



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

**(Immediately following Improvement & Services Committee
which begins at 4:00 pm.)**

A. ROLL CALL.

Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Brian Johnson, Excused - Ald. Andy Nicholson
Others Present: Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen, Mike Reed

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.

1. Request by Ald. Steuer to report on the status of the site plans, site location, fundraising efforts and construction schedule for the 4-K building project at the Wildlife Sanctuary.

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. Request by Ald. Steuer to look at the feasibility of utilizing He-Nis-Ra Park as a fat tire/winter bike destination.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to direct staff to work with Ald.

Brunette and user group to find an appropriate location for a fat tire/winter bike trail within the park system. Motion carried.

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

3. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a \$75,000 grant from the Fund for Lake Michigan for the construction of the shoreline improvement project at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to accept a \$75,000 grant from the Fund for Lake Michigan for the construction of the shoreline improvement project at Bay Beach Amusement Park contingent upon staff providing the grant contract for City Council review. Motion carried.

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

4. Consideration with possible action on accepting a \$50,000 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for the East River Trail Engineering from Baird Street to Irwin Avenue.

Moved by Ald. Jesse Brunette, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to accept a \$50,000 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant for the East River Trail engineering from Baird Street to Irwin Avenue contingent upon the State's final approval of the grant funding and with the understanding that no matching City funds are required. Motion carried.

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

5. Consideration with possible action on the City's role in assisting fundraising efforts by a private group for a public amenity.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to refer to staff to develop a policy for utilizing the City website to help promote fundraising for City park projects. 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 January 30, 2019.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

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

VERBATIM MINUTES

Give me the, like in the movies, you gotta give me the action.

- Action. Go.

- Perfect. Alright, Park Committee will come to order. We'll note that Alderman Brunette, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Wery are present. Alderman Nicholson is excused. I have an approval for the agenda.

- Moved.

- Second.

- Alright, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed, motion carried? Did you get the motioners? Burnette, Johnson? Okay. See approval of the minutes.

- Move it approved.

- Second.

- Motioned by Burnette, seconded by Johnson. Discussion, those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed, motion carried. Give me a hands flailing if I'm going too fast. D, regular business. Number one, is request by Alderman Steuer to report on the status of the site plans. Site location fundraising efforts and construction schedule for the 4K building project at the Wildlife Sanctuary. Director.

- Okay, we do have Mike Reed here who is gonna give a brief presentation on the update and then we do have a few members of the Friends of the Wildlife Sanctuary here who might wanna speak on this also. So, I'll just have Mike come up to the podium and give a summary.

- Good evening. I hope everyone is well tonight. The construction started on December 17th of this year. They've been working on putting in the foundations. The construction area has been fenced off for public safety reasons. The staff has been informed that the construction has been started and they are not to enter that construction area, again, for safety reasons. We're working with DPW to develop some permanent signage to delineate some instructions for visitors, especially the contractor already signs up denoting the area is a construction site and that there's no access, but we're working with DWP on some additional signage for the traffic flow and visitor, pedestrian traffic and things like that. As I said, they started with the excavation of the site. They've made good progress with the excavation. They've laid in the new roadway that we've been

replacing that existing surface path going down there. We had a two day delay in construction due to wetland concerns. So, we brought out the site engineer again, had him re-stake some of the flaking was still already there for wetlands, but we had him re-stake the wetlands, and there was no issues once it got re-staked. It was obvious there was no issues with wetland. We're well out of it. Right now, they're putting in forms. They're forming up areas, compacting soil, gravel, forming the foundation areas, that will continue this week and next. Then the following week, the week of the 14th, hopefully they'll start pouring some concrete in the foundations. They are also starting to work on the utility hookups. So, they're starting to, today actually, expose the existing water line just to the west of the nature center, and they'll be coring in to make that connection to the waterline, and they'll be coring in also to make the connection to the sewer. Hopefully, both of those will be done this week. Otherwise, it'll go into next week to get those things completed. That's pretty much where we're at so far. As the foreman told me today, you know you have a lot of the slow period, and then things will go fast once forms are set and things and they start pouring concrete, you know, things go a little faster. Then, you get the slow period where you're doing more prep, and then you get sort of a rush of things happening it seems like. These projected completion date still is next August. So, they hope to be able to occupy by the building by next August.

- Alright, were there any problems with the site? Any delays?

- Just the delay with the wetland issue.

- Okay.

- But that's passed. There really wasn't an issue there. Once it got re-staked, it was obvious we were out of the wetland, and all the silt screening, everything is in place. So, we're all set with that, and construction just keeps moving on. Of course it's weather dependent. We've had two rain days that they haven't been able to work. We thought in January, you're gonna get rain days and not be able to work, but otherwise, they're making good progress.

- They're also was a delay starting off the project. This was before the project kicked off, which was getting the EPA to sign off on the elevations of the building due to flood way issues. We had to get confirmation from them that what we were doing was adequate. So, that did delay construction awhile, but once that was resolved, it moved pretty quickly.

- I think one of the items here too was on the fundraising. I guess are we complete with that?

- Well, I'll let this--

- Okay--

- Funding project, so I'll let--

- Okay.

- Any questions on construction, gentleman? No? Thanks Mike. You're the money guy.

- As you may recall--

- State your name and address, please.

- Oh yeah, I was gonna do that. I've been before the committee before. I'm Dan Spielmann, president of the Falls Board. As you may recall, we have commitments for 3.4 million, a little more than 3.4 million for the project. As of October 15th, our last reporting period, our treasurer has reported we have about 1.5 million in hand. I would say by now, we're probably close to two million, cash-in-hand. We've paid Keller

Construction their first payment, obviously, out of that. In 2018, we have commitments of 630,000. Remaining of the year. 2019, 500,000, 2020, 360,000, and 2021, 225,000, for a little over 3.4 million. Total cost of the building, basically, right now is at 2.96, two million nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars. We've had a couple of change orders because of the later start that we hoped. We had to have some additional concrete. So, we have a pretty adequate amount of money to handle the project. A loan of 1.25 million from Associated Bank that we will basically need probably in the spring, late spring sometime, April, May. Because obviously, with the pledges not all coming in, the contractor is not gonna say, well, we'll wait till 2021 to get paid. But Associated Bank has been very good. They feel real comfortable with our pledges and who the donors are. We have some very large donors and we have a lot of small donors. If the 1.25 million isn't totally adequate, they are willing to look at. In other words, if somebody doesn't come in right on time, Associated Bank is willing to consider upping that, but we wanna keep the loan as small as possible because obviously we're paying interest on it. So, I think things are going well. Obviously the project was delayed a little bit for a couple of reasons, but I think we're moving forward. Keller is, from what we've heard and seen, a very good contractor. They're really very anxious to get this project done. As Mike said, they hope to have it done August for the fall school year. So, we're feeling pretty good. As I said, we've got some major donors on the board who have committed to the project. So, we're feeling good. We're glad they've got the shovel on the ground, and get things going. If you have any questions?

- When I heard the bridge loan, do you have collateral to back that, do you guys have endowment?

- No, we do not. They're basically taking it on who the donors are and who the commitments are, and since the project is basically 2.9, plus some stuff inside, they feel loaning 1.25 is not a problem, and since we've got commitments of about 3.4, a little over 3.4, I think Associated just doesn't loan money willie-nillie. So, they feel pretty comfortable, I think.

- I was just curious.

- Yeah.

- Yeah, thank you.

- I didn't have to sign. I haven't personally guaranteed it. Not that that would mean anything if I did.

- I think that's all we had. Thank you. Appreciate it.

- Thank you.

- Anybody else here for the site? Anyone else? I don't think we opened the floor, but I thought objection would close the floor. Sorry. Any questions for staff on this? Anything else you wanted to add, Dan?

- No, I don't have anything to add at this point.

- We'll share received replacement file.

- Motion by Alderman Burnette. Second Alderman Johnson, to see who places file?

- Got it.

- Okay. That's what I thought. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Thank you. It'll go to council next week. Somebody may want an update there, they might not, but it might be worth coming to get the full council an update.
- Thank you.
- Appreciate it, thanks.
- [Mike] Thank you.
- You can stay here. You don't have to leave. I hear there's a nice debate going on. You might wanna head over there.
- Define nice.
- You define it.
- To be determined.
- [Mike] It was enjoyable.
- Well, that's good. Number three, consideration of possible action on the approval of \$75,000 grant from the fund. I like it when it starts that way, approval of a fund.
- Number two.
- Oh, two. Okay.
- I don't want that one. We gotta skip that one. Request by Alderman Steuer to look at the feasibility, of utilizing He-Nis-Ra park for a fat-tire winter-like destination.
- So, I did have a chance to speak to Alderman Steuer prior to this meeting. This was on the request of a constituent who is an enthusiast of fat-tire bike riding. I did speak with the individual today. She was actually in here earlier but couldn't stick around this late. We kind of reviewed options and kind of where to take this communication. So, it's something that the parks department is definitely supportive of. It's a great sport. Right now, we don't promote a specific location for fat bikes within the park system as a dedicated trail. So, we're willing to look at that. I know at Baird's Creek, we do have defined trails for mountain bikes, and they can definitely use those trails out there. Out at He-Nis-Ra, one thing that we do have to be conscientious of, is we do also allow hiking and we allow cross-country skiing there. This is through a wooded area that's very hilly. So, the fat-tire bikes cannot share a trail with cross-country ski trail because the two can't share a trail because as soon as you drive over the cross-country ski trails, it ruins the trail for the cross-country skier. So, if we do allow this in He-Nis-Ra park, we would have to actually walk the site and delineate, okay, this is cross-country, this is fat-tire bike trail. We haven't done that process yet. We haven't done a walk the trail system with these user groups yet. There's a possibility we can make it work at He-Nis-Ra, but there's also a possibility that it might not work. We might have to pick cross-county ski or fat-tire bike. We're not sure if we can have the two working together. That being said, they like He-Nis-Ra, but they're open to other locations if we can find them an alternate location. As a staff, we kind of thought maybe Colburn park might be a good spot. We do also do cross-county ski trail there, but we're not limited by a forest. So, there's a lot of opportunities that we could groom both trails and have them coincide at the same time with very little conflict. So, that's another potential location. They're open to that, this group is, but they prefer He-Nis-Ra trail, but they'll take anything. They just would like to see a location where we can find the defined space and give them a location to do it and maybe mark the trails or groom it, and promote it. So, what I would recommend is just having staff work

with these user groups to try and find a location for them where we can work jointly to find a trail system for them.

- Alderman Burnette?

- Yes, thank you.

- Alderman Wery. He-Nis-Ra is in my district. Alderman Steuer, I believe is personal friends with this person. They have not reached out to me with this. Alderman Steuer mentioned it to me. So, I would just urge proceeding with public input from the get-go, because when I was campaigning for that area, my personal opinion is He-Nis-Ra is a very under utilized park, in that it had so much potential. We're kind of split between keeping, preserving, or enhancing the natural aspect, and improving it for probably recreational things, even a playground, in which in my personal opinion, I would love to see there, but the neighbors are very much opposed to some of those sorts of things. So, if you do meet with these folks, and you do do a tour of the park for that purpose, if you could please include me or perhaps maybe me and members of your staff walk through that site and get a pretty good feel for it because I'd wanna make sure the neighbors were informed along the process.

- I can't remember off hand. I did not look into this before meeting. Is there an active neighborhood association for that park?

- There is not.

- Okay.

- No, there is not.

- Yeah, we definitely can get you involved. The next step would be actually meet on site, walk the trail system, then have one of our staff members will make sure to include you in on that, and we may find that it'll work or we may find that it won't. I do know that there are people out there using fat bikes already, and it wasn't this individual, she told me, and I did receive one complaint at He-Nis-Ra that was doing damage to the hiking trails because when you get the ruts, it's hard to walk on it. If it gets rutted and it freezes that way.

- How many feet of hiking trails are there?

- We don't have a lineal footage or a mileage out there. There's some defined, and a lot of undefined trails out there. So, I just want you to be aware that we did receive one complaint on the fat bikes this winter. It was early on, it was the first snow, but that was the only complaint that we've ever received out there on this. So, that's why we do wanna be cognoscente of the public out there and just make sure that if it works, it works, and if it doesn't, then we can work with them to find an alternate location.

- Okay, Alderman Johnson?

- Motion received replace on file.

- Second.

- Receive place in file by Alderman Burnette.

- Would that be appropriate to refer the staff to work with Alderman Steuer?

- I would say refer the staff to work with the Alderman in the district and also the user group to find an appropriate location within the park system. That would be my motion.

- Motion Alderman Burnette? Second Alderman Johnson. To refer to staff to work with Aldman Steuer for the fat-tire group.

- Alderman Burnette.

- And Alderman Burnette. I think Alderman Steuer posted it. Those in favor?

- [All] Aye.

- Those opposed, motion carried? Number three, consideration with possible action on the approval of a \$75,000 grant from the fund for Lake Michigan for the construction of the shoreline improvement project at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

- Okay, so as you may recall, the cost for this shoreline improvement project at Bay Beach is seven million dollars. When the bonding was approved earlier this spring for five million, part of the funding plan was for the city to apply for a million dollars worth of grants and secure a million dollars worth of grants. So, we recently were notified that the city just received a \$75,000 grant from the fund for Lake Michigan to go towards the construction of the entire project. So, per city policy, we do need to get park committee and City Council approval to officially accept any grant. So, that's why we're here today.

- Did we anticipate getting that one? Was that kind of a--

- That was one that they were supportive of it. They actually the fund for Lake Michigan funded, I can't remember the dollar amount, but they funded part of the engineering study, initially. So, this is kind of second round. So, they're excited to see where it's at.

- We knew the amount and we applied? That's what we wanted?

- We would've like to apply for more, but we applied for \$75,000 based on what they told us their program could really allow.

- I'll take it.

- Well, a lot of times these grants come with expectations, which I presume is why council needs to approve them, but are there any expectations beyond what they wanna do with it?

- A lot of times these grants, the reason that we do require the approvals, is just to make sure that the council approves the project, but more importantly, a lot of times these grants are tied into matching funds. So, it's kind of securing the matching funds as part of that. Now in this case, we have the matching funds, which is the five million in bonding for this project. So, this grant doesn't require matching funds as part of this. So, we didn't need it for this one, but we would've had it had that been a stipulation. So, there really are no stipulations to this other than a timeline that we build the project within X number of years because the grant expires at that point and then just make sure that it goes towards construction of that particular project. Those are the only stipulations.

- Okay.

- For the most part.

- Alderman Burnette?

- Yes, thank you. One thing I'd recommend to Dan, if you could, include something in the agenda pack that spells out the details because I didn't have anything in here, just so we know to get to Alderman Johnson's point, what is it basically, a little more than just an agenda in a private consult.

- I can talk to finance and see how they want me to handle this, but we do have a grant contract for any grant that we accept which spells out all the terms of the agreement. We typically in the past have not provided that to the Park Committee when you seek approval because a lot of that is kind of the fine lines of the ins and outs of the grant program and what you're committing to. I can do that from now on if that's something that you wanna see for any grant, but that would really be about the only thing that I would have to raise the question from here on out of what's expected in the city attachments. In this case, it's not, but it would just be helpful.

- Usually we spell out, when there's certain conditions like that, we usually spell that out in our discussion. If you want, I can just give you a hard copy of the grant contract for you to look at ahead of time. Otherwise, I can look at seeing if we can attach it to the agenda for the council.

- That's what I would recommend.

- I'll make a motion to approve with the condition that the parks department include the additional information for the council for consideration.

- Motion by Alderman Burnette. Second by Alderman Johnson. You have the motion, Dan?

- Yes.

- Okay. The discussion, who's in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number four, consideration with possible action on accepting a \$50,000 Wisconsin Coastal management program grant for the East River Trail engineering from Baird Street to Irwin.

- Okay, so this past summer our staff applied for a Wisconsin Coastal management grant for \$50,000, which would go towards hiring an engineering consultant to complete the conceptual design in engineering documents for the East River Trail for one block section along Main Street that will run from Baird Street to Irwin Avenue. So, the anticipated cost for the engineering is \$50,000. A match was not required for this grant. Previously, this grant program did fund also an engineering study in 2012 for this section of trail, which looked at the feasibility of building the trail along this stretch. So, this one block section is on the far end of the one mile proposed section of the trail and it's the most visible section along the trail. It's from Baird to Irwin, and that property used to be lined with commercial. The city purchased those properties and buildings were removed, and it's very visible site from Main Street. So, what we'd like to do is really create more of a showcase instead of just a trail, that runs from point A to B, look at it more like an urban plaza with a trail running through it and have some sculptural vertical elements that maybe come up, and it becomes more of a visual showcase as you're driving up and down Main Street because it's literally fronting Main Street and fronting the river. Instead of just creating a trail. So, we did bring this to the Park Committee and discussed it in, I think it was June 30th, when we submitted the application just so that you knew what the project was, and what the vision of it was. So, this was discussed back in June with the committee here. So, as part of the engineering, they would do all of the conceptual design, they would do all of the engineering that goes into the bid documents. In addition, they would apply for all necessary permits for this. Now in this case, it's not 100 percent approved at their level, at the state level, there's still one more committee it needs to go through, but they are very close to approving it. The biggest stipulation in this one is they would like to see the engineering

completed by the end of June of this year. So, that's why we're bringing it forward right now because we do have somewhat of a time constraint to get the engineering done because it's still not 100 percent approved on their end. They feel it's going to be approved. So, if you do approve this, what I would recommend is just set contingent upon the state approving this project as a grant. Something to that effect.

- Gentlemen?

- My concern would probably be the same as we approve something that they haven't approved, that's kind of intuitive. So, I'll make a motion to approve the \$50,000 Wisconsin Coastal management program grant contingent on approval from the state entity with the understanding that the city not needing to provide matching funds. Would that be acceptable? Would it secure a loan for anything?

- No, that would be fine.

- Even the matching funds, contingent that we not. Because I don't want to approve it and then be told, hey, you have to have a matching fund.

- Yeah, you can do that if you'd like. That's fine. There are no matching funds required as part of this. We have not quoted out the engineering yet. We feel that it's going to come within that ballpark range. If it does come slightly over, we will come to you with a suggestion of where we can get that extra money from for the engineering, or we might have to phase it in. So, the grant isn't contingent on it, but in case it goes over, we do have a little bit of extra funding on our end that if the engineering goes slightly over, I may request that that gets put towards this project, but it's not a requirement of the grant.

- Don't get me wrong, it's not that I'm opposed to matching funds because sometimes that's good public policy, but in this situation, with approving it based on contingencies, which I'm not 100 percent easy with, that makes me feel better with both.

- Well, what you're doing is accepting the grant. So, you're not hiring the consultant as part of this. So, a consultant will be brought forward at a future Park Committee. Hopefully it'll come within that 50,000. If it doesn't, we will bring a proposal forward where that additional funding could come from.

- I second that motion.

- We have a motion in the second. Any other discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- I guess, could you just clarify what the motion was?

- The motion is to approve the \$50,000 grant, contingent on the approval from the state, and contingent upon the city not requiring to provide matching funds.

- Okay.

- I think we voted. Number five. This one I added late. So, that's why it's not on the original agenda. Consideration of a possible action of a city's role in assisting fund raising efforts by private group for a public amenity. I'm just gonna read off my motion. I think it's a pretty easy one. I just wanna refer to the staff to work on a policy. The motion is to refer to staff to develop a policy for utilizing the city website to help promote fundraising for city park projects.

- Second.

- And the reason would be, I hate to rant a little bit again. When Colburn we were fundraising, we were told, yeah, you can put it on the city website, and it gets nixed somewhere upstream. So, we can approve it all we want, but someone else controls the website. So, it never got put there. So, people would ask, what happened for the fundraising for the pool? What's going on? Can't we see the plans? Can't we click on there? And it's beautiful with what you're doing with Bay Beach. I think that's wonderful. You've got designs, you've got a nice write-up, you can click here to donate, and it tells you all about it. I think everybody should have that option. It'd be nice to go on there and see, here's all the projects that are going on, and here's all the groups that are fundraising for them. And there should be a policy in place that, whoever it is, you get to be on there, it doesn't get nixed by someone who doesn't like the project. So, that's the reason for it. Long story short.

- I'm seeing, you think of the 9/11 memorial, the committee has authorized fundraising to occur. There's other projects that's been there in the past. What's the other one that's going on right now?

- You've got a pickle ball fundraiser going on right now.

- Yeah, so I mean if somebody's a site or a link, you can say, here's boom boom. You can visit. Wow. Hey, that's interesting. I love that. I think it takes it out of the hands of other entities.

- I guess just to kind of speak to that proposed motion, yeah, we can create a policy of how the city website can help to enhance fundraising abilities. In that policy, we can talk about what would be posted on the city's website versus a link to somebody else's website because that's one of the things that we do have to be cognoscente of is in the Bay Beach project, what's being done is the city is the entity that's doing the fundraising. So, the city created the website link and the website itself. But if the private entity is creating the website, you just have to have some policy on how that all works together and how the city website ties into what they develop for a private fundraising for a public facility.

- Even if it's just to contact this person to donate or here's where they can be mailed.

- Or an easy pop-up window.

- Yeah.

- I understand that I am now leaving the city of Green Bay's website, blah blah blah blah.

- Any other discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Closed motion hearing. Informational director's report on updates on recent activities parks, rec, and forestry.

- Alright, so as you can imagine, ice rink construction is still on hold, along with triangle hill, with the lack of snow, lack of cold weather, we really haven't been able to get either one up and running yet, but we're ready to go as soon as the weather cooperates.

- The Packers can't shift over their snow maker?

- That would be nice.

- You don't wanna share?

- For Bay Beach Amusement Park, the Ferris wheel is well under construction. The pilings and the footings for it are pretty much completed or they will be this week. The Ferris wheel is actually scheduled to arrive mid-February. So, we will have several semi fulls coming out there, and that will be pretty impressive if you have a chance to get out there in mid-February. City Hall elevators. As you recall, it went out to bid last year. It came in way over budget. So, Public Works is now going to re-bid that. They're changing the scope of work a little bit, changing the requirements, and they're hoping that it'll come in closer to our budget. I think bids will be back somewhere towards the end of January, early February, is what we're looking at right now. Colburn pool, the state is currently reviewing the pool plans as we speak. Hopefully they will get that approved fairly quickly. We're gonna be looking at bidding out that project in the next two to three weeks, and what we're looking at tentatively is do portions of the renovation in the spring and other portions in the fall, but then still open this year and have it under operation. So, I'll fill you in as that project progresses, and when the bids come in, we'll have to have more discussion on it with the budget on that. Playgrounds. Purchasing department is currently quoting out the playground replacement for East River Van Beaver Park and Fort Howard Jefferson's school. The recreation division, there's a lot of leagues going on right now with adult basketball leagues, open gyms, the dance classes are going well. We will be offering four Lego building classes at the Sanctuary in January and early February. So, if you're into Legos, sign up for that.

- Let me add one real quick. This is kind of last minute. It actually started last night. Because of some of the ice rinks not being up, the hill not being up, as a trial basis, we opened up John Meyer Shelter, and we're doing an indoor playground program, three days a week for the next three weeks. So, limited hours. It's on our website, put our press release. But just to try something different. Try to get people out, engage them in the parks still. We're trying some things on a trial basis, depending on how this weather continues over the next years, if we don't have a lack of ability to put these ice rinks up right away, we can offer some of these other components. People can come, have a warming shelter, still go sledding, you know, just something else, just trying some stuff out. I just wanted to make you aware of that.

- Alright, the Sanctuary, we did have a volunteer appreciation dinner earlier this week. I think everyone enjoyed that, had a good time, enjoyed the meal. Then, the registration for fall 2019 4K program is now open for enrollment. So, hopefully that'll fill up and we are actively promoting that now. So, hopefully when the new building is done, we'll have two full classes out there. That's all that I have.

- Motion received, place on file.

- Second Alderman Burnette, second Alderman Johnson to receive in place and file? Any discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Next park committee meeting of ours is January 30th. I noticed INS is a week before in the 23rd.

- I did speak to Jim Burnette on that issue, and Steve and Jim are both thinking that they're going to change theirs to the 30th, which makes sense because that's the week before the City Council.

- Alright.

- We'll be adjourned.

- Motion to adjourn, Alderman Burnette.

- Second, maybe?
- Alright, second. Alderman Burnette's in favor.
- Aye.
- Motion carried. Capeesh? Seven o'clock.