Seven, okay.

- And so, we haven't completed all of the engineering yet, so basically, like I said, our consultant will be doing that engineering this winter for construction next year. So once we get a little further along in the design, we'll know, you know, where we sit with that project and the expenses, but right now I'm under the assumption that, you know, we're still fine and within budget for that project. And we can always kind of, you know. There's ways to, if we need to, I'm not sayin' we're gonna do this, but if we do what we always do in any project, is we look at, if we're over budget is we look ways to scale back, we look at ways to phase it, I mean there are different options we can look at during the design phase, if we get to that situation and we look at that for any project that we work on, it wouldn't just be exclusive to the beach project. You know, we even looked at it as part of this project, you know? Do we really need to add the pier and the boardwalk in as part of this project or can it wait? And, you know, unfortunately it needs to be put in. But, you know, with any project we have a budget that we try to design to. And, you know, the beach one won't be more different.

- So, in essence, what you're asking, right now we had money for the Ferris wheels and we were gonna do the boardwalk part next year?

- Correct.

- And you're just saying, well we have to do this part of the boardwalk because it's immediately in front of the Ferris wheel so, we need to tap into some of that money for right now because we don't have it immediately?

- Correct, and also--

- Whether we spend it in the spring or now.

- Correct, and also a small portion of the pier, so this, what we'd be doing for the pier, is the initial footings here and the initial footings here, and then a portion of the concrete in this location. Those were not, when we brought the project forward a month ago, when we looked at the budget, that was not on the, the engineer did not tell us that that was going to be necessary, 'cause we were still kinda fairly early in the design process at that time. And as we started working through the details, we figured that out.

- Alderman Brunette, then Alderman Lefebvre.

- What's the profit or revenue stream for Bay Beach over the last five years? You know? What's the trend?

- Well, I don't have all of those numbers, but I will tell you that in 2017, we transferred \$700,000 over to build our concession stand project, so last year our revenue after all expenses was paid, our excess revenue was approximately 700,000. Now, the season is still going on, we still have another weekend or two out there and then we're gonna open for one weekend in the fall in October for a Halloween weekend, so I don't have the total numbers for where we're sitting in this year.

- I would say compared.

- But it's probably gonna be fairly comparable to last year. Exact numbers I can't do.

- That's fine. So with the, and... Getting a little off-course here, all right, so bear with me so I'm not suggesting anything other than what's going on in my head. But my, I guess, if I was cynical I would say, with all the attractions and all the different rides, on one hand we're doing that to keep the park new and interest there in the community, attract the tourists and all that, but at some point, do you feel that, with all the new rides and

attractions, are we going to be kinda cannibalizing the existing riders for the other rides? Like, at some point are we gonna just run out of people to draw in and...

- That's a good question, but we have not been seeing that today. So, you know, when it gets to that point, we may have to re-evaluate, do we add another ride or do we put the money into infrastructure. I mean, we do keep very close track throughout the entire season on our total ridership for every single ride out there. So we can tell you pretty much on any given day how we compare to previous years for every single ride. So we do keep track of that and what we're finding right now is every time we add a ride, we actually increase our net profit out there. And it's been continuing since the Zippin Pippin was put in, every ride we had, that has been the case, and every amenity we have put in. Now, obviously I can't speak to the future as far as whether or not we'll get to that point, but we're not seeing that right now, what we're seeing is increased people out there, year to year.

- If I could, Chair, in a future meeting if, or perhaps under Director support or the agenda item, you could just have a short presentation. Take no more than an hour to prepare, just so we have that basis because of the growth out there, we want to make sure that we can...

- What we typically do is, we usually give one presentation on Bay Beach, so it's after the season is done and then we know the total numbers, and when we pick the projects for the following year. So with the revenue. So whatever revenue we made for the year, what are we gonna put it towards next year. Now in this case, so we usually do the presentation, usually in, I don't know, January, February, somewhere around there. Now in this case, we're spending all of our revenue this year on the Ferris wheel project, so. We can still have the presentation and give you the numbers and the dollars of what we've made, because we usually make that part of the presentation, we just won't be asking for approval to do any projects because we're spending all that money in this project. And that was the approval that you gave at the last Park Committee meeting. But yeah, we do that every year and we'll continue to do that.

- Okay, thank you.

- And we kinda give a history, too, of where we're at and where we're going.

- Alderperson Lefebvre?

- Two things, um, Dan, are you starting some of that preliminary construction this year yet, or is it spring?

- It will be this year, so basically bids are due October 9th, hopefully we have some good bids and we are going to get a contractor there, award the bid ASAP, get a contractor there right away, and the wheel is actually going to be delivered probably in mid-January. So we have to get the footings in prior to that, so that's kinda why we're kinda rushing through this right now, as far as getting the approvals for the funding now, versus waiting for the bids to come in. Because it will take about three weeks, three to four weeks to actually install the footings, 'cause those are piers that go down to bedrock, so the piers are goin' down like about 160 feet and we have to do, I think 16 of those. And then, once you pour the concrete on, you have to let the concrete cure for 30 days. So, you know, there's time to get it in and still make it in time for the delivery of the wheel in mid-January, but we're cutting it close.

- So the wheel's just delivered in January, it's gonna go...

- It'll go up right away when it's delivered, and then as soon as spring comes, we will do all of the rest of the site work. So that'll be the queue lines, that'll be all the utilities, the fencing, stuff like that, that'll all be done, you know, March, April, and May is when that work would be done. And then we plan on opening it when the park opens for the season.

- Okay, 'cause I'm gonna bring this back to the Association too. Could I have some of the diagrams and music?

- Sure. Yeah, I can give you some other ones that are probably better images than this.

- Okay, I can see that.

- Just something that are a little prettier picture for you.

- And then I wanted to mention about the attendance and the rides. I want to compliment the park, finally is putting in the rides for the... For teenagers and adults. Before, we didn't have many of those. And I would say, I knew people that said they weren't going to go there anymore because their older kids don't wanna stand in line for an hour for the tilt-a-whirl, something that's more for older, you know, kids and that. But since they've done that, I've seen the people coming at the park. I just walk over there, you know? We walk through once in a while, and on weekends and a lot of times we try to go later so that people are startin' to leave so we can go on the rides, because there's a lot of people waiting to go on the rides and it's, I think the attendance is, has really kept up there and it's increased now with these new rides, and I think putting the Ferris wheel, something else that is really unique, like the Zippin Pippin was. The Zippin Pippin still has a lot of people waiting in line to ride it.

- All right, I'm gonna. I think we can try and talk about that maybe another time, just for right now we're talking about the Ferris wheel and.

- I just wanted to say for my observation to that.

- Sure, certainly.

- I think that this is a good idea, though.

- Wouldn't want to cut off Alderperson Mother-in-Law. That's your new title, Alderperson Mother-in-Law. All right, any other questions from the committee?

- Last thing I want to do is kinda hold up the installation of the Ferris wheel because of uneasiness onto some part of the process, which you explained so, it makes sense. If you could, if I could read back that motion?

- Sure, how I have it written right now is to approve using the 2018 excess revenue from Bay Beach and if necessary a portion of the approved 2018 bonding for the installation of the Ferris wheel and a section of the boardwalk-slash-pier at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

- I'd be comf--

- Can I just ask one more question?

- Sure, go ahead.

- Is there any advantage or disadvantage of having all of this come out of the bonding money, and having us continue to hold the Bay Beach income? You know? Are there different restrictions on those pools of money that might create more flexibility or more restrictions for us as we move forward with this project?

- I guess I'd have to have more conversations with the finance director on that. I guess the issue is, the only issue that I can see, is the five million dollars was set aside specifically for the beach pier and boardwalk project. So I don't know if you can put that towards other amenities at Bay Beach or not. I can't answer that question without asking the finance--

- But what you're asking for is boardwalk, right?

- Well, we can use the money for the boardwalk and pier, but it wasn't set aside for the site work. So I think what you asked is can we use the five million dollars for the entire project? I don't, I don't know if we can do that.

- You're splitting, I wasn't envisioning the split, like you just explained it. Okay, and you know and again, I was just thinking like, geez, if bond money has to sit in account, you know, where maybe the income from Bay Beach could be invested, for example, and I just, that's the part of the city finances that I don't fully understand yet, I was just looking to see if that consideration had been made, but it sounds like it might be a little immaterial anyway once you split it up.

- I can't answer that.

- Okay. I'm good with it as it is, just wanted to ask.

- Make that motion.

- Sure, motion by Alder Brunette.

- I'll second it.

- Second by Alderman Johnson under discussion. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Informational director's report, updates, recent activities.

- Just give me a moment here. So just a few things just to comment on here, so a storm cleanup has been a priority for the Forestry Department with the two storms we had, we have a lot of trees down that has taken up a great deal of time for our staff. Construction will begin soon on adding sports lighting on Beaver Dam Ballfield, so we've been working on that project for a number of years, last remaining piece to getting it completed was installing the sports lighting out there, so. That will be kicking off any day now. Do wanna touch bases on the elevator renovations, so we had money set aside, I believe it was right around 120, \$130,000 that we bonded to renovate the City Hall elevators. That was designed and bid out. Bids came in extremely high over our budget, so we weren't able to award that bid. So Public Works will now kind of determine next course of action of how we proceed with it, so. I know that that's a project that we've been wanting to do for quite a number of years.

- Will that be coming to an agenda either, Ed Improvement Services or Parks?

- I, it would go to INS, so that would not go to Parks. But I don't know if it has to go on an agenda if we're not proposing as a staff to award the bid. I don't think it goes to an agenda.

- 'Cause I know it's been asked about a lot.

- So as his staff, we're not recommending it 'cause it was so far over our budget.

- Alderman Lefebvre?

- I would like, I would like the elevators fixed so I don't end up being stuck in again.

- So I think what'll happen is Public Works--

- Why are you looking at me, I didn't do it.

- You're the one who mentioned it. Who joked about it.

- So Public Works engineers will kinda research it and come back with a recommendation of how to move forward. Colburn Pool, just a quick update there. So we have two projects that we're working on, one is bidding out all of the, or completing the engineering documents for all the mechanical works and all that. All the mechanical, the basement, replacing that, and also installing a pool liner and fixing the gutters. Our consultant has been working diligently on that, we're probably at about 90% complete with the plans and specs on that, and then City staff is actually putting together the specs and the plans for bidding out the cosmetic renovations to the building. And again, that's probably at about 75% complete would be my guess. So some of the work will be done this winter, and the rest of the work will be done in the spring. We have already, our staff has already gutted a portion of the building, as far as the front counter, the main office and all that equipment in there. We also started renovating the bathrooms, and some of that work our own carpentry crews are going to do the work on that. So, the fourth annual Fit in the Parks was a huge success. So we saw an average of 30 people each week at these classes. Yoga on the Deck, which was our premier class, it averaged 200 guests per week. And the largest group was 257 and can used to that. Also, the Walk for Wildlife was a huge success at the wildlife sanctuary, that was held two weekends ago. They raised \$17,400 which was an increase of \$3,400 over last year. There were 560 walkers and 81 volunteers for that event, so it was a great success. This weekend we have the Autumn Adventure event at the wildlife sanctuary. On Saturday from ten to two, again that's a free event for the public that's sponsored through the Optimist Club, it's a great event. So if you can go up there to see that, that'd be great. And then also just wanted to touch bases on a staff member who has retired. So Karen Zelser, she was a cleaner in City Hall for 42 years. She just recently retired a few weeks ago, and I did want to just thank her for her years of service to the city. So that concludes my report.

- If I could answer on the, thank you Dan, you've been burnin' some midnight oil here lately. I don't know how many times I'll send an email at 11 or 12 at night and I'll get an answer back right away, so. You're definitely puttin' in a lot of hours and it doesn't go unnoticed, so thank you. I know you have a lot of projects on that plate, so. What are the wishes of the committee?

- I motion for receipt and placed in a file.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Brunette, second by Alderman Johnson to receive and place in file, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried.

- Motion to adjourn?

- Motion to adjourn.

- Second.

- Second? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried.
- Hold on, I have to get that last motion to the one.
- The adjourn one?
- Yes.
- Johnson, Brunette. We wanna leave.
- I got it now.
- Late meeting. Don't forget to leave meetings. I was surprising here. Thanks, Dan.
- You're welcome.