



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019, 4:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

A. ROLL CALL.

Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Andy Nicholson, Ald. Randy Scannell, Ald. Mark Steuer, Excused - Ald. Jesse Brunette, Ald. Brian Johnson

Ald. Andy Nicholson arrived at 4:37. Ald. Randy Scannell left at 4:44.

Others Present: Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on the request by the Colburn Neighborhood Association to install a new Colburn Park sign on Ernst Drive.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on the request by the Colburn Neighborhood Association to improve the pool signage at all entrances to Colburn Park.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to close the floor for discussion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Randy Scannell to direct staff at the completion of the Colburn Pool project to review the total project budget with the Park Committee to determine if there is adequate funding to improve the pool signage at the main entrance. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Chris Wery, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Scannell for the possible deaccession of the 9-11 Monument.

Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve the deaccession of the 9-11 Monument. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Randy Scannell, Chris Wery, No- Andy Nicholson, Abstain- None

4. Consideration with possible action on the request by Compassionate Home Health Care to sell and allow participants to possess or consume alcohol (beer and malt beverages only) on CityDeck for the Rock the Docks Green Bay event on July 13, 2019.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve the request by Compassionate Home Health Care to sell concessions and allow the sale of alcohol (beer and malt beverages only) on CityDeck for the Rock the Docks Green Bay event on July 13, 2019. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, No- Andy Nicholson, Abstain- None

5. Consideration with possible action on the request by Depere Dodgers Baseball to sell and allow spectators to possess or consume alcohol (beer and malt beverages only) at Joannes Stadium during their games.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- None, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to go close floor for discussion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve the request by Depere Dodgers Baseball to sell concessions and merchandise, collect admissions and allow the sale of alcohol (beer and malt beverages only) at Joannes Stadium during their 2019 scheduled games. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, No- None, Abstain- None

6. Consideration with possible action on the request by the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation to complete a prairie burn in the Baird Creek Greenway near McKenzie Lane.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, No- None, Abstain- None

7. Consideration with possible action on the approval of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant park proposals.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve the 2019 Community Development Block Grant park proposals and forward the request to the Redevelopment Authority for approval. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, No- None, Abstain- None

8. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a Design, Construction & Dedication Agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the Ken Euers waterfowl habitat and northern spawning restoration project.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, 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. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, No- None, Abstain- None

2. The next Park Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2019.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Mark Steuer, Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, No- None, Abstain- None

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- Alright.

- Alright, the Parks Committee of March.

- 27th.

- 27th, will get underway, and we'll note that Alderman Brunette, Alderman Johnson, are excused, and Alderman Nicholson is likewise excused, and thankfully sitting in here is Alderman Scannell. And the President, Alderman, what's your name again, Steuer. Okay

- Thank you.

- Can I have approval of the agenda?

- Motion to approve the agenda.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Scannell, second by Alderman Steuer to approve. Any changes? Those in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. C is approval of the minutes.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Scannell.

- Second.

- Second by Steuer. Those in favor.

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Regular business, the first item is consideration with possible action on the request by the Colburn Neighborhood Association, and I know it says Ernst Drive, but it's to install a new Colburn Park sign on Highview Avenue, so.

- I know where they are.

- Alright, so for this one, when we put it on the agenda we didn't know that it was supposed to be Highview Drive. We have been, our staff has been working with the neighborhood

association on the park sign on Highview. That is something that would not need Park Committee approval because what they're proposing to do is to install a standard park sign, so this would not be a neighborhood association sign. So we will work with them on the design of that sign, what it says, how it looks, and then the landscaping associated with it. They're going to apply for a mini grant to help fund that. Staff is supportive of it, but because it's a park sign, it would not need Park Committee approval. So what I would recommend here is that you--

- Receive and place on file?

- Just receive, and place this on file.

- So moved.

- I'll second.

- There's a motion by Scannell, second by Steuer, to receive and place on file. I do have a question, Director.

- Yeah.

- There was a request, perhaps, to have donated time, or resources, is that something that the neighborhood group could look into?

- Yeah, we will work with them on that. I mean ultimately we'll find out how much money the mini grant will fund, and then we'll work with them to try and design it in such a way. Ideally, all of the City's staff time would be reimbursed as part of this. If there needs to be a compromise, we can work with them. There's also a potential that the City could fabricate the sign, because it's going to be our standard wood sign, that we could fabricate it, and get reimbursed for that, but they could have donors actually install it, which would save money that way. So I've already had those discussions with the neighborhood association. I think we'll be able to find a compromise.

- Any?

- I was just going to ask the question.

- You go ahead, sorry.

- So the sign is, it's going to be a normal park type sign, or is it going to be a little bit different?

- We have two standard type signs in the Parks Department. One is our standard one, where it's one post, where the sign kind of comes out and overhangs the post. The other one is more like our trail sign, where it's two posts with a sign in the middle. That is the type of sign that we're going to be installing, is the one with two posts.

- With just lettering, per se, no?

- It'll be a wood sign with letters that are engraved in, and painted.

- Okay, alright.

- And it'll look like our other standard park signs.

- Okay, that's all.

- The Colburn Neighborhood Association President, Jess Bauer, is here, do you have any other questions about this item, I know we have another one on the agenda.

- [Jess] No.

- No, okay, thanks.

- Okay, so what do you--

- There's a motion and a second.

- Who made the motion?

- I did.

- Okay.

- Those in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried, thank you. Number two, consideration with possible action on the request by the Colburn Neighborhood Association to improve the pool signage at all entrances to Colburn Park.

- So I have discussed this one also with the neighborhood association. And what their desire there is to most importantly to see better signage at the main entrance to Colburn Pool off of Fisk. And then ideally if we could do a little something at all of the entrances just to notify people that there is a pool there. But their main concern is the one on Fisk. Currently, there's just a small little sign about this big that says pool, with an arrow pointing in. So staff is in agreement that that sign really is not adequate for Colburn Pool, and we should be installing more prominent signs so that it can be showcased from the main entrance. So as you're aware, we will be bidding out the renovations out to Colburn Pool in the next few weeks. The City bonded 3-1/2 million towards this project. It's anticipated that the pool and the bath house renovations will not cost the entire amount, but we won't know that for sure until the bids come in. If there is left over funding after the renovations are completed, the Park Committee could approve using some of the remaining funds for new signage. So at the conclusion of the project, staff will bring a total budget back to the Park Committee. Review with you what we spent on the project beyond what the bids were, and how much money is left over. And then we'll also bring together a proposal of what to do with the additional money. One of those proposals will be pay off the bond early, but there may also be other proposals on there, such as fund this pool signage, or do improvements at some of our other pools, because we can use the funding for that. But it would be up to the Park Committee and City Council to determine what's the best use of that money. So we do have somebody from the neighborhood association here, if you want to open up the floor.

- I just have one quick question first. So you said there's what, three entrances, or to the, 'cause I can picture the park, but I'm just trying to figure out all, if you need signage at all, there's two for sure, I thought there might be three.

- Well, we have more than that. I mean we have probably four main entrances to the park.

- Okay.

- Including the one that we just talked about.

- So that'd be consistent then, maybe for all four areas?

- Well if we did that, if we put a sign on some of the other entrances, I don't know how we would direct people to the pool. I guess we'll have to have those discussions, on where it makes sense. We don't want to draw people into a location where they can't get to the pool either.

- They don't all hook up?

- Yeah.

- Yeah, well you could have a curlicue. No, don't do that.

- A trail.

- So anyway, we'll just bring a proposal forward with what would be the best action for the pool signage. It may or may not include all of the park signs, but I guess we haven't looked at it that closely yet.

- Okay, I'm good.

- I would even think, as part of the Colburn re-design, a sign would be part of that.

- Yeah.

- I wouldn't even think it would be something over and above, if we're re-doing the pool pretty much entirely, that'd be part of that initial.

- Well we can look at doing that. I mean the big thing is we really need to see how much money is left over after the bids come in, which we should know now in a few weeks, so.

- What is the cost on maybe, just one of those signs?

- It really depends on what you're doing with the sign, I don't know if I have a good answer for you. It depends on a lot of different factors.

- Okay.

- A couple of thousand dollars for sure.

- Without objection, I'm gonna open the floor, so.

- Yep.

- I'll second it.

- If you just wanna come up here and give your name and address. We have to make it all official before you do.

- Steuer seconded it?

- I seconded it.

- Okay.

- [Jess] My name is Jess Bauer, and I live on Ernst Drive. The traditional sign was almost \$3,000.00, so that was out of the neighborhood association's budget. The trail sign, which they're so nice to let us use in an area that's not a trail, is \$930.00, which is still pretty pricey for the neighborhood association. But Colburn doesn't have the best signage, and it's a wonderful park, so we wanted to bring more attention to that. And I would just ask that the Chairman keeps in touch with us, so when the bids come in, and if there is extra money, that we could, we'd just like to have a say on what is done, because that's been a big important thing to all the members of the neighborhood association over the past few years. So we're excited to see it be completed, and have progress.

- And this item in particular we're talking about is for the extra pool signing too?

- Yes.

- Right, because right now--

- [Jess] We had even thought, on Ernst Drive, if we had a sign that said pool entrance on Fisk, because with google maps and everything taking people places, they could end up on the total opposite side of the park. So it'd be nice to at least direct them to the correct place.

- Okay.

- [Jess] And that's all.

- Thank you.
- Thank you.
- Alright.
- Motion to close the floor.
- Close the floor, Alderman Steuer.
- Second.
- Alderman Scannell, those in favor?
- [Together] Aye.
- Closed, motion carried. Alright, so Dan.
- I guess the proposed motion, you can take it anyway you want, but what I would propose here is to direct staff at the completion of the Colburn Pool project to review the total project budget with the Park Committee to determine if there is adequate funding to improve the pool signage at the main entrance.
- So moved.
- Second.
- Alright, as Director Ditscheit mentioned. And now we have a motion by Alderman Steuer, and Alderman Scannell. And any discussion? Those in favor?
- [Together] Aye.
- Motion carried, as there are no opposed, good. Alright, thank you. Thank you, Jess. You can stay, you don't have to go, we have hours of fun ahead of us. Consideration number three. Consideration with possible action on the request by Alderman Scannell for the possible deaccession of the 9-11 Monument.
- Want first, or who wants the ball first?
- I guess I can just open it up to Alderman Scannell if you want, otherwise I can give a brief history of where we sit with things, why don't we start with that.
- Okay.
- So, as you know, we've been talking about the 9-11 memorial for a number of years, and the damage that's occurred out there. And I just want to give you a little brief history here on the motions that were made at the Park Committee previously. So, in September of 2017, this item came before the Park Committee for discussion. And what the actual agenda item was, it was, consideration with possible action on the request by Alderman Moore to review Council action and sub-committee work regarding deaccession of the 9-11 memorial. And so that was the wrong one, I apologize. Let me start with the month previous to that. So, in August 9th of 2017, the agenda item was, consideration with possible action on the, I apologize here. Okay, yes this is the correct one. Consideration with possible action on the findings of the 9-11 sculpture sub-committee, to deaccession the 9-11 sculpture. At that meeting a memo was handed out by Steve Grenier, and this is the exact same memo that was handed out at that meeting, discussing the deaccession of what was going to happen, and how the process was going to occur. At that Park Committee meeting they did grant authority to staff to move ahead with the deaccession of the memorial. And shortly after that was 9-11, and we had a ceremony where the beam from the original twin tower was actually ceremonially removed, and it was put on display at the police department. And then, before anything else could happen with the deaccession, then the following month, which there was another motion, which was consideration, or another agenda item, which was consideration with possible action on the request by Alderman Moore to review Council action and sub-committee work regarding deaccession of the 9-11 memorial. And what was discussed at that

Park Committee meeting was kind of the findings of what was embedded in the concrete, to do research on the beam, and what restrictions there were given to the City when we accepted the donation of that beam. And then shortly after that, right after that, what they did is they put the deaccession on hold. And so nothing else was removed from that memorial because of this September 27th, 2017 meeting. And then shortly after that, Alderman Vander Leest began a fundraising campaign. And so that's a little bit of a history with the deaccession of the memorial. Now if you take a look at that memo that Steve Grenier originally provided, on the bottom paragraph it does talk about removing the remaining pieces, other than the beam. But that was never done, so, I guess from there I'll pass it on to Alderman Scannell to talk about whatever he would like to.

- Alderman Scannell.

- Yep, well, I credit Alder Vander Leest for trying to rally the troops and save the memorial. It is a place where a lot of people do go. But nothing was raised, and that memorial is in shameful state. And the longer it stays that way, the more shame on us. We need to do something. So, I think we gave it the try to fix it. Well, morning.

- Alrightey, gentlemen.

- To fix it up, and it didn't work out. So I think we need to go back to deaccessioning. Certainly we could send this to the Public Arts Commission. I did talk to the Chair about that, and they'd be willing to, kind of excited about looking at what kind of possibilities could happen there. Even if, I did talk to Director Ditscheit earlier this week about how this process would play out, and it may take a little time. And some things we might be able to do temporarily, art-wise, to have at least something there, until we can come up with a final plan. So I would recommend that we would just, would you want a possible, some possible plans of what could be done with it before we started deaccessioning, or should we just start deaccessioning, and kick it over to Public Arts and do, or should we do both at the same time, or would you rather have some kind of art ideas in place before we started deaccessioning?

- It's, you know, I'm thankful for the efforts you've given to this, Alder Scannell, but I don't know, I think there's respect for the monument in terms of what it symbolizes. But, I think in the disrepair and the type of materials that were used, and, you know, it's just not up to the standard that I think it should be. So, I don't have a real big problem with deaccessioning it, and until we can further do something. I think the beam is the important element of that monument. And if that was displayed at police and or fire, depending, back and forth, I have no problem with that. And depending what happens with the new Safety building, if that could be displayed there, I think that would be an appropriate place for it. As far as the towers and that, I'm not sure. I don't know how I feel about that. But I just think that I believe the citizenry, at least the people I've talked to, they appreciate the event that happened in 2001, and that it is a memorial. I don't personally have any issue or problem having it in another spot, so I'm fine with that. I still think it's respectful, and the fact that police and fire were instrumental in the original 2001 event, I feel that it would be appropriate to be with either police and or fire. That's my two cents.

- Well, I wouldn't have a problem with, I mean, deaccessioning would take some time anyway, correct? We can't, if we started deaccessioning, how quickly would that go?

- Well there's a couple of things, but as far as actually the removal of the towers and the granite, I'd have to look into that, see if the City has the correct machinery to do that, and if we can do that with our own City staff, or if it would need to be contracted out. But I think that can be done fairly quickly because there wouldn't be a large expense to do that, and we could probably find the funding internally to do it, or do it with existing staff. But when it comes to removing the larger piece of concrete, underneath all of that, that would take some time because we'd probably need about \$30,000 to remove that piece of concrete. That was an estimate that a contractor gave us at one time, because it is a very big piece of concrete, and it needs to be broken up before it can be removed. So that would take some time. If we were to remove the granite pieces, and remove the towers, we could just paint it temporarily, so it doesn't look like a damaged piece of concrete. So we could at least paint it to make it look as nice as we could until we do get to the point where we have funding to remove the concrete. So I guess long story short, we can do the towers and the granite fairly quickly I think, but the concrete would be dependent on finding funding for it.

- Well I would make a motion that we begin deaccessioning, and we can, I can put it in a communication, or Chair can put it in a communication to the Public Arts Commission to look at what could be done temporarily, art-wise, until we can take care of the granite, and then come up with a more permanent piece.
- Just a question. So the beam itself is completely submerged, correct? I mean as far as the concrete and that for--
- No, the beam is at the polices and fire department.
- Oh it's there now.
- The beam is on display at the fire department.
- The police department.
- I was talking about the base, I'm sorry, the base is, okay.
- Yeah, so there is the donor who installed the monument, they indicated that there's a canister embedded in the concrete. What the contents of what's in that canister, they have not provided any documentation to the City stating what was in there. So it's unknown to us where that is, how big of a canister it is, and what contents are in it, other than they told us that it's in there.
- That would be the other concern is, when we take it apart, come across the canister, do we hand it over to Public Arts to?
- Well I think if we do come across the canister, that should follow the beam. And we should store that some way, somehow respectfully, until we can come up with another permanent memorial with the beam.
- And we can do that to the best of our capabilities, but I can't guarantee that we're going to find that.
- Yep.
- The black box.
- Did you have a motion Alderman Scannell?
- A motion to begin deaccessioning.
- A motion by Alderman Scannell to begin deaccession.
- I'll second it.
- Second by Alderman Scannell, no Alderman Steuer. Other discussion?
- Thank you.
- Yep. Those in favor?
- [Together] Aye.
- Opposed?
- No.
- Any discussion on that? No, okay.
- Motion carried.
- I might change my mind, I don't know.

- Okay, well it'll get to Council.
- I know.
- And I'll take the recommendation, and I'll put in a request to the Public Arts Commission to do something in the meantime.
- Yep.
- To the Arts Commission?
- Yeah, Arts Commission, yeah.
- Um, yeah, that's fine.
- And I'm excused, I take it?
- If you want to be, yes you certainly are, it's been fun.
- You can stay, doesn't matter. You can stay.
- You'd let me stay?
- It's up to you. Thank you for filling in.
- Yeah, no problem. Glad to do it.
- I was in the dentist's chair a little too long.
- Oh, that sounds like fun.
- It wasn't bad.
- Are you leaving us?
- Yeah, I'm gonna leave, I was gonna go.
- Thank you Alderman Scannell for filling in.
- Take care, Randy.
- Yep.
- Yeah, thanks Randy.
- Alderman Nicholson's here after his foray at the dentist.
- Mm hm.
- Foray for an inlay?
- Got my gold tooth.
- Ooh.
- Sweet.
- Yep, have fun gentlemen.
- Alright.
- Alright, we will move onto number four. Consideration with possible action on the request by Compassionate Home Health Care to sell and allow participants to possess or consume

alcohol, beer and malt beverages only, on CityDeck for the Rock the Docks Green Bay event July 13th, 2019. James or Dan?

- This event is proposed to take place on CityDeck on Saturday, July 13th, 2019, from 4:00 to 10:30 p.m. So it'll actually be along the whole entire CityDeck, so it'll take up Shopko, Cherry, Pine Street landings. And it'll actually have three bands performing at various times on all three stages. So their setup will begin around 3:15, music will end at 10:30, they're estimating approximately 2,000 spectators throughout the evening. And with the different vendors and bands, and stuff like that, over 200 participants of the actual event. So Compassionate Home Health Care is a 501c3, non-profit, and they're sponsoring the event. Bands from all over Wisconsin and all over, actually there'll be some other bands from around the nation possibly coming in too, and they'll perform on the three stages. It'll be a mix of different genres, including rock, reggae, funk. It is a first time event for Compassionate Home Health Care. And they're an Appleton based, non-profit organization. And their fundraiser is to provide products or care for their holiday giving campaign, which provides shampoo, soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, garbage bags, and other basic essentials to those in need in Brown, Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet counties. So this event is free for people to come into and check out. But vendors will potentially sell items, and there'll be food for sale, and beer. Their security will be coordinated and approved through the Green Bay Police Department, but it will be the event organizer's responsibility. The event organizers will obtain trash barrels and bags prior to the event, and be responsible for cleaning up before, during, and after the event. They will follow no vehicles being allowed on CityDeck, and all staging, music equipment, tents, Porta-Johns, et cetera, will be the event organizer's responsibility. They'll also be working with the Brown County Health Department to receive all proper food permits and licensing. So this event currently is going through the final approvals with the Special Event Committee. So the event itself is being approved through the Special Event Committee, and all costs and permits will be the responsibility of Compassionate Home Health Care. Now, the Special Event Committee handles the special event approval, but why we're bringing it to Park Committee is because there's two different ordinances that this pertains to. So one ordinance is just the sale of any items or food in the parks, and the other one is the allowing alcohol in the park. So you're essentially approving these two things. So I did actually tweak the motion slightly here. So the motion actually that we'd like to have approved is to approve the request by Compassionate Home Health Care to sell concessions and allow the sale of alcohol, beer and malt beverages only, on CityDeck for the Rock the Docks Green Bay event on July 13th, 2019. So essentially it's the same thing, I just kind of tidied up a little bit.

- Alright, any questions?

- Real quick, what time does it go 'til?

- [Computer] Unknown caller.

- Goes 'til 10:30.

- Until 3:30?

9. - 10:30 is kind of officially when our parks close.

- Oh, this is it's start, 3:30.

- Uh, 4:00 o'clock.

- 4:00 o'clock.

- Yep.

- 'Til 10:30, okay.

- So that day actually there's an Open Streets event downtown from 9:00 to 1:00, and then this event starts from 4:00 to 10:30, so, another Saturday to go get your exercise, and then go listen to bands.

- I don't have any real big issue with it. And this is their first kick at this right, and for the

most part you feel good about this?

- Yeah, this is their first time event, and actually I've heard quite a bit of feedback through the past five years as special events have grown, that we don't have enough diversity when it comes to different music, different types of festivals. A lot of people think we're doing the same thing every year. So this will be a new opportunity for them to come in and make this an annual event possibly.

- Alright.

- Is that a motion?

- That's a motion.

- To approve, that was right. Motion by Alderman Steuer to approve as--

- As stated.

- As stated.

- Yeah.

- Do I have a second to that?

- Alderman Nicholson?

- No.

- Any questions, do you have a second?

- No.

- No second?

- I'll second it. Those in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed?

- No.

- Motion carried. Okay, number five. Consideration with possible action on the request by Depere Dodgers Baseball to sell and allow spectators to possess or consume alcohol, beer and malt beverage, at Joannes Stadium during their games.

- So, I will say, we do have the President of the DePere Dodgers here too. But to start off, so, with the prior lessee not renewing their lease at Joannes Stadium, Green Bay Bullfrogs, and the Parks, uh, I should say the Green Bay Bullfrogs, is not renewing their lease, so the Parks Department met over the past six months with multiple interested groups looking to play their home baseball games at the historic park. So the history of Joannes Stadium has seen many various teams, owners, and user groups who have played their home games at this park for many years. And this park is looked at as the baseball stadium gem for Green Bay in our parks system and with the high school and other user groups. So we wanted to insure that another user could come in and provide good quality baseball that would be available to the public at an affordable price, and host games at the stadium this summer. I will make note that actually, through this process of meeting with all these user groups, that actually last year we had about 100 home games overall between the various user groups, high school, Legion, the Bullfrogs, and this year we're actually going to be around 120 games. So by reaching out to the community, and seeing who could play there, we actually ended up getting more interest from other user groups, and also we had the opportunity to, are hosting the Ohio Mid-Valley Babe Ruth Tournament this year too, which is actually a pretty big deal, as Babe Ruth, so. That's kind of fun, but I also want to make note that our Parks division, as actually the ones taking on some of this maintenance that actually the Bullfrogs used to do through

their lease and some of these other items, so we actually had to rearrange some things, and we're really focused on making sure that we provide a good experience, but also, this year is gonna be a transition year as we figure out how we can maintain this facility, and still keep it at a high standard. So DePere Dodgers have entered into a one year contract with the Parks Department, to host 22 home baseball games, in June, July, and August. I think the schedule was attached to the agenda, and Parks Department is excited about the opportunity to have this user group which will provide good quality baseball, excited about the affordable price. So at this Park Committee, DePere Dodgers will be seeking approval from the Parks Committee for the sale of concessions. They'll also be charging admission, and possibly the sale of any merchandise in the park, and also the ability to sell and allow spectators to possess or consume beer during games only. DePere Dodgers are responsible for having licensed servers and security. They have submitted their paperwork for their six month liquor license at the Clerk's office, and they are working with the Brown County Health Department to secure necessary food permits and approvals. And they also have all applicable permits, licenses, insurance, in the process, or already approved. And just to make note that beer sales will only be allowed 30 minutes prior to the start of the game, and they will not be permitted to sell past the 7th inning of the games. And if the games would happened to get delayed, or pushed back for rain delays or something, they wouldn't be able to have sales past 10:30 at night. I would like to mention that we do have somebody here from the DePere Dodgers if you do wanna hear from that party. They are focused on getting the community involved. And they're currently making commitments to reach out to local non-profits to either volunteer or share in the concession proceeds, and really trying to get the community engaged.

- I make a motion to approve.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson to approve.

- I was going to open the floor, but.

- We can after.

- I'll second that.

- There's a second for approval under discussion. Any questions from the Committee? Alderman Steuer, or the fellas?

- Well, I, you know, I think it's good. It would be nice to hear from you, but, I don't know.

- Is there anything different that our staff left out?

- Anything that? Well, I'll make a motion to open the floor.

- Motion by Alderman Steuer, seconded by Alderman Nicholson? To open the floor?

- Second.

- All in favor?

- Aye.

- Motion carried. Can I get your name and address sir.

- [Tony] Tony Freeman, and 4084 Half Crown in De Pere.

- Welcome.

- Welcome.

- [Tony] I just wanted to, I guess, elaborate a little bit on the community outreach. We're looking at Sheboygan as a comparative analogy, the Sheboygan A's, and noticed that they write a check, several checks, at the end of every season, to local and area non-profits and activities. We don't have the background of history as a functioning organization to handle the volunteer side of that. So we took a different approach, said let's reach out to the

community organizations, and share the take. So we're, our focus is using sponsors to fund, both corporate and other non-profits, to fund baseball operations, and then use, and our players pay, so the players actually pay about half the baseball's operations is contributed by the players themselves. The other half's sponsors, we've got some equipment that we've gotta buy in the move. But then, beyond that, the actual event, the day to day operations, the game day operations, that's the part we're lookin' to split with the local community, in exchange for them helping volunteer. So we've got VFW on board, several hosts, or two hosts at least, and expect to have the others. Legion, we're reaching out to Rotary, Knights of Columbus, any organization that has historically done something like that, so that they've got the licensing, they've got the experience, they can come in and help. So anyway, we believe it to be a good alternative approach. The biggest thing for me, I'm new to the area, I'm new to summer baseball, it doesn't happen in the south. It's just too hot.

- It's just too hot.

- Yeah, exactly.

- Yeah.

- So it's a beautiful thing. And when I started learning about the history of Joannes, and the other activities, I wanted to make this work. And I volunteered to be President. This happened just in December. And the key piece to me is making is sustainable. I don't want it to be one year, and out. It's too much work, too much effort, there's too much at stake. And so that volunteer piece, if I can take that heat off the Board, if I put together a board of people, and they have to cook, and serve beer, and be at every game, and do the announcing, clean up their trash, it's not gonna last a year. But if I can find that base of volunteers through this outreach program, or this outreach approach, then I think we can actually make this something sustainable. And I think, from a financial standpoint, we can contribute more to Joannes going forward, much like the Blue Ribbons did in the past, and ultimately our goal would be looking at, we're already de-emphasizing the De Pere part of the Dodgers. And we will look at some point at possibly going back to the Blue Ribbons.

- That'd be awesome. Mr. Freeman, what age group is this adults?

- [Tony] It's 18 and up basically. Everyone has graduated high school. They may have one year of Legion eligibility left, but they've basically graduated high school. Most of our players are summer college students, they're home for the summer. They're all local, Kewaunee, Denmark, as far away as Oshkosh. Denny Ruh is our General Manager. Denny Ruh played for the Blue Ribbons.

- Yeah.

- [Tony] A fixture with the Blue Ribbons, so he's back.

- Yeah, that'd be nice to hear that name back again.

- [Tony] Anyway, that was it, I think.

- I know Denny.

- You're not serving booyah there, are you? Oh that's an excellent, get some elk.

- [Tony] That's a different problem. Just something else I've never heard of.

- Does Denny still live in the dugouts?

- [Tony] Does he still live in 'em? Pretty much.

- I'm, no, I'm talking about, living, address.

- Literally?

- Yeah.

- Um?
- Ask him about that.
- Must be an interesting story.
- [Tony] Literally, one of my biggest concerns is Denny.
- His whole unit played baseball.
- Yeah.
- [Tony] One of my biggest concerns is Denny. And it's one of the reasons that we're doing so much with the volunteers, is I, you know, I mean, he's getting up there, and I can just imagine him, at the end of July trying to get the field prepped for game, and he'll do it by himself. He'll try and do it by himself, and I'll get that phone call.
- Oh yeah.
- [Tony] And I don't want to do that, so, we're looking at making it a little bit easier. He's, his job, and he's admitted to it, or he's agreed to it, is to provide competitive baseball, I'll take care of the game day operations, he's gonna provide the competitive baseball for us.
- Did you have a question, Alderman Steuer?
- [Tony] Yes sir.
- Thanks for coming in, again. I was just sort of wondering about, as far as the lineups and that, are these kids who have played high school ball already, or Legion ball, and they're just moving on, or is this open to other?
- [Tony] Anybody that wants to play.
- Anybody that wants to sign?
- Mean swing here.
- Not me, no. My glory days are done.
- [Tony] There was a, actually the league actually has a 38 year old player, plays in Oshkosh. So I mean, we have the full range of ages. Sheboygan A's has a 28, and our coaches, Denny's recruited a potential Denny replacement. He's out of Oshkosh, he's 28, he coaches high school ball. His name's Kyle. He was Wisconsin State League Player of the Year a couple of years ago. So it's kind of a full range. But he'll actually play this year some, so.
- Okay, that's all I have, thank you.
- Thank you Mr. Freeman.
- [Tony] Thank you.
- Motion to close floor for regular
- Second.
- Order of business.
- Motion by Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Steuer, those in favor?
- [Together] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. There is a motion on the floor, and a second to approve?
- Yep.

- Those in favor?
- [Together] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried.
- I will make a note, quick.
- Yes.
- To clarify that, so the motion will read, to approve the request by DePere Dodgers baseball to sell concessions and merchandise, collect admissions, and allow the sale of alcohol, beer and malt beverages only, at Joannes Stadium during their games.
- Perfect.
- Yeah.
- Yep.
- Thank you sir. Good luck.
- Thank you.
- Hope to see you back here with bigger and better things.
- Yeah.
- [Tony] Absolutely, have a great day.
- Yep.
- [Tony] Thanks James.
- Thank you.
- Number six. Consideration with possible action on the request--
- Denny was the Harry Dalton of the Brewers.
- By the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation to complete a prairie burn in the Baird Creek Greenway near McKenzie Lane.
- So the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation did request permission to complete this prairie burn from McKenzie Lane, and that's located in the Baird Creek Greenway, just south of Baird School. There are three areas right next to each other that they'd like to burn, and if you look at the agenda packet, you'll see a map with those three areas. So area one is the stormwater pond that DPW constructed about 10 years ago. Area two is located just south of the pond, and this area was planted with prairie plants the same time the stormwater pond was built, and the City planted that area. And then area three is located just south of area two, and that's a steep hillside that Baird Creek Preservation, throughout the years, they've been slowly converting that area to an old savanna. So they've been clearing out unwanted vegetation, and they've been planting prairie plants along that slope. So the purpose of prescribed burns, so they're used to set back the growth of invasive plants. And then recycle nutrients back to the soil. And what that does is it promotes the growth of additional prairie plants. So it's a fairly common practice in Wisconsin throughout the State now. Similar requests have come before the Park Committee in the past, and they have been approved. Previously the Park Committee authorized two other prairie burns by the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation. One was in 2015, and one was in 2011. The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation has followed the same approval process as those original two prairie burns. We had no complications or issues with either of those burns, and they were handled very well. So this burn will be conducted the same as the other two. So it will be conducted by the Fox Valley Technical College's Wildland Firefighter program. And it will be supervised

by their fire specialist, and this person also did do the previous two burns. They are highly trained, and they do possess the necessary equipment. They did prepare a detailed burn plan, that was attached to the Park Committee agenda. The plan has been reviewed by City staff, law department, risk management, parks department, and also the fire marshal, and we're all acceptable to how that plan is written. So the burn plan addresses all the conditions and factors that are required for the burn to be conducted safely. It discusses what personnel and equipment they're going to use, it talks about who the contact information, how they notify public agencies such as police and fire department and the public. And then, if all of the conditions in that burn plan are not met, they do not have a burn. So they will not hold it that day. Fox Valley Technical College is required to carry the proper insurance, and also sign a hold-harmless agreement. And then part of this, the concern in the past, has always been notification to the adjacent neighbors. So if you look on the map, there are houses in fairly close proximity to this area. It's not directly abutting it, but it's near it. So what they will do is they will notify nearby neighbors of the proposed burn through direct mailings, a newsletter, and a website. So I believe in this case, I think they're sending it to 200 adjacent neighbors. They will also have people posted in strategic locations during the burn so that if any public comes, they will be able to prevent them from entering the site, and then more importantly, they can also answer any questions that the public would have during the burn. So the Green Bay Fire Department, Brown County Dispatch, and State Patrol Headquarters will all be notified 24 hours before the burn date, and then again, two hours before the burn. It will be mandatory that the fire department will be onsite during the burn. And then because the burn requires specific weather conditions to insure safety, I can't give you an exact date of when that's going to occur because it's all weather dependent. But ideally it would be later on this spring. Those are ideal conditions for a prairie burn. They'll only burn on a day when the wind will not affect smoke blowing towards I-43. So that's also another concern is smoke blowing towards the highway, and so if it's favorable to blow in that direction they will not have a burn that day. The Baird Creek Preservation Foundation would be responsible for all costs related to the burn. So like I said, all the different various departments have reviewed and approved this. Staff is supportive of this request. We've had two other burns with them that have all been successful. So I would recommend that you would approve this request.

- Motion to approve.

- I've just got one quick question.

- Yeah.

- Alderman Steuer.

- Thank you. As far as, I mean, it sounds like everything is taken care of, et cetera, and there's been a lot of precaution and that, and I laud you for that, but, in case of any liability, or if there was a problem, if something did happen, who does that fall upon?

- Like I said, Fox Valley Technical College would be required, they're the ones who are conducting the burn, and so they would be required to have proper insurance, and sign hold-harmless agreements with the City.

- Okay, I'll second.

- Alright, motion by Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Steuer. I know over at UWGB they have burns all the time, so. I'm sure it's similar to what they did there. All in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Seven, consideration with possible action on the approval of the 2019 Community Development Block Grant park proposals.

- Thank you.

- Thanks.

- I just gotta hand this out for you, as we do have some modifications that I need to discuss.

- Okay, it's a map.

- Oh, maps.

- I thought we were going paperless.

- Hey, I need graphics.

- So on a yearly basis the Redevelopment Authority approves 150,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to go toward park projects. This funding can only be used in eligible areas within the city and must be used for neighborhood enhancements. They can't be used for large community projects. This is meant for neighborhoods. So every five years the federal government revises the mapping of the areas within the city, and shows a map of where the eligible Block Grant locations are within the city. Yesterday the Planning Department submitted a revised map, with the new boundaries for 2019. So the map that I just handed out is different than the one that was handed out in the agenda packet. And also, the secondary sheet that I handed out that listed the parks that are eligible, and what the City's recommendations are, for the park projects, those are different too. The map is quite different from the previous map that was used for the past five years. And so what you see now is probably going to be what's in place for the next five years.

- This is current?

- Yes the one I handed out is the current one. So you can disregard the one in the agenda packet.

- As well as the park list on the, this is the updated one?

- This is the updated one, the one I just handed out. So you can disregard everything in the agenda packet. Everything I updated, I handed out right now, is the current copy.

- Will the Council be aware of that?

- Yeah, so what I will do is I will replace these in the agenda packet for the Council. So I'll take the other two out and put these in its place. And like I said, I just received this map yesterday. I apologize for not getting it to you sooner, but I wasn't aware that they were remapping it until I got the call yesterday. In my original proposal I did have \$75,000 to go towards a walkway reconstruction in Firemans Park. And the remaining \$75,000 to go to miscellaneous paving replacement, and new ADA accessible walks throughout the CD eligible area. But if you look at the new map, Firemans Park is not an eligible park for funding for this anymore. So we did have to modify our proposal. So staff's recommendation is to allocate the entire \$150,000 towards miscellaneous paving replacement or new ADA walks throughout the CD eligible area. There, as you can see, there's quite a few parks on this list, there's quite a few parks that have to, you know, need additional paving to become ADA compliant. There's also quite a bit of paving within this area that is in need of replace, parking lots, walkways, trails, sidewalks, so there definitely is not a shortage of projects for this funding, in fact, this is by far not enough for what our needs are.

- So the amount is 150 that we have this year?

- That's what we get every year, and that's all that they will allocate towards parks projects on a yearly basis.

- So you're looking more or less for maintenance and that, let's say if there was a park that needed, maybe there was a proactive element or something that could be done in that park, is that gonna be not looked at, just look at maintenance?

- No, what we'll be doing, if this is approved by the City Council and RDA, then City staff will work with Planning staff to select which projects will take priorities.

- But we're not approving specific parks right now?

- You're not approving specific parks or projects.

- Okay.

- I just got this information yesterday. What I would recommend is you just allow staff to set those priorities and determine which are the highest priorities within the CD eligible areas.

- Motion to approve.

- I'll second that.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Steuer.

- And what we're actually approving is to, to approve the parks projects, and then forward the request to the Redevelopment Authority for approval, because they have the final say on the funding.

- Alright, any other questions? Those in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number eight. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a Design, Construction & Dedication Agreement with Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the Ken Evers waterfowl habitat and northern spawning restoration project.

- Yeah, so yesterday I amended the agenda and added this item to the agenda, so it should be in your agenda packet that you're looking at now. So in September of 2016, the Park Committee did authorize Ducks Unlimited to apply for several grants to install a waterfowl nesting habitat, along with northern spawning habitat improvements in the Ken Evers natural area. So that was several years ago. Since then, the group has secured over \$200,000 in grant funding to go towards this project. They have also completed the necessary engineering and have received all the relevant permits for this project. Both Public Works and the Parks Department have been in constant contact with them, and have reviewed the construction documents, and we are supportive of this project moving forward. So I'll just give a brief description of what the project entails since we haven't talked about it in quite a while. So the project consists of a considerable amount of tree removal along the flood control dikes within the natural area. The tree removal is necessary for two reasons. The one, they have to create an open setting for the waterfowl to want to come and nest in that location. If it's all surrounded by trees, they don't feel safe, and they won't nest there. So when you see ducks and geese nesting, it's in big open areas. Also, Public Works is in support of the tree removal, as is Parks, because those trees that are there now, the ones that are going to be removed, have all grown wild within the dike. And so the root system can damage that dike over time. And so really in any situation where you have a flood control dike like that, you really don't want trees growing on it. So Public Works is supportive of the tree removal, as are we for that reason also. And then the trees that are going to be removed, a large portion of those trees are going to be placed in the bay for fish habitat. Now we're not really approving that because those are public waters, and they're working with the DNR and Army Core on that. So that's not part of our project. But that is where the trees are going to end up. Once the trees are removed, the inland slopes of the dikes will all be graded so they're not quite so steep, so that we can actually mow and maintain those throughout the year so that additional trees don't grow there. Also, new water control culverts will be installed so that the City can control the height of the water within this nesting area. So basically when, in certain times of the year we need water in there, and other times we need dry area, so we'll be able to control the height of the water to encourage the nesting habitat throughout the years, or throughout the seasons, and that when we do actually need to fill it, we will have to bring in a pump to fill it, and Ducks Unlimited will supply the pump for our use. So we'll be able to use that on a yearly basis as needed. And then to drain it, all we have to do is adjust the culvert structure, and let the water drain out into the bay. And the northern spawning habitat will be created by dredging out a portion of the channel to create appropriate habitat for spawning. And then a second flood control structure will be placed at the western edge of that northern spawning habitat. So that's in general what the project is. So Ducks Unlimited is now ready to begin construction as soon as they have the City approvals to do so. Ideally they would begin construction later on this spring. So they are seeking approval to hire their own contractor to manage the construction of this facility, and then all costs would be the responsibility of Ducks Unlimited. Do you have questions?

- I think Alderman Steuer has a question.

- Just, you were mentioning, is there a number, as far as the number of trees that are going to be taken down in this project?

- I don't know that off hand. 'Cause that's something that they're gonna--

- I can do that by Council. I don't know if they have a quantity, but I can give you a lineal footage of the dike. It's quite a number of them, though. But like I said, there's reasons for them to be removed, and a lot of the trees that are there are kind of undesirable cottonwood trees and ash trees, so they're not the best quality of trees anyway.

- Okay, alright.

- Once Ducks Unlimited hires a contractor, and they build it, and the project is completed, the City will then accept the donation, and would take on the maintenance of the facility. So we do anticipate it would take about \$40 to \$80 of staff time to monitor, flood, drain, and mow the dike per year, so it's not a considerable amount of time, but there will be some maintenance. So we would like to, the law department did put together a Design, Construction & Dedication Agreement with Ducks Unlimited. This is very similar to the agreement that was approved by the Park Committee for the 4K construction, and also a concession stand that's going to be built at East River Optimist Park, so we've already done two of these construction agreements in the past. This one was structured very similarly. So this document which you'll see in the agenda packet. It outlines the process, and the approvals that their group would have to go through in order to insure that the facility is constructed to our standards. Items in this contract include the plan review process, permitting, construction inspections, insurance requirements, and how to select approved contractors. Because this is a fairly large project, over 200,000, the City would require that their group have a representative onsite to oversee the construction. And in this situation Ducks Unlimited has constructed quite a few of these throughout the State, in other communities, and they do have appropriate engineers on staff to oversee the construction, and we are satisfied with that. In addition, City staff will be out there regularly while monitoring the construction. So in general, I think all the ducks are in a row.

- Nice.

- To move ahead with this.

- Randy would have liked that.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Steuer. It might be your second time doing that, but any questions, anything else? Those in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Do you think it'll be done this year, Dan?

- Yeah, they would like to start construction in the spring and be done in the summer.

- Excellent.

- Okay.

- Alright, informational. Director's Report, updates, recent activities, Parks, Rec and Forestry.

- So crews have been busy, especially in the flood zone area cleaning up the mess in the parks. There was quite a bit of debris along the East River Greenway, things that floated into the park, and we've been spending a lot of time cleaning that up. On March 20th, the Park and Forestry shop, we held our annual safety blitz. So this is an annual event that's a great opportunity for all of our park staff to get updated and trained on various safety issues. So

this year's seminars included ladder safety, chainsaw safety, first aid, and there were a lot of various items. It's really a great chance for our guys to get, or our staff to get refreshed in some safety aspects.

- Are there certificates with that, or?

- There is not, no. Although we do bring in consultants to give presentations, and then some of our staff who specialize in some of these areas, they do training in some things.

- [Computer] Unknown caller.

- We are also currently interviewing and hiring staff for our summer positions. This would include playground leaders, softball site supervisors, pool staff, Bay Beach staff, so we're really busy right now, this time of year, trying to get ready for the summer. We recently filled a facility supervisor position at Bay Beach Amusement Park, as you know, in our budget we did receive approval to hire a third full time manager out there. So as of March 5th we did hire Stephanie Coertzen, who is filling that position. She has been a part-time manager out there for several years, and we think she'll do a great job moving forward. So the annual R-PAWS training day will be on March 30th. So what that is our staff will come in and teach members of the public the value of volunteering for animal care at the sanctuary, so it's a great program. We do this once a year, and that's being held this weekend. And so that concludes my report.

- Motion to receive and place on file.

- I'll second that, but I did have one quick question.

- Sure, go ahead.

- About the 4K program building, that wildlife sanctuary, how are we on time, and all that?

- It's going well, so it's all kind of framed, it's starting to take shape. So the footings are all in place, the first floor slab is now in place, so it's actually starting to look like a building. So we're on track right now to be open for the fall school semester next year.

- Okay.

- Dan, was the nursery affected at all by the flooding?

- It was not, it was flooded, but it drained. Ice did not get in there, and nothing was damaged in the nursery. And we, luckily we didn't have any buildings flood either, not a single one.

- Hm, good.

- Thanks for the help on the, there was a potential flooding issue up at Colburn, it sounds like you're taking care of that.

- Yeah, we had a couple of issues where the water backed up in the parks and some of the adjacent neighbors were concerned that it was gonna flood into their yards. So we had an issue at Colburn, and we had an issue at Edison, and our guys, our staff, was very proactive on getting out there and controlling that water, and redirecting it as needed.

- And you did a great job.

- Thank you.

- There's a motion and a second to receive and place on file. Those in favor?

- [Together] Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. The next Park Committee meeting is tentatively set for April 10th, if anything changes we'll, can talk about at that time.

- Motion to adjourn.

- Motion to adjourn, Alderman Steuer.
- Second.
- Second by Alderman Nicholson. Those in favor?
- [Together] Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. That's a wrap.
- Have to head to the bathroom.
- Mark's been holding it for an hour.