



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019, 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 310**

A. ROLL CALL.

Ald. Chris Wery, Ald. Brian Johnson, Ald. Mark Steuer, Ald. Andy Nicholson arrived at 5:25. Excused: Ald. Jesse Brunette
Others Present: Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen, Mike Hronek

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to move Item E.1. to be first on the agenda. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to move Item D.3 and D.4 after Item D.9. Motion carried.

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

D. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on pickleball options for the west side of Green Bay.

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

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Andy Nicholson to refer to staff to work with user group to develop a plan and fundraising goal for installing pickleball courts on the west side of Green Bay and bring the recommendation back to the Park Committee for discussion. Motion carried.

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

2. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Wery to discuss the progress and future plans for Little League and Babe Ruth ballfield facilities on the West side of Green Bay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Consideration with possible action on the purchase of 1705 East Shore Circle (Parcel 21-439) for the expansion of Bay Beach Amusement Park.

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business as necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.82(2), Wis. Stats., to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to go into closed session. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to return to regular session. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to proceed as directed in closed session. Motion carried.

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

4. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Lefebvre that as the Park Department has no policy on notification of residence/neighbors of major additions or alterations that would directly affect them, I'm therefore asking for a policy or ordinance be put in place.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to receive and place on file. Motion failed.

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

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to hold until the next Park Committee. Motion failed.

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

Refer to City Council with no recommendation.

5. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Wery to discuss how to enable free WIFI access (or increased bandwidth) during all city committee and council meetings, or always have free WIFI at City Hall.

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

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

6. Approval of a resolution in support of a DNR Stewardship grant application for \$625,000 to construct a beach, pier, boardwalk, bathhouse and parking lot at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.

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

7. Approval of a resolution in support of a DNR Stewardship application for \$123,000 for the purchase and installation of a pedestrian bridge in the Baird Creek Greenway.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

8. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a \$100,000 grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for the construction of the shoreline improvement project at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

9. Consideration with possible action on hiring Ruekert & Mielke for \$37,500 to complete storm water management engineering for Bay Beach Amusement Park.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

E. INFORMATIONAL.

1. Update on Colburn Pool.

Moved by Ald. Mark Steuer, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to receive and place on file the update on closing Colburn Pool for the 2019 pool season due to unforeseen mechanical issues. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

2. 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- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

3. The next Park Committee meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2019.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Andy Nicholson, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried.
Yes- Chris Wery, Andy Nicholson, Brian Johnson, Mark Steuer, No- None, Abstain- None

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- Alright, June 11th, Parks Committee will come to order and we'll note Alderman Wery present, Alderman Johnson present. Alderman Brunette has been excused. Alderman Nicholson is en route, and council president Mark Steuer has joined us today. Graced us with his presence on the bullpen. Thank you Mark. What are your wishes with the agenda?
- Move to approve.
- Second.
- Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Steuer. Under this item, would it be alright with the committee if we handled the update at Colburn Pool first?
- Alright.
- Alright.
- Will that take a while?
- I don't think so.
- Okay.
- Alright.
- We'll do that first, and, those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye. Opposed? Motion carried. See as approval of the minutes. Move to approve.
- Second.
- Johnson second by Alderman Steuer to approve. Discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Regular business. We'll get the update on Colburn Pool and informational. Director.

- Sure so, some of you may be aware of this, maybe you're not though. But one week prior to opening Colburn Pool for the season, we began filling the pool basin with water in preparation for the June 9th opening. And then at some point after the water was turned on, we did have a two-inch pipe that burst in the basement of the mechanical room. The water rose to a depth of six feet before staff was aware of that, we had a flooding issue in the basement. And, we have had occasional flooding in the mechanical room before, but it's never been to this extent. So, it's never risen to this height before. Unfortunately, all the pool mechanical and electrical systems were under water. We met with both the city electricians and the inspection department, and the city will be required to replace anything that's electrical before we are allowed to open the pool to the public. So even if it works, we can't open the pool. We have to replace it. And that's similar to all the flooding that has occurred on the east side. Similar requirements were made for that. So Public Works did meet with the contractor that we hired to replace all the equipment at the pool. They were planning to do it this Fall, and asked what the feasibility was to install all the electrical components ASAP, to see if we can salvage a portion of the pool season. So we did hear back from the contractor today. So they researched it, and determined that it would take about seven to nine weeks for all of the pool equipment to arrive after the order is placed. Some of these items will arrive sooner than the seven to nine week lead time, but the heaters, the pool heaters which are very important element, they do have a seven to nine week lead time. This timeline does not include installation. This is just the timeline to order it and get the materials here on, on site. So, it would take additional time to install the pool heaters and all of the other equipment. As you know, the 10-week pool season started last week Saturday. So due to the length of time that it would take to purchase and install the equipment, we really have no choice but to close down the pool for the season. It just is not going to be feasible to open it all this season. Even if we were to get one to two weeks of swimming, if the repairs are initiated in a fast pace, it would be difficult to actually staff the pool for one to two weeks, and get the number of lifeguards in attendance to actually want to work that late in the season for only one to two weeks. But likely, we do have two aquatic centers in Green Bay that we can, that can handle the additional demand. We'll, all the swim lessons would be diverted to one of the other two pools. And then, we would take advantage of this situation and begin construction on the new pool, construction as soon as the contractor is able to mobilize. So the other bright side to this is the contractor who was going to do the work this Fall and next Spring, now has a little bit more time to make sure that the work gets done, prior to the 2020 pool season. So you know, in summary, this is, this is where we're at. So this is just informational. There really is no option to open, keep the pool open at this point, due to the timing on this. So, it, this was just put on your informational. So I would just, obviously if you have any questions, we can talk about that. But for a motion, I would just say to receive and place on file the update on closing Colburn Pool for the 2019 pool season due to unforeseen mechanical issues.

- Questions?

- It seems pretty cut and dry.

- Yeah, and I appreciate Danny for kinda kept me up to date on this last week or so. A lot of people obviously has been reaching out wondering what's going on, when are their swim classes gonna start. Are they going to be able to absorb at the other pools, that was the main question. Swim classes, swim lessons.

- Well, I mean, the one challenge that we have is the night time swim lessons. Colburn offers us to have a night time. So we still have to sit down and think about how we're gonna accommodate night time swim lessons. Because we have two aquatic centers that on a really warm hot night, to also add swim lessons is gonna be a challenge. But, we're gonna sit down tomorrow and really look at the big picture, so.

- Yeah, it's disappointing but we limped it along for probably longer than we could have, or should have really. I mean you guys have done a great job of keeping it going this long. The good news is like you said, they can get in there earlier and get this thing up and running. It'll be lovely brand-spanking new next year at this time.

- And obviously, this wasn't anybody's wish, it was unforeseen. You know, we were well on our way to having it all staffed and ready to go until this issue happened, so.

- Are those other folks going to be able to go elsewhere, any of them?

- You talking about the swim lessons?

- The other employees, lifeguards and staff.

- All in a way, I mean, as you probably well know from the media also. Staffing has been a challenge this year and it kind of in a way, kind of helped us open up the other aquatic centers on time. So the challenge still will be like I said, is to staff, have enough staff to staff the pool, aquatic centers and staff swim lessons also. So it's not just the fact that we have to try accommodate swim lessons at night, but we also have to try to find the staffing available and trained to have them, so. Just giving you guys a head's up that the night time swim lessons will be a challenge but I mean, overall we are looking at options and we'll do the best we can.

- Can we have some longer hours here and there to help accommodate it?

- Since we will have a little extra staff left over, yeah it's a possibility.

- Possibly something to take a look at.

- Yeah.

- We can also look at maybe sectioning off portions of the pool to accommodate the swim lessons while we keep the rest of the pool open to the public. So there's options to explore. We'll just have to work out what's feasible and what isn't feasible.

- Yup.

- Well thanks, not great news but nothing we can do about it. Finish, do we save this place on file.

- So moved.

- Section Alderman Steuer, second by Alderman Johnson under discussion. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried, thanks. Back to item one, consideration with possible action on pickleball options for the west side of Green Bay. Director.

- So within the last year, we have been discussing pickleball on the east side of Green Bay. So, what we, what we decided to do was convert two tennis courts at Addison Park school to six dedicated pickleball courts. The total estimated costs for that project was \$60,000. We did give the east side pickleball group approval to begin a fundraising effort of \$10,000. They were successful with that, reaching their fund raising goal. And then in the 2019 Park Capital Improvement Plan, staff did recommend bonding \$50,000 to complete the project at Addison. So this was approved at the Park Committee, and referred to the Finance Committee for their review, and discussion, and approval which I believe is happening tonight, and into next month. So Finance Committee is talking already about whether or not to fund the \$50,000 for the east side location. Recently, pickleball on the west side, individuals from the community reached out to Alder Steuer and to the city and recommended installing dedicated pickleball courts on the west side of Green Bay. There is a huge demand for the pickle ball in the region. There is somebody here who can talk to that, if you'll open the floor to them. But as we look through this, through this proposal, if we were to convert two existing tennis courts into six dedicated pickle courts. The most obvious location for that would be Murphy Park. So last year, the the city did build two new tennis courts at Perkins Park, which is just walk down, you know maybe two blocks down the road. So it's very close. So we really don't need the tennis courts at Murphy Park as much as we used to. Now, the cost to install pickleball would be a little more expensive than at Addison, because the, the dimension of the courts are a little bit smaller. So, what they would recommend or what we would recommend is to actually increase the asphalt size of that pad, to accommodate six dedicated courts, to make it more of an ideal spacial requirements for six courts. And the cost to do that would be 85,000 dollars to retrofit those courts versus the 60 at Addison. The other option would be to install 6 new dedicated pickleball courts somewhere in the city. The total estimated cost for 6 new courts would be about 200,000. And if the city were to proceed with funding those courts, we could then work with the group to select any location on the west side. At that point, if you know, the funding is there, there's other options than just Murphy Park that we could look at, and we would just work with the group to select an alternate location. So that's kind of a summary of the of the ask for pickleball on the west site. I would recommend that you open the floor if Alder Steuer wants to add anything to that.

- Want me to start? We have some folks here from that play pickleball out in the audience, Mike Grenish, Kim, and Kim. We are, have met a number of times on this issue, or this potential project, and they will be able to better kind of fill us in a little bit as far as the demand and what's going on. It's growing exponentially in the south, and as time goes on, more, less folks are playing racketball, less folks are playing tennis, more folks want to play pickleball. It's a little more amenable to folks from 8 up to 88. So it's a finesse sport, there's some skill involved, there's some workout involved. It's a growing sport, and I think that you know Green Bay has an opportunity to be a leader here. So with that being said, I'd make a motion to move forward.

- Second.

- Yup.
- Motion by Alderman Steuer, second by Alderman Johnson. Open the floor, those in favor?
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. Anybody here for the same? Just your name and address please.
- Come on up Mike.
- Just come on, have a seat.
- Sit up, sit up here.
- Yeah, so I brought some
- If I can just get your name and address.
- Name and address.
- Hi my name is Mike Grenish. I'm at 121 Garden Gate Court, Green Bay, 54313.
- Thanks.
- This is my friend, Kim Guejen, and we are both avid pickleball players. So I have just a quick intro for you.
- Thank you.
- This is updated. Right so, also I have some oops sorry about that
- Nice shot
- Watch where they come.
- There you go.
- You gotta have props. Those are yours. So yeah So I'm an advocate for pickleball. And the what we're trying to here you know the my presentation kind of says it all. It's just trying to get this on the agenda. Thank you for putting it on the agenda. And then to consider places to build the facilities. Right now in Green Bay, we're we don't have the facilities we need frankly, and that's why I'm here. And trying to get in the process and and since I'm here, I'm very appreciative of being in the process to get things going. So there are places to play pickleball, but there's it's not necessarily a dedicated pickleball courts right, other than Fort Howard. Fort Howard right now across from the Railroad Museum is kind of the gold standard in the area. They're dedicated pickleball courts, and that's really all we have. The folks at on the east side have been playing at Addison for a long time before I got involved. I'm an old racquetball player. And so I'm in support of converting the Addison courts and then hopefully after that we can something on the west side. And I think there is an

opportunity here for Green Bay to really step forward frankly leap frog what's out there. I'd like to see, if I had my way, it would be Green Bay as the pickleball Mecca of Wisconsin. I'd like the committee and the city to adopt that, and then do what it takes to make it happen. We live in a climate that it's we need indoor facilities. Western Racquet is a tennis facility. And what happens is that they they basically will tape lines for pickleball, and there is a lot of issues with that. There's some safety issues because there's not enough spacing of front to back from the baseline, and side to side. And so people falling over nets, hurting themselves, running into fences or walls, and so, that's a big issue. And so I think if we are going to do something, I'd like to suggest that we look at the right size, and I've played at a lot of places around, and not only in the region, outside the region, and there always seems to be some type of compromise. And it really comes down to money right. But I think it starts with the city having a vision, and then saying, well, we're gonna dedicate this land, and then tactically figuring out how we are going to fund it. And I'd like to suggest that we look at a model that goes beyond public funds but also get the private sector involved. So that's it.

- Mike, could you add a little bit about the special needs group that we have talked to?

- Sure, and if you look, I think on the wins for Green Bay, it talks about pickleball appealing to all abilities and also special needs. So so that's one reason why pickleball is so engaging of the community is because pretty much everyone can play. And it's much more amenable to special needs. For sure.

- Yes Alderman Steuer, Alderman Johnson. Any questions?

- I don't know if Alderman Johnson does, I can keep talking on this for awhile.

- Okay.

- Good.

- No I, there are a good 80 folk, 85 or 90 folks that are playing this right now. And they are saying right now that chances are that when people have tournaments or that they have to go elsewhere generally. There's really not. What they're saying is that these folks come into town if you had tournaments here, you would be bringing in money into the community. I think one of the things that you're looking at or that we talked about was Military Avenues per se, rejuvenating that area a little bit. And we even entertained the thought I don't know if it's just cursory at best, but talking about the old Shopco stores, vacant now, that could be a potential spot as well. And folks coming in from around the mid west or around the country that play pickleball. You just had a pickleball tournament for women's down in Fort Myers, it was 100,000 dollars purse, it was on ESPN. So it is growing. And I don't know, I just think we have a good opportunity here to be a leader in this sport. You know, I think once you get past Smiling in pickleball. You know a lot of people "Oh what's that?" Mike has even suggested having city staff and council playing against some of you guys.

- Yeah to resolve the differences, you know.

- He's

- Let's get on, get on the pickleball court, and resolve it there.

- Any other questions for Mr. Grenish? No? Alright, I appreciate it. Thank you. I think that's all the questions we have right now.

- I'm good. I'm good right now.

- Anything else you wanted to add?

- No

- Alright, thank you for your time.

- Thank you. This helps.

- Jim, did you want to?

- Anything you wanted to add?

- Kim did you want in?

- I just want to thank you for taking pickleball into consideration. It's a sport that I started playing about 2 years ago. And I've just had a lot of fun. I met a lot of great people, I've had a lot of great experiences. It is growing. You see it, you see it every place you go.

- Kim, could I just get your name and address

- Yes,

- for the record? To keep track of everybody who.

- Kim Gujen, and the address is 705 Frederick Court

- Thank you

- Greenbay, 34131. So yeah, Mike is the one with the vision. He's the one that sees that we're gonna be running into constraints. We're going to be running out of places to play. On a Saturday morning at Fort Howard park, all the courts are full and there's a line of people waiting to play. That happens on a regular basis. So it's just exciting to see what could happen and

- So to, I appreciate you taking the lead on this. Are you okay with the initial plan to start at Murphy, and see how it goes?

- Yeah

- And expand from there. Dedicate Murphy park to this?

- Start with Murphy and then go from there?

- Yeah I think that that's, really Murphy has a lot of potential. You know there's, with all these places there's pros and cons, right. But, you know I kind of break it down in short, mid and long term. So short term there's nothing on the west side. Right now, we play our home court is Howard YMCA. And so, we have to flex our schedule to the aerobics room. And it's our coveted room.
- I'm pretty sure we're up playing basketball gym when I looked over.
- You guys are playing pickleball.
- You need to stop looking.
- You need to come over.
- You need to start doing. So that's really our coveted area. And then that's it. There's no, there's no place to play outside. So I think you know, Murphy Park would be the easiest to convert. I believe, money-wise, I think it, it has you know the parking is, is a concern. I mean I have, I've been to several tournaments, right? And so, there's a lot of stuff going on. You could bring in all kinds of music. It's a big thing. And so I'm not, I don't know how the folks on Douseman, would, you know. You might have to shut the street down, but that's but that's a problem for you guys to solve, right? But, yeah. I think, I think there's a, there's a great opportunity there for sure.
- Was there, I apologize if I missed it, is there a fundraising component in here? Are you putting some forward, some funds? Are you, do you have a goal,
- Private donor
- Some funds, private donation?
- Yeah I think, I think I come right, I come out of the high tech industry. I've been involved in fundraising a lot. And, you know, successful fundraising. So I think it starts with the vision, right. The city has the land, and I I think it would be great for the city, and and so kind of adopting the vision, saying this is what we are going to do, having these renderings, and then find a model to put it perhaps on guys like me to go help raise funds out of the private sector.
- So you think
- There's a lot, there's a lot of of wealthy people in Green Bay.
- You're looking at the long term plans for the short term for getting this converted for the 85,000
- 85,000 yeah
- Plus some of these, yeah.
- I think that the norm
- I just defer to Dan on, on.

- Okay, I didn't know if you were offering some funds toward that. I know the east side I think put up 10,000.
- Or, you're talking about my, my yeah.
- Murphy Park.
- Yeah, yeah.
- So, I would definitely. Half of that money is my wife, so she, when I said that my wife said you did what?
- But, I would certainly be the first one to ante up funds. I don't know about the \$5,000, but I certainly would start with 500, I think I could get.
- If the goal was 10,000 to match what the east side did?
- I didn't hear what you said?
- Do you think we could raise 10,000 to match what the east side did for Addison?
- And we could talk about it as a committee. I'm just wondering if you're offering that up, because a lot of our
- Personally, I believe I believe the answer is yes.
- Yeah
- I definitely believe the answer is for sure.
- And a lot of us west siders are supporting the east side project also.
- In fact, the pledges, what's interesting is that most of the pledges for the east side Addison group come from the west side.
- Now that we get one, you have to go back and ask them.
- I don't know about that. We might think we're a little more generous don't cha. I'm not sure. I don't want to create skizz in here but yeah.
- Any other questions?
- Not specifically.
- I would pertain a motion to return.
- Motion returned.

- Alderman Nicholson joining us. Motion valid by Nicholson. Second vote start to return to a regular room. All in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion to carry.

- Sure.

- Do you want me to leave?

- You may all leave.

- Whatever you like. We have enough on all the forms so. You can stay or leave, whatever your wishes are.

- Just don't let the door hit you in the you know what.

- I could have said oh yeah good for you guy.

- What are your wishes, Director? I just asked the Director to clarify. Was there a proposal for a 10,000 in private dollars?

- Well, we talked about the potential fundraising, and a you know he mentioned he felt that he could successfully fundraise. Right now he was just kind of bringing the proposal forward to see how the committee felt about it, whether or not they would be supportive of west side pickleball group, pickleball somewhere in the parks, which option they would be supportive of. And then would you be willing to to actually fund, to fund a portion of it, or the majority of it.

- Now this hasn't, this obviously wasn't in this year's bond request. So are you looking to change this year's or are you looking at next year's?

- Well, right now it isn't in our five-year capital improvement plan at all, because this request is a new request that recently came forward. So, we're the staff is supportive of it. We would have to re-evaluate our bond request to see where it would make sense to fit in. If you did want to add it to this year's bond request you could still do that by making a referral to the Finance Committee to consider it, because my understanding is from the Finance Director is today they are going to go over just the big picture of the five-year plan, and then next month they were going to go into the specifics of the 2019 capital improvement plan.

- Well I know that finance right now, they're speaking and they're talking about bonding going from 11 million possibly down to 8 million, so I know there's a concern with that. And I've talked with Mike about this in the past too, whether we just want to get the information out, or why not grab for it, at least ask. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. So I think part of what we're saying is that we would, what we would like to request to be considered in the bonding for this year, and if it doesn't happen, then nobody will take it personal. It's just that if we don't ask, then we won't know. So I feel that the fundraising capabilities of this group would be very good. I think they would match, not match, but they would come forward with what they would need to do it. Part of the reason why I'm

looking at this too is the overall. When you look at parks in general, over the years, you know I played softball for years, you don't see quite as many softball teams. You have a lot of different uses that are changing at parks. You have some parks have cricket, they're playing cricket. They're, we talked about lacrosse at one time. There's just different sports, and I think pickleball is one of those sports that's coming forward, and I think that it will be a trend for the future. And looking at existing parks and seeing where facilities may come into play, and to make it more amenable to the public in general. That's what, that's part, part of the reason why I'm looking at this.

- I appreciate it. Now, Mr. Grenish had his head up, did you want to open up the floor for any additional.

- Motion to open the floor.

- So I have to open it back up for the public.

- Motion held by Alderman Steuer, second by Alderman Nicholson. Those who are in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed. Motion carried.

- Mr. Grenish?

- I just would like to comment on, to be mindful of building the right facility. And if it's not the right facility, then I would suggest don't do it. Okay it's, it's, what I see is that, having to appeal to the higher end pickleball players. If you appeal to the higher end pickleball players, the rest will follow. Okay, so the facilities that are going around right now are, I mean, I appreciate what's happening, for sure. But, there, there's always some type of trade off, and a lot of trade off is the spacing, and that's a safety issue. And so what will happen is that those facilities will go idle, because eventually the, the better players will, will go away, and then the rest of the body will go, right. So, so if, if you have to wait to gather more funds to do it right, then wait.

- Okay, thank you. Anybody else?

- Motion to close the floor.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson.

- Second.

- Starting to close the floor, all in favor?

- Aye.

- Oppose. Motion carried. Alderman Johnson.

- Dan, what type of long term planning have you done, when you start to think of the uses in the parks, whether its softball, tennis, pickleball, demand that that's growing. What type of I guess use studies, if any, do you guys do to determine where the demand is coming from.

- Yeah so we, we kind of do it on an informal basis, so with athletic fields and rentals, it's very easy to tell what the usage is. For ball fields and soccer fields, and stuff like that, we can just tell by how many leagues play on them, etc. It's a little more difficult when you get into tennis and pickleball. We do know that pickleball is growing. When we, we have been offering pickleball at Addison park for a number of years, what started out as a few people playing in temporary nets, we now have large tournaments out there, and we're filling up those courts using temporary nets. So we have seen that pickleball usage has gone up, and we've also seen other communities installing pickleball 'cause they're seeing the same thing. So we definitely know there's an increase in usage for pickleball. As far as tennis goes, we don't really have a good way of tracking that. A lot of it is just how often are, when our park crews are out there, how often do you witness people on courts. A lot of our courts are in parks where we have an active parky program going on, so we are able to, you know, talk to the parkies to see how much usage they see on the courts. But I think in general, and I think James can probably speak to this, in general we're seeing less and less tennis players over a number of years. And so it's not necessarily, you know, a short situation, it's been ongoing for a number of years. Do you have anything to add to that, James?

- I would just say yeah, I mean, that's true. Over the past probably, I would say five years or so, we've seen a decrease in the amount of youth lessons, for example, just the numbers have gone down for youth lessons for tennis. Also we used to run an adult, you know, tennis, you know, league, and you know, it's pretty much now people that do play tennis, I mean they have their places that they go and play now. Or it's very sporadic, and I would consider it more recreational. Pickleball has taken, has taken a lead on kind of a trending sport, by Addison and the amount of activity that happens there on a nightly basis plus the two tournaments actually that we run, we've actually filled those tournaments in the last two years we ran them. With, I think, I think last year it was 72 or 74 teams in one tournament

- Wow

- And the other one was, and they were from people from four different states. So, I mean, the trend is there, it's definitely without a doubt. It's its not just in Wisconsin here, it's nationwide. So, you go to conferences of course, state conferences, went to the national conference last year, pickleball was one of the most up and coming sports, you know. Especially, what I like about it too is that it tailors towards a wide variety of people. So it's not just young people its also people that have more experience, I didn't want to say old.

- Don't look at me when you're saying it.

- But I mean it's just a very versatile sport, it's very inclusive is what I'm trying to say. It's a, it's a good sport right now.

- So do we do anything in terms of court reservations, anything like that where we can track the occupancy of our facilities?

- We do that, like I said, with athletic fields. With tennis courts, we do that on a limited basis, but with but most of our courts are just informal, let's go there by the neighborhood and use it when it's open, and usually there isn't a problem. There's always courts open for the most part. But we do track some things when there is a rental. But there really isn't a good way to do it on our tennis courts because we don't block the gates that are open to the public at all, you know, whenever the park is open. And so there's no good way of tracking it if we don't require a reservation for those.

- Okay, so we're looking at approximately \$200,000 you said for, to do this particular proposal in Murphy Park, and that's to, more or less retrofit an existing tennis court.

- It would be 80, 85,000 to retrofit two tennis courts into six pickleball courts. It's a little more expensive than Addison, but it's 85,000.

- Where did the number come from?

- The 200,000 is for brand new courts.

- Which was going to be my next question.

- What you, could you put them in any park where there is adequate room? And there are other options besides Murphy Park that might be a better fit if we were to build a new court facility. The nice thing about building a new facility is that you can build it in such a way that if the demand does continue to increase, it can be designed and built so that you can easily add onto it and add another six courts, when and, you know, if that demand ever reaches that level.

- What type of maintenance would typically come with facilities like this?

- Its similar to a tennis court. So technically, every 5 years or so you should be re-color coding the facilities. We haven't been doing that, so we're probably at every, maybe 8 to 10 years for our tennis courts. And that's more, that's more typical or what you'd see for a casual park facility. But if you're looking at a tournament facility where you want to keep it looking as a tournament facility, you should be color coding every five years.

- Thank you, sure. I think one thing to is that, that at Perkins Park for example, there used to be six courts, correct? Tennis courts?

- Correct, there were six.

- Now we are down to two. So there has been a decrease there. And your saying that those pads out in that area will need to be re-done at some time in the future. I did look at a park plan with you and with Mike the other day, and you're even talking about the fact that Perkins Park, they were talking about Little League baseball. And you know, a lot of these communities that have complexes of Little League are really important for those communities. Usually there's four diamonds, and then there's concessions. An where we're at in Perkins, there's room for maybe three ball fields and concessions, and some of the leagues are even saying that's not quite good enough. So there is a possibility that, that that may change too, as far as that's been a focus for Little League for years. So that's why I brought up the point about parks, the fact that over time, the population's are changing. You have different dynamics as far as people getting involved in certain sports. And what I've seen with Mike, he

kind of, you know, lit the fire for me, to read, read and look into this, because I really feel like Green Bay has an opportunity here to look at a sport that's up and coming, and growing, and it could be economically beneficial to the area. So, I'm all for it. That's all I have.

- Director, is it in your opinion better to retrofit right now, and kind of test the water, or should be look long term and maybe come back with a, looking at the new facility, I mean?

- Well, in my opinion, either option is acceptable. The only concern that was really addressed with retrofitting Murphy Park, although like I said, they're in agreement of that location, they're primary concern is a lack of parking for whenever there is a tournament there. So if that can be addressed at some point in the near future by making that parking lot bigger or maybe, I believe we do allow street parking there, but that their primary concern. Now if we look at an alternate location, maybe we can find a location that has adequate parking already to address their concern. There's you know, there's a number of sites that, that could accommodate that.

- I would think that with either one here, either the retrofit or the new, there'd have to be a fundraising component. We see that now with a lot of of our parks things. Whether it's Little League, or the pool, you know there's a private group that helps drive it. Sounds like there's a willingness there, but not a firm commitment, or a plan?

- There's a willingness if that's what the park community desires.

- Okay

- Was more of a feeler right now, just to get it out there, there's no plan in place saying we're going to raise 25,000 this and that. I think they were looking for some direction from the committee and the city to say, you know what, I think we have something here that is good, and could be very important in the future. Are we will to at least look at this, and I have a feeling that, that if the committee says yes there will be a concerted effort to do the fundraise, then we could get something together. And then the next couple of weeks, as far as a plan, and a goal, etc. And then we could come back to the committee and talk about that.

- Well if we build new, it wouldn't be this year, we'd be looking at next year at the earliest, right?

- Correct.

- And the retrofitting if it were included in the bond, would you still be looking at next year?

- Yeah, it probably would be next year. As you know, we're backlogged on projects. We've recently hired a civil engineer in the park department, but we are still looking at our priorities from past projects, so.

- I know what's on the agenda is Little League, you know, we have some projects, that are pending in a couple parks. Obviously we don't want to leap from them, so.

- I mean I would like to say that we get to it this fall if we bonded for it this year, but there's no way I could promise that at this point.

- So there's not necessarily a big rush tonight to have to decide something? We can give direction but not. Alderman Johnson?

- Yeah, and I think I'm supportive of, of sort of the adaptation of the use of our parks. When we see that are emerging, we need to respond to that. When we see things that, maybe have seen reduced demand I'm also in support of that. I think my fear is that the bonding cycle is very eminent. My fear would be pushing or forcing something through when right now, we've really had nothing more than a preliminary presentation. And I've just seen, I think a lot of examples of where we've bonded things prematurely, and then we're paying interest on that money and maybe not using it for another year or sometimes even longer. And so, I would be more supportive of saying, let's let's slow the train down of in the sense of, let's get more data, let's figure out if retrofitting is the right move, if if, you know, a new court is the right move, I would much rather see this, in the next, in the next bonding cycle, so that we can ensure that we're being more thoughtful about the way that we we plan this development, and I think, even to his point, let's make sure we do it right before we do it in, in a rushed manner. I think I'd be more supportive of that, and if, if, if referring to staff is, is the right option for the staff, you know to, to kind of put together that plan, I would be supportive of that.

- Is that your motion?

- I would, I would move that we refer to staff and have them report back. I guess, I don't know if this all needs to be included in the motion, but Dan, I guess the thing that I would just ask is that maybe you talk a little bit about their ability to fundraise. Talk with them obviously, their team directly, what they might be able to find fundraise to contribute to the project, and I think that's good information to come back with. And then of course, knowing like, and I don't know where you. You've come up with the numbers of 85,000 or 200,000, but it would be nice to know how tangible those numbers are.

- Sure.

- Yeah.

- Also good.

- Motion valid by Johnson, second by Alderman Nicholson to refer this to staff to work with interested groups, and bring back a recommendation or

- Just bring it back? Okay

- Yeah

- Okay. I like the idea of the new facility, but that's going to take a lot more planning, but if we're going to do it, let's do it right. But it's going to take fundraising, and then a lot of planning, and we wouldn't do it until next year anyways, so. Any other comments, Alderman Steuer?

- I think Alderman Johnson does bring up a good point. We're in the middle of a bonding cycle right now, and I've, I have heard that they are trying to cut from 11 million down to 8 million, so and they're a lot of projects that we need to get through. I think that this is a very important project. I

really feel that we, you know, not need not put this in the back mirror and forget about it. I really think that this is something that would be very beneficial to the city in the long run. But we have to be creative about it, and I think that, you know, as long as staff can look at this, I would feel like, I, I would really like to see something rolling so that we, by next year, we could be ready to roll.

- Okay

- As much as possible.

- So all we can do is we'll put in work with them to put together a plan, look at the fundraising component of it, select a location if the desire is to go with the, with the premier courts, and we'll come back to the park community with the full proposal at later date.

- Perfect.

- All those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. This goes to council next week on Tuesday as a recommendation. I can't imagine council will change anything, but you are welcome to come to that, Tuesday night at 6. Otherwise, I'm sure you guys would be in touch, and we'll see you plenty in the future I hope.

- Thanks.

- Thank you.

- Thanks.

- Thanks.

- Thank you.

- You're welcome.

- Number 2, consideration of possible action on the request by Alderman Wery to discuss the progress and future plans for Little League and Babe Ruth all field facilities on the west side of Green Bay. Director, thanks for putting this on so quick.

- SO what I'll do is, I'll talk about what are plans are for the next two years as it relates to our capital improvement plan. If additional questions come up, as far as what the usage is, and what's been happening with the programs, we can definitely defer to James, he has all that, that information, as far as number of players in the league, etc. So, over the next two years, the parks department will be requesting funding and to improve the Little League ball fields at both Col, Colburn and the Babe Ruth ball fields at Perkins Park. So the Little League group approached the city a few years ago and requested that we find a location on the west side of Green Bay where a four-plex Little League field could be built somewhere. So that would be ideal for a tournament facility, is to have a location with four fields all in one location. Their desired location was Colburn Park when they looked at all of the

facilities on the west side. After staff reviewing that, they were in agreement. Colburn Park is really the appropriate spot for that type of a facility, and it's really the only park on the west side that's large enough to accommodate four fields without drastically changing the usage of any particular park. So really it's a good fit. So a few months ago, when we discussed the 2019 capital improvement plan that the parks department brought forward, in that plan, staff recommended bonding \$650,000 to remove the single Babe Ruth baseball field that's at Colburn Park, and replace it with two new Little League fields with sports lighting. So because there's two existing fields there, by adding two new fields we would add a four plex there. Additional parking was going to be created because we do have a huge parking issue at Colburn whenever there is ball games going on out there. Our original intent was to use some of the remaining pool funding to basically add parking and re-change the configuration of it to handle that, and that was going to also serve as our pool overflow parking for Colburn. But because the bids came in so high, we really don't have the money set aside as part of that project anymore, to do any expansion of the, the parking lot there. So if that funding, the \$650,000 get approved, we would probably recommend that the athletic sports lighting for those two fields just be deferred to a later date, and we use the 300,000 that was set aside out of the 650 to instead put that towards expanding the, the parking lot that was there. So that's our plan for Colburn park. And that has been reviewed with the Little League group, they are supportive of it. We did talk about that at the bond request a few months ago. The master plan, Perkins, what we would end up doing there, is several years ago we brought a Master Plan forward for that area, and at the time the desire was to have two, two Babe Ruth ball fields with one concession stand, and then a Little League complex of 3 fields, and that concept brought forward maybe 5 years ago or so. Obviously, since we don't need the three-plex anymore, because we're hopefully building more at Colburn Park, we can instead build something different where the three Little League fields were going on the master plan. So, we have a shortage of soccer's or plans right now would be to convert that to two soccer fields, instead of three Little League fields. Because our needs are met at Colburn if this goes forward. But because Babe Ruth will be short one field, because we're removing it at Colburn, in next year's 5 year, in next year's bond request, which is already part of my 5 year plan, we through in I believe \$350,000 in next year's request to build the Babe Ruth field at Perkins, which, although we're not adding any Babe Ruth fields, what we're doing is, we're moving one from Colburn to Perkins, so now we have two fields right next to each other, which is more of a tournament facility for Babe Ruth, 'cause we're at one, two fields at Perkins, instead of one. So, long story short, we ask for 650,000 for Colburn this year, and we're hoping to ask for 350,000 for Babe Ruth next year.

- Thank you. Director, when would the Colburn project start? Would that be this fall right away?

- I doubt it would be this fall because the funding isn't in place. So we're doing a very late on request. This is the latest that I can remember.

- So by the time the money comes in and we get caught up with some of our other projects, it would be a project for next year, I'm fairly certain. But if the funding is there and we know it's there, then we would begin the engineering, we would have to hire a storm water management consultant because we are disturbing over X number of acres, so storm water management has to be a part of it. So if the money is secured, we'll probably do that engineering this winter, so we can construct it next year.

- Did you want to speak on this at all, I can open the floor?

- Sure, I mean yeah.

- Motion to open the floor.

- Second Alderman Nicholson opened the floor. Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Motion carried.

- Can I get your name and address?

- Troy Ness, 1151 14th avenue.

- All yours Troy.

- All right. All, I've taken over this past year as the president of Babe Ruth, so and we've have talked in the past about the plan at Perkins, and pulling it together. I think what you brought up, I, is I think it's a great idea. We've been struggling with volunteers, which everybody has, so to have two Babe Ruth diamonds at one place with a concession stand really helps run a tournament. I know with Joannes being the situation that it is there. I know we're trying to work with the legion groups ourselves. You know, we really need, we really need to communicate better with that to put that in there, but I think that really good start would be to be able to do that Perkins project as you said, and having a Little League over a Colburn. To pull that together would be great. When you first said that, I was like high schools are going to be really mad, 'cause basically, Southwest and Notre Dame use that Colburn diamond for high school baseball, but if we're able to do that right there, that also helps us for tournaments for Babe Ruth, probably helps the legion guys for them to run a tournament. Pulling that stuff together to really bring people into the community. Like for us this year, we're running the Ohio Valley Regional Tournament here, Green Bay at Perkins and Joannes. I mean, you're bringing in 12 teams from the mid west that are going to be coming here, which I think if we do things right with our facilities and what we can do, from the areas that I have experienced, because I was the past State Commissioner for Wisconsin, so I've been to Indiana, I've been to Ohio, I've been to see what's happening with some of these other facilities that aren't these high, you know, there not the ISA facilities and stuff like that, where we can bring this to a more affordable for a community for the kids that, you know, I'm a west side kid, you know, I'm seeing we can do it for Little League and getting more kids in ball, in the sports and doing those things. And I think, that helps me a lot, for what you're saying, because we've been hearing every year it's coming, its coming, and all of us who have been around it know, once you do the initial project, we gotta let it sit for a year before we can actually play ball on it, so it doesn't get tore up, and then pulling that stuff together, and pulling it together again with Addison with the concession stand situation that we two minutes ago brought up to Chris. The break in the one that we have, is just not, I mean, It just not safe, it's not ideal. We've proposed with Babe Ruth of building another concession stand, and similar to Perkins. And I understand there's a lot of logistics with the water situation and Addison, wherever we go with that, but that's another thing that we have set some funds aside for that, and now, sitting with the pickleball guys, going they're doing a tournament at Addison, and you know, I think, we're sitting at a prime time to pull stuff together where we got businesses and people right now saying hey, we want this, and it's growing, and it's starting to become bad. And I think with me going back to our people an saying, hey, being at this committee and saying that they're some positive going in the right direction, because a lot of people are community baseball-wise that felt that the city is kind of pushed

us aside. And you can see by the leagues that are forming down in Appleton, in ISA, they're doing all that stuff. And we, we hurt from that this year. I can say that we have 10 teams in our league that, last year we had 4, and so there're coming back, slowly but surely, but we're showing again, look what we're doing, and what Green Bay is doing. I think it's a win-win for everybody but the communication has just got to be improved, and that's, you know, that's, I'm not putting blame, but once we do that, and they were saying, there's a lot of people in the city that have money, and are willing and saying, "Hey, just tell us what's it's gonna cost." And we can raise the funds. We did it at Perkins, you know, we, we'll do it for the baseball diamond, and make you know Joannes the gem that we all know that I grew up here. I've played there, I mean, it's you know, it's near and dear to a lot of baseball guys in the area here. So I appreciate that, that it looks like hey things are gonna happen, and we can run a Little League tournament, Babe Ruth and all that stuff together, because these communities, I'm really tired of hearing going to go and play in Dallas. "Where are you going this weekend?" "Well we're going to Dallas." I mean, we just had a tournament two weeks ago, we had 14 teams here, 5 of which came up from Milwaukee, my Woodback tournament at the end of the month, we have 16 teams coming here, playing a Woodback tournament for three days. I mean that's feeding into our, the west side and Joannes for, even Addison for where they're staying in the hotels, and the hotels are loving it, because we work with Brown County group for hotels, and they've been block stuff off for us and doing well. And 'cause they're happy. I mean, they want to try to get the World Babe Ruth World Series here. That's a big undertaking, you know especially with Packer training camp. But, they're excited with the Ohio Valley coming, and we, that took us two years to secure that. So again, anything that you guys need or that you want from us.

- So Troy, you like the plans as presented?

- I do. At first you, you scared me when you said you're getting rid of the Babe Ruth diamond at Colburn, I'm like O my God. I mean, we're, we're struggling to find places to practice for the kids, and trying to do whatever. And I'm an old school guy, games don't make kids better, practice does. And if we're limited in practice facilities, we're not doing justice because we're just playing games there, I get that. But to say that, and for us, it's really a reassuring to know when we first built that concession stand on Perkins, that was our ultimate goal. Is to try and keep everything together as possible to really help our community. And I think it'll be great thing.

- Any questions for Mr. ?

- Yeah.

- Alder Johnson, uh we'll go that way. Alder Johnson?

- Thanks Troy, good to see you again. You know, one thing that you said that really just made my ears perk is sort of the, the heads and beds comment. And, and the people traveling and staying in the hotels. Because to me that, that opens up some potential funding sources. So do you have, do you have any like, I guess, inkling, I guess, of, when we host these tournaments, I mean how many hotel rooms are being reserved, and how, how frequently does that happen over the course of the year, and what could it be? I'm not necessarily looking for you to maybe put a note on it right now.

- Right I know what you're asking.

- But could you get that data?

- I could. I could really get it, you know, pull it together. I mean, just based on what we did, in a short period of time, what the Ohio Valley and how they came to us and said, I mean the hotels were begging us to have people come and stay. Like really, you're gonna do that during this time? Yes. You know, and it kind of run like the WIA does, where they block the rooms off, so for us this year, once we find out who the Indiana team is, they're staying at this hotel. And then the Ohio guys, you're staying at this hotel. So it's not a deal with the parents running and rushing to wonder what hotel, or find the cheapest, or whatever, so they're not staying at the, whatever it's called on Ashlyn for fear of changes all the time, but they're not staying there. Just a little pun there but, the other places that are going around, it's, it's reassuring to see that and to know we are providing a good product. And when we provide a good product, maybe we're get one of those people that are going to tournaments in the Dells, and they're gonna stay right here in the Green Bay area.

- Uh huh

- 'Cause that's what I get from people, well, we're not going because we're going to the Dells. Well, it's so much nicer at the Dells. Well, I'm a baseball purist playing on artificial turf, and all that other crap that's how baseball, not just weather convenience but, you know, they're making a lot of money 'cause everybody is going there.

- Okay.

- If got the nice facilities, but I think that's only, research it more and go back in our books for Babe Ruth. When we were, and probably Andy remembers, we're running, you know 28 to 30 teams, a weekend tournament here in Green Bay, and that they were coming here. It was just a lack of a facility. But when they were, I mean, they were coming, they're coming from Milwaukee, they're coming from Stevens Point, Wausau, up north, the UP, we finally reached up to those guys, their coming down. So it's just the deal of saying here's what we have, you know, build it, if you build it they'll come.

- Sure.

- I think that's what we're, that's what we're seeing.

- Dan, have we seen, have we ever considered a grant application to the stadium board?

- Not for this particular project, but we can look at that.

- I, I think it would be something worth looking at knowing that they, you know, these are the types of projects maybe that they would look to, particularly when you can increase the number of hotel stays.

- That's a good idea.

- That's why I think looking at some background information, and you know, how many people have we attracted in the past, versus what we are now, and how can we change that course, I think would be, that could make for a strong application.

- Oh it's a good idea.

- Troy? Okay making sure. Thanks Troy for coming in. I had the pleasure of coaching my son in Little League and Babe Ruth over the years, I know Chris has been involved and Andy has been involved as well, you know with baseball over the years.

- Involved but

- You know he's always been involved,

- But we'll get to that later.

- You know, and I think one of the things that I saw when I was coaching in such, you know we, we played most of our games at Perkins, and you know, it was fine, it was okay. But the we endured these tournaments in O'Connell Falls, in Seymour, in Clintonville, and you'd go to these communities, and it was just unbelievable. They had these top, top notch facilities, hundreds of people, hundreds, you know from all over, and these people would stay at the hotels, and go to the restaurants and that, and I even back then, you know I, even before I was on council and all this stuff, I was looking at that as economic development. I mean it was amazing. So, just for that fact alone, and Alderman Johnson brings up some good points about the hotels and such, but we were talking about pickleball before, you know. People coming in, tournaments, people stay in, in Green Bay, you know whether people like it or not, we are a draw, just the city of Green Bay. People want to come to our city. So this just gives us one more reason to do that. So, you know part of me is a little sad you know, because Perkins, you know it's in my district, I kind of like that area, but the fact that we would have a, a great facility at Colburn Park is fantastic. I guess the question I have are, are the four diamonds gonna be in a, a circular pattern.

- No, they would not be because we cannot fit them on the site in that pattern.

- Because I'm just seeing a lot of diamonds have that.

- Cutting down trees. We would have to remove quite a few trees to do that, but this is what the concept would look like.

- Are there any other questions for us.

- Oh no, motion approved.

- Just a second.

- Thank you for.

- All of those in favor?

- Aye.

- Opposed?

- Motion carried.
- As a committee here, do you have a couple extra of those, Dan?
- So the first page is existing conditions, the second one is proposed. The two fields on the right hand side are
- Should I get one of these?
- the existing ones.
- Bring it to your group, Troy.
- What's that?
- Bring it to your group, if you don't have it.
- This, this is Colburn, right?
- Yeah.
- This is Colburn.
- I can, I can get you better graphics too than this.
- Just the, just the email James, I already got my email, just forward it to me, and they I'll, I'll show that.
- This is Colburn?
- Yes, this would be the layout for Colburn.
- So as you can see, there's a lot of wooded areas in there. The only way that we could fit a four-plex with diamonds is to clear cut a big portion of the, of the forested area.
- That wouldn't go over very well.
- No.
- Dan, what, what are you looking for, an approval?
- You know for now, this was just an update on where we sit with the process. I would say receive and the place on file.
- That's my motion.
- Motion bound by Nicholson. Wery and Steuer to receive an place on file. Any comments, questions? Those in favor?

- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried.
- Number two, consideration with possible action I'm sorry, that's right, number three, consideration with possible action on the purchase of 1705 East Shore Circle, Parcel 21439, for the expansion of Bay Beach Amusement Park.
- I would just recommend that we go right in a closed session on this one.
- And that's to discuss the purchase, right?
- To discuss the purchase of the property.
- Anybody would like to make that motion and read?
- Motion.
- Motion.
- If we could, there's no one here for this item, right?
- No, there is no one here.
- No.
- Mike, can we just
- Is Mike still here?
- can we move up Mike's item?
- Well, or we could just move up some of the items.
- Yeah, let's do that.
- Why don't we hold this to the end?
- Oh, you got something Mike?
- Like I said, Andy .
- Let's hold this item 'til the last.
- That's good.
- I would hold item three too,

- Yup.
- under the agenda.
- Second.
- Motion by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Steuer. Hold item three until the the end of the, the agenda. Those in favor?
- And actually,
- Aye.
- can I add item four to that as well?
- Three and then four?
- Since that one seems to be kinda tied to that issue. Three and four.
- Alright.
- Second.
- Three and four, we will handle at the end of the committee. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. Number five. Consideration with possible action on the request by Alderman Wery to discuss how to enable free WIFI access, or increase bandwidth during city council, committee council meetings. mister Hronek.
- Hi.
- Welcome aboard.
- Good evening.
- Right now, we have, you know, x-amount of pipe for our committee meetings, and any extra we get to the public, reduces your level of, of bandwidth. So, if you happen to pull down some documents or something like that, or somebody else was working, 'cause we have a lot of meetings during the middle of the workday. That, that just limits our access. I would have to probably bring in another internet pipe, associated equipment and everything else to make this happen. Yeah, I'd really hate to give up any kind of internet bandwidth for our work staff. We're going to the Cloud more using the internet now, to research everything.

- So how does that work during the meeting if, and we all know there's someone who would like to live stream the meeting, do you have any blocked out?

- No, we have you know, people are probably just about able to download a documents out of, out of an agenda item. Our access limits their bandwidth, which basically is their video. So they can, they could easily patch back to their phone and stream their Facebook page or whatever . You know, and if I give somebody a little more access during a meeting, that's not to say that somebody else couldn't take up that access watching YouTube or Netflix, waiting on their other agenda item during the meeting. So it's pretty difficult for me to restrict that, just for one person.

- Yeah, that's a major undertaking I assume to bring in

- Well it's, it's, it's a cost, you know, to add a monthly cost for the internet pipe, and then there's equipment, and cabling, and things like that, yeah. Brown County, they, they do the same thing as us. You can, you get a very faint signal in the county, in the council chamber room of Brown County's internet. And they do have a WIFI access point inside the council chamber. They just use it for their internal staff. A little fiber coming over here and, so it's gonna be costly. Well, there's gonna be a cost to it, and meetings. And I think five Gs is rolling around the corner, next year, that's gonna increase bandwidth and the speed on some of these phones.

- Alderman Johnson.

- I was just gonna ask you Mike, with what as you were alluding to it, this migration to more Cloud-based computing now, I mean do you, do you see the need for an additional pipeline?

- Well if anything, it would, it would be a redundant pipeline for city staff. Because if our, you know, if we're going to the Cloud more, relying on it more, if something happens from our internet connection out East, the city hall would lose the internet. I'd like an internet connection coming from the West into city hall. That would be, and that would be solely for city staff, you know just for redundancy.

- Okay so, right now, are we meeting the needs I guess, of the staff at city hall, or are we limping along?

- I would like to say yes, we are meeting the needs. If you look at the Finance, today's Finance Committee agenda, I put in some internet graphs, because of what happened at the last council meeting. And we were running 300 and 400 up and down. And if you did a speed test at home, you'd see significant . Yeah, that's very fast but again, we got hundreds of people relying on our internet service throughout the city, city workers I should say. So, it would be hard for me to get any of that.

- So right now, we're meeting the needs of staff, but not necessarily meeting the needs of, maybe public access? They have a chunk of the bandwidth, and they can download agendas and things like that, but not stream.

- Okay.

- And we can't, once we provide like streaming to Facebook, our internet, like our web browser filter, like separates out like Facebook and Netflix into the same category, you know. We can block

single lines and things like that but, I just can't ever say that, that service will have enough bandwidth to operate because somebody could be streaming something else. I'd like to watch a baseball game during

- Alright.

- , why not a movie here, I mean

- When we look at I guess, sort of this, you know, elevated level of transparency, if you will, with, with public government, I know that. There was this concept of live-streaming all of our committee meetings, right. And then, we pull back on that, and I understand that. But like, if we were to back to that, and live-stream government meetings again because we've figured out you know, the closed captioning component, does that increase our need for additional capacity? That might. We'd have to test that. Yeah. Right now, we have two meetings going on. I think our bandwidth would handle that.

- Uh huh. We'd get more of them in stream meetings?

- Stream meetings, yes, streaming.

- It wouldn't be a problem.

- An you know, and we used to stream council meetings up, and you know, and we would, you could see how many people were watching it, and it was like 15, and 10 were probably city workers at home, just following up, what's going on.

- Sure. Well that's a big demand .

- Yeah, I mean certain items, and they might become more elevated and things like that, but sitting and watching a whole council meeting, just background noise probably for most people. They don't wanna see this.

- Right.

- Anything else Alderman Johnson?

- No.

- You have any questions, Alderman Steuer?

- I have nothing.

- Appreciate the update. I, I think it was a question that, at least I know, I was asked quite a bit. And then, I was asked to put it on an agenda so we can discuss it. And now, hopefully people can understand, their needs are very important, but we have to run our meetings in the city hall and hopefully some technology changes are coming soon.

- What's your two to see 5 Gs?

- And I still think they're able to stream, for the most part, and get a meeting out to the public. Maybe they had some latency problems last week, or last week's meeting or something.

- Appreciate you.

- Alright, sure.

- Thanks.

- Thank you.

- Motion to receive and place in file.

- Bye again.

- Motion by Alderman Steuer, seconded by Alderman Nicholson to receive and place on file.

- Thank you.

- Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number six. Approval of a resolution in support of DNR Stewardship Grant application for \$625,000 to construct a beach, pier, boardwalk, bathhouse, parking lot, stash of Dan Ditscheit,

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- Oh no, that part was not in there, strike that, at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

- So last year, the City Council approved a \$5 million funding for the installation of the swimming, beach, along with all the other amenities that were just mentioned. And the remaining \$2 million in funding was to come from one million in fundraising, and one million in grants. So, in May of this year, staff did submit a \$625,000 grant application through the DNR Stewardship Program. The DNR only has one grant cycle per year for this program. And, we are proposing to use the city's \$5 million that we have in hand as a match to the grant. So we have discussed this project with the DNR, and they do feel that this is an appropriate project, and it fits well within their grant goals, program goals. So as part of the application process, the DNR does require that the city council formally approve a resolution in support of the application submittal. So you'll see the resolution in the attachments. Without this resolution, our chances of, of getting the grant are, are less. And the reason we applied for \$625,000, is because that is what remains out of the million dollars of our grant goal. We've already secured other grants in the amount of 375 thousand.

- Okay, any questions?

- Is that what the governor was
- That, we'll be talking about something else later on the agenda with that.
- What about the committee?
- Motion approved.
- Motion by Alderman Nicholson to approve, second by Alderman Johnson. Discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried. Number seven. Approval of a resolution in support of a DNR Stewardship application,
- Thank you.
- for \$123,000 for the purchase and installation of a pedestrian bridge, bridge in the Baird Creek Greenway. Director.
- So this is very similar to the last agenda item. We were looking for approval of a resolution in support of the grant application. So I'll give you a little brief summary of what this application was for. So we are, the application was also submitted last May at the same time as the other one. We requested \$123,000 in DNR Stewardship money, and this is a 50/50 match. So if approved, the city's match would come from a couple of sources. So, a portion of it would come from fundraising from the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation. To date, they've already secured \$30,000 towards this project to add a pedestrian bridge in this location. They will continue to look for other sources. The remaining portion would likely come from just the city Park Department's bond request, existing bond, not request, of existing bond money that's already in place from projects that came in a little bit under budget. So we would use excess money from that to pay for this. So we are not requesting any additional funds at this time, to be allocated into the city's bond request. So this propose, proposed bid, bridge would be located just north of the existing parking lot just off of Baird Creek Road. If you can tell from this map, there is a one-way bike trail which travels, from North to South, but in reality, it kinda goes from West to East. And what happens is, the creek creates a barrier where people on this trail cannot cross the creek. So they are forced to cross the railroad tracks in the location shown on this graphic. That crossing is not an approved railroad crossing, and the railroad a few years ago, they posted no trespassing signs. They also occasionally staff it, and give warnings to people who cross the track. We have met with, the city has met with the railroad, on one or two occasions, and requested legalized crossing there. And that is not something the railroad is interested in granting us a formal crossing in that location. So because this is a one-way trail and the topography is, is, is such a way that we can't create a two-way trail, anybody, any biker on this path has to cross the tracks there. There's no other way around it. And then, what it does is it kinda goes through the woods for a short period of time, and gets them to Moon Valley Road, which then hits Baird Creek Road. So the, the thought behind adding a pedestrian bridge here is to give bikers a direct access to Baird Creek Road. So we do have a little parking turn around area that you can see

on this map, that's just off of Baird Creek Road. The total cost, we have hired an engineering consultant to design this bridge and the footing associated with it, and get all of the permits for it. The cost of, of this bridge is \$246,000, and that would be for the larger bridge shown in location one. So although the bridge is longer in location one, than in location two, there's less engineering that's involved, because we would not have to do a flood-way study. If we pick location two, we would, it would be an almost identical cost, but we would, the cost would go towards additional engineering that would have to be done to do a flood-way study. So again, this is just a summary of the grant that was applied when I'm looking for is approval of the resolution in support of the application.

- Okay, motion to approve.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson

- Second.

- Second by Alderman Johnson to approve. Discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number eight. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a \$100,000 grant for the, from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for the construction of the shoreline improvement project at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

- So today, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program announced their award of \$100,000 grant to construct the Bay Beach shoreline project, which is the beach, pier, boardwalk, bathhouse, and parking lot at Bay Beach Amusement Park. Per the city's policy with grants, the Park Committee and City Council would have to formally approve accepting the grant. So really, that's what I'm here to do, is just approve accepting the grant.

- Motion to approve.

- Second.

- Motion by Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Steuer. Discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed? Motion carried. Number nine. Consideration with possible action on hiring Rekert, Ruekert & Mielke for \$37,500 to complete storm water management engineering for Bay Beach Amusement Park.

- So I do have a summary in the agenda packet showing the, the summary of the firms that quoted on this. So the city did send out a request for proposal for storm water management engineering for Bay Beach Amusement Park. So three companies submitted proposals, Staff is recommending to award

the contract to the low quote, which is Ruekert & Mielke for a total cost of \$37,500. Although there is a large cost differential between the low quote and the two other companies that quoted the work, Public Works have reviewed the proposals. They are familiar with this company and they do not have a concern with their qualifications, necessary to complete the project per their quote. So at this point, I would recommend approval of hiring them. The storm water management plan would be a plan for the entire site. So it's a general concept showing whenever we develop a portion of the site, how the storm water management would be handled. 'Cause that's something that, right now, on a case-by-case basis, we're doing it on individual projects. So, when we did the following star, it was the storm water management just for the following star. But for the beach, we have to do storm water management for the beach. So this plan will look at the site as a whole. We'll see some efficiencies so we're not gonna end up with a bunch of little storm water management sites from here on out. 'Cause there's still a lot of future potential development out there. But really, it's gonna be necessary no matter what, to put in the beach and the, and the, and the additional parking lot for the beach. So we have to do this storm water management plan for the beach and the parking anyway. So that's a summary of the project, and the summary of the quotes.

- Motion to approve. Motion by Alderman Nicholson to approve.

- Second.

- Second by Alderman Johnson. Any discussions? Those in favor?

- Just once.

- One question Alderman Steuer?

- Too late. Beg your pardon.

- Go ahead.

- I wouldn't allow it if I was the chairman. I know you wouldn't.

- And I wouldn't, like go ahead.

- We'll approve it, but I just wanted to ask why, you know, the disparity. You know, I mean I, I, I realize that, that's such a big difference. Curious.

- We did not ask the company what that, what that is. It could be any number of reasons. Maybe, they haven't worked with the city on a storm water management plan before, but they're definitely capable of doing it. Maybe this was their way to give, get their step in the door. You know, I can't answer that question without asking them.

- Alright, that's fine.

- If they do a great job, and they keep value prices, they can do more work .

- Alright, I'm good.

- All right, those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye. Opposed? Motion carried. We are back to item three I believe. Consideration with possible action on the purchase of 1705 East Shore Circle, Parcel 21-439, for the expansion of Bay Beach Amusement Park.
- Do you wanna close session? Alderman Steuer, do you wanna close session? Would you like to read?
- The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Sections 19.85, Subsection 1, Subsection E, Wisconsin Statutes, for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the sale of public properties, investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business as necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons. The Committee may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Section 19.82, Subsection 2, Wisconsin Statutes, to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the agenda.
- There's a motion and a second. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- As opposed?
- No.
- Okay, three to one. We're in closed session.
- Make a motion to go back and open session.
- Make a motion to go back and open session.
- Motion to go back and open session by Alderman Nicholson. Second by Alderman Johnson. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye.
- Opposed? Motion carried, with your wishes.
- I move we proceed as directed in closed session.
- Second.
- Alright, motion to second. Discussion? Those in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Opposed, motion carried. Number four. Consideration with possible action on the request by Alderman Lefebvre that as the Park Department has no policy on notification of residence, neighbors of major additions or alterations, that would directly affect them, I'm therefore asking for a policy or orders to be put in place.

- Motion to receive and place on file.

- Just, if I can just mention.

- Do we have a motions or seconds on that?

- Preferred.

- I second that.

- Alright, there's a motion and a second to receive a file by Alderman, or sorry Director. Do you want to give your, your update for, on that?

- Yeah, the only update I have is, I did speak to Alder Lefebvre today, on regards to this, and what she recommend we do, is hold on this request until she can be here at the next Park Committee meeting.

- I'm not changing.

- Discussion?

- I mean, I'm fine with holding it too. Whatever you wanna do with the next, it's fine.

- Just a motion to have a motion?

- Well, there's a motion on the floor, we gotta vote on it.

- That a boy. You're still staying with your second?

- Yeah.

- like there's any other discussion. Those in favor of receiving and placing on file?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Those opposed?

- No.
- No.
- Just a minute, is Steuer still on the committee?
- Yeah huh.
- He still is?
- Yup. He's taking over Burnette's place.
- Do you want me to leave?
- No, I'm not gonna ask you to leave.
- Alright, we have a motion? Entertain a motion to hold until our next meeting.
- So moved.
- Motion by Alderman Steuer. Is there a second? I'll second it. Any discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye. Opposed?
- No.
- All right.
- No recommendation?
- No recommendation for city council.
- How does it work at the committee level, does the chair break a tie?
- How does that work?
- That would be cool.
- If it goes back as no recommendation,
- No recommendation, council will discuss it.
- Just basically let her know.
- A vote and a half.

- A presentation on that.
- Alright, we had our update on Colburn Pool. That's what we did first.
- That's fine. Thank you.
- It's closing for the summer.
- Yes.
- Okay. Director's report updates recent activities.
- I've never been there anyway. Do they sell ice cream? 'Cause Fisk gave free ice cream. Will Colburn give free ice cream?
- We'll have that at our opener. We have free ice cream.
- I mean, larger than Fisk, so they can.
- Are we done yet?
- Yeah, for inflation
- That's right.
- We gotta make up for that.
- I've a picture just, just briefly, of Alderman Nicholson, Alderman Zima and the mayor. All chatting together at the opening of.
- Are we, can we frame that?
- It was, it was, yes.
- Were you discussing the wallpaper?
- The chicken fights and mayor Schmidt lost.
- It was happy times.
- Alright, as some of you know, and I've probably gotten some calls on, we've had some, we had a lot of wet weather. And then we had a lot of sunny weather, which causes grass to grow really fast. And we have been trying to keep up, and catch up with our mowing schedule, but it's been tough. So, but we're doing our best and we're getting caught up, but it's gonna be, if we keep getting weather like this with wet and way, it's gonna be continue to be long. So, we're doing our best with that. The Resch Aquatic Center and Joannes Aquatic Center, on a good note, are open. We're open over the weekend, and now are officially open today for the summer. So we're excited for that. We have

Green Bay Packers First Down for Trees Program, donated 45 trees. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grants corded 65 trees, and 1300 Arbor seedlings were distributed to Green Bay school students. And so, we have a lot of trees that are going into our city, which is good. As they are replacing a lot of the trees that we've lost due to Emerald Ash Borer. See, we have our elevator. We have staff selected the interior finishes of the elevator cars. So work will begin soon on the replacement of the elevators. Work has begun at East River Optimist Site for the new concession stands. So construction will begin any day, and the new construction, concession stands for those. Red Smith Shelter. Construction will begin very soon on that also. So we have a lot of projects that are either on their way or starting very soon, which is exciting. Playground programs started today at all of our 35 sites this season. We have our 5th Annual FIT in the Parks, which, fitness series that will start very soon, in early July. We have one FIT family's obsession that will be on Thursday over at Nicollet. We, I've brought up a little bit earlier but staffing for pools, really all you know, the beach has had its challenges, playground had its challenges. Pools especially had its challenges this year. Staffing, so we will continue. We'll be hosting actually a lifeguard training course beginning tomorrow at Joannes Aquatic Center. So we have about 20 people in that course right now that will be trained and hopefully working for us this summer. So it should help out. Unfortunately not a lot of people wanna work full-time anymore. They wanna make their own schedules and sub when they want. So it's been a tough challenging year, but we're getting through and both aquatic centers are open. Bay Beach is now open full-time hours, so from 10 to nine, seven days a week, so that's exciting. The Wildlife Sanctuary had 104 school groups that toured in the last month, about 3500 children plus adults and chaperons. So it's been a very busy month for the Wildlife Sanctuary. Camps, summer camps start next week for the Wildlife Sanctuary. 14 out of the 22 summer camps are already full, but there's still some remaining openings. The 4K OAK Learning Center school year came to an end last Thursday on June 6th. I'll be celebrating with graduations over the amphitheater. And that is it.

- And, couple, couple of items. I recommended this to Dawne years ago. She never got back to me, and I don't think she ever will anymore. But, I made a recommendation and it wasn't formal, it was just a verbal with Dawne at the, during this Director's Report.

- Uh huh.

- Is it difficult to bring in like cinnamon almonds, like they do down in Summerfest?

- Yeah.

- It is?

- The Bay Beach?

- Yeah, they have to.

- They do?

- Yeah, we added it on this year I think.

- Oh, I didn't know that, I was looking for 'em.

- They asked last year.

- So Jason, Jason has had a lot of cool things out there.
- Where, where are you having? Where are you serving 'em?
- I'd have to check and see which one.
- Nevermind, I'll figure it out next time. Don't, don't worry.
- Follow the smell, follow the smell.
- Yeah, I could smell 'em
- Open 'til 9 tonight.
- Whatever.
- Open 'til nine, we can go out there again?
- Well, how about bringing beer to the, no just kidding. The other issue is, I brought up to Dawne was, and she was supposed to get back to me, this is years ago, tip jars for the employees. I was just wondering what's your opinion on that?
- At Bay Beach?
- At Bay Beach. If the proper management is in charge of it after every shift, so there's no sticky fingers, you know what I mean.
- I'll, I'll have to look into that, I don't know about that.
- I was just wondering if they were like a, 'Cause I, I do see it at places that just volunteer, like at high schools, if they have like a basketball game at Preble, I've seen it. Other volunteers and I were just wondering. I brought it to Dawne's attention years ago.
- Let me, let me look into it.
- If it's not a good idea, that's fine.
- I'd like to talk to the management staff out there,
- Yeah.
- And get some input from them before I answer that.
- Absolutely. There's another item I can't remember but I'll, let me think about it.
- I'm done.

- Anything else Alderman Steuer.
- I'm done.
- Back to you. Can't think of it?
- I'll have to give you a call Dan.
- Okay.
- Motion to receive and place on file. Is that what you're looking for?
- Alderman Nicolson with motion to receive and place on file, second.
- Second by Alderman Steuer. Discussion? Those in favor?
- Aye. Opposed, motion carried. Looks like the next meeting tentatively set Wednesday July 10th.
- Motion to adjourn.
- Second.
- Motion to adjourn Alderman Nicholson, second by Alderman Johnson. Those in favor?
- Aye.
- Aye. Oppose? Motion carried.
- Let's go get some cinnamon
- I know.