



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020, 5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains documents which provide call in information and instructions for the Zoom Meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Alder Randy Scannell- Parks Committee Chair, Alder Chris Wery- Parks Committee Vice Chair, Alder Lynn Gerlach, Alder Jesse Brunette - Excused

Others Present: Alder Kathy Lefebvre, Alder Mark Steuer, Alder Barb Dorff, Steve Lakatos-Wildlife Sanctuary Superintendent, Kaurie Mihm - Park Planner, Calvin Winters-Purchasing Manager

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. For consideration with possible action on entering into a formal lease of the Wildlife Sanctuary Residence to the Wildlife Sanctuary Superintendent.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to approve entering into a formal lease of the Wildlife Sanctuary Residence to the Wildlife Sanctuary Superintendent. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

2. For discussion with possible action to put the replacement and relocation of the playground equipment and splash pad at Farlin Park on next year's replacement list.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to receive and place on file the replacement and relocation of the playground equipment and splash pad at Farlin Park. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

3. For consideration with possible action on the request to purchase one (1) Compact Wheel Loader for \$86,324.00 from Brooks Tractor Inc. the lowest responsive, responsible vendor from RFB #3287.

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to approve to purchase one (1) Compact Wheel Loader for \$86,324.00 from Brooks Tractor Inc. the lowest responsive, responsible vendor from RFB # 3287. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

F. INFORMATIONAL.

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

Moved by Ald. Chris Wery, seconded by Ald. Lynn Gerlach to receive and place on file the Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

2. The next Parks Committee is scheduled for January 13, 2021.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Lynn Gerlach, seconded by Ald. Chris Wery to adjourn. Motion carried.

Yes- Chris Wery, Lynn Gerlach, Randy Scannell, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

- Hereby in session. Roll call is Alder Gerlach is here. Alder Wery is here and the chair, Alder Scannell is speaking, and Alder Burnette is excused, so we have enough for a quorum. Let's go on when we're ready to do the approval of the agenda.

- So moved.

- Second.

- Okay, moved by Alder Wery, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Okay, we have an agenda. Ready for the minutes, James?

- Oh, not quite. I'm doing double duty here, so one second.

- That's okay, that's all right. We'll, we can slow her down a little. We'll give you 10 seconds.

- Can't see me. Oh, there I am. All right, we're ready.

- I'll take a motion for our minutes from our last meeting.

- So moved to approve.

- Second.

- Moved to approve by Alder Gerlach. Seconded by Alder Wery. All in favor.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Oppose, 'kay? Our minutes, around to regular business shortly.

- Okay.

- Okay, item number one for consideration with possible action on entering into a formal lease of the wildlife sanctuary residence to the wildlife sanctuary superintendent.

- Thank you. So a little history.

- You're muted, James.

- Sorry, I apologize. This is confusing because the microphone should be working in the council chambers and it's not, so. All right, so a little history. Historically, as far back as 1957, when the original residence was built at the wildlife sanctuary, it has been a requirement for the wildlife sanctuary superintendent to live on site.
- James, James, you got an echo.
- I'm outta here.
- [James] Me too.
- [Randy] Sorry, Alder Wery, you're not echoing. You have to stay.
- Mark's here, Barb's here. They'll fill in.
- That's why I'm in parks, not technology apparently. All right, can you, are you hear me now?
- He, well you still got an echo, but we can make it out, I guess.
- Today, today, today.
- All right.
- Do you have two devices in the same room that are logged in?
- Let me try something quick. Hold on.
- Hey, Fluffy. Turn on your camera. We want to see ya.
- [Fluffy] I'm good just where I'm at, Chris.
- We know, we know what you look like.
- All right, can you guys hear me now?
- But you're muted now.
- Well, I. Press what, Alt+A? Can you hear me now?
- Technology.
- Can you hear me now?
- We'll just read his lips.
- We should all, yeah, we should all do pantomime.
- I'll, I'll relay it. I'm not sure what's going on. I press this button and everything blows up. No, okay I press this button.

- How about subtitles?
- Okay.
- Is this any better, better?
- That, yeah.
- I don't know.
- We'll get to it. We can make just a little lightly, but we can understand ya.
- We'll pretend you're in a canyon.
- Well, well, I'll try my best I can. One second. We're going to, I'm going to try to get some help here quick.
- Park it here.
- We can get back to your paneling now. We can decide whether, if you.
- Yeah.
- If you put the off white on, it's really off white.
- My thought is if I cover it with paper, then I won't have to worry about painting it. I'll just cover it up with.
- There you go. That's the easiest.
- No, please.
- Here, want to show you a picture of, this a picture of my dad. He was one of nine children. I don't know if you can see it.
- He's not the one in the dress, no.
- He's the one in the top right, my dad Howard. He was the youngest of nine, so yeah, good, good family. I have one aunt left of the nine.
- Oh my.
- I got to hang it up, it reminds me of my dad. He was a great guy.
- What did he do, what kind of work?
- He was, he was a tool and die maker.
- Not a historian.

- Well, a bit. He wrote a book. He actually has a published book of his life.
- Really?
- He wrote it growing up in Milwaukee, in the '30s and '40s. He wrote a book about it and he got it published. So I got a copy of it. It's pretty cool, but when it gets to his children, he doesn't talk much about us. It was just his life. I think his life, he probably thought, that's it after you know, nine kids. I don't know.
- He didn't have nine kids?
- We're all historians so.
- [Lynn] He didn't have nine kids, though?
- [Mark] Yes he did. I'm the oldest of his nine.
- [Lynn] Oh my goodness.
- [Mark] Yup, yup.
- [Lynn] Wow.
- [Randy] Now my dad was an only child, born in a taxi cab.
- [Mark] Wow.
- [Lynn] Seriously?
- [Mark] There was a song about that, isn't there? Driving down Highway 41, something, I don't know.
- [Lynn] And how many siblings do you have?
- [Randy] I've got three siblings. There's four of us.
- [Lynn] Elder Wery, you have to report now.
- [Chris] I guess what, five on one side, seven on the other for uncles. I have two sisters. They both look up to me of course.
- [Lynn] You have any aunts or only uncles?
- [Chris] Oh, I have aunts and uncles, both sides yeah.
- [Lynn] Oh, okay, and two sisters.

- [Chris] 12 of them, a whole bunch of them, yeah. Yeah, they're, they're younger. They, they look up to their older brother.
- [Lynn] You're also taller, so then that's why they look up to you.
- [Chris] You caught me on the technicality.
- [Randy] Only when he's standing on his desk.
- [Chris] Your turn.
- [Lynn] Oh, three biological siblings.
- Can you guys hear me now?
- [Lynn] And then I have one sibling that we sort of took unofficially into our family.
- Anybody?
- As an adult, but we think of her very much as our sister and we have all.
- Can you guys hear me now?
- [Lynn] Oh, guys, we gotta have a meeting.
- Am I on now? Am I not, can you guys hear me clearly?
- [Lynn] Oh, that's good.
- Yeah, I don't want to, all right. That took us a little bit but we, Kaurie and I put our heads together and we really came up with something for you guys. I don't know if you'll be able to see me on the screen but it is recording me on the screen on, in the council chambers so.
- [Randy] Well, I can't see you, so don't give me a thumbs up. You'll have to let me know.
- I will. All right, back to the lease agreement with the wildlife sanctuary superintendent. Thank you for your patience, by the way. All right, historically, as far back as 1957 when the original residence was built for the wildlife sanctuary, it has been a requirement for the wildlife sanctuary superintendent to live on site. So a little bit of history here. After an addition was put on to the old building back in 1975 which was built by the Marine Corps, this building was housed, has housed the past wildlife sanctuary residents and their families. Back in 2002 an aging residence proved problematic and it was approved by the Parks Committee to allow the FOWLS to build a new residence which would have a bigger footprint to accommodate future wildlife sanctuary superintendents who may have bigger families. So the wildlife sanctuary superintendent living at the residence provides necessary supervision as well as the 24/7 contact for issues or concerns that come up throughout the year. It has always been the intent that this position lives on site. We are coming back to the Park Committee today to approve our new, well, not that new, he did start about two weeks after the pandemic hit, although we don't blame him for that, it's not his fault, but the

wildlife sanctuary superintendent Steve Lakatos, along with Emily, his wife, and his recently growing family, his new baby boy, John, to enter into a lease to live as a part of his position at the residence of the wildlife sanctuary. The lease was attached in your packet. So if you have any questions please for either Steve or I, we would love to answer them at this time.

- [Randy] I do have one question. I mean, the lease says the City of Green Bay is the, is the landlord and the landlord has the right to enter the premises at any time. So that means anybody from the city can enter, or I see that Paul Leicht is listed under the, the maintenance manager. Is that, is that the designee of the city who would enter the premises if necessary or?

- Most of the time Paul would enter for maintenance-related reasons, or if there was some kind of emergency with, you know, the residence or his family, where he would be the first point of contact for, you know non-emergency. You know, in emergency we'd call the fire department or, you know, 911, so.

- [Randy] Well, right, but I think for the right to enter the apartment wouldn't be emergency issue. It should be when a landlord decides to, any landlord would want to check out a premise for, I don't know, whatever, I'm not a landlord. I don't know what all the reasons, but I know that's a standard clause for leases, and usually it requires a, a notice at least. I didn't notice that in here where, you know, they have to give a 12 hour notice that the landlord wants to check out the premises for whatever. It just seemed odd to me that the City is listed as the landlord and it states that the landlord may enter the premises at any time and, but it doesn't really specify any specific person. So, I mean, I hate to think that we're going to have our superintendent out there. Just anybody from the City can, you know, walk in on them legally.

- No, I mean, this, it would, I think pertain to the director would be, you know, the one that I guess could enter if he needed to, but overall yes, of course we'd be respectful and give notice if we needed to enter for some reason. I can go back and work with our city attorney to clarify if that's something that we should add back in there, or if it's just a standard statement that we put in all our leases. She put this together, so I would have to go back and see if that would be something that we would tweak or if she would advise us not to.

- [Randy] Okay, yeah, I think, I think it's, it's, sounds, looks like it's kind of a standard thing from what I can tell, but what's odd about it is usually a landlord is a specific person whereas here it's the City of Green Bay and it's listed as the City of Green Bay. So that makes it kind of odd, and I'm just wondering if we need to tweak that in any way to make it more clear for some of the responsibilities and hours that a landlord has.

- [Lynn] Alder Scannell.

- [Randy] Mmhmm.

- [Lynn] Can we ask Steve Lakatos if he's satisfied with the lease the way it's written?

- [Randy] Certainly.

- [Lynn] I'd like to see his face. Is it possible?

- [Steve] Hi, can you guys hear me okay?
- [Randy] We can hear you. We can't see you though.
- [Steve] All right. Yes, I have had a chance to review it. I am satisfied with it. I'm really happy and honored to be here and, and, you know, I'm looking, looking forward to it and there's just there is a lot of good security reasons and stuff to be here on site. So yes, I am, I'm fine with it.
- [Randy] Okay.
- [Lynn] Can we move to approve then?
- [Barb] May I ask one question?
- [Randy] Well, we got some questions here. Alder Steuer, I saw his hand, then Alder Dorff.
- [Mark] You wanna flip, Barb?
- [Barb] Yes, I was first.
- [Mark] You want to go?
- [Barb] Let me go, please. I don't know whether you have a dog or not, but if you, if you do, it says all such permanent animals must be contained within the boundaries of the premises during the wildlife sanctuary operational hours, and then the premises are defined as the garage, the deck, and the house. So how does the dog get to go outside for his elimination or her elimination needs if they have to be confined to the premises? Is that an issue?
- [Steve] Well, you know, we currently, you know, I, I, we do take the dog out on a leash just off of the back deck during park open hours, and in park closed hours I do walk the dog elsewhere in the park but obviously I clean up after him and everything else, so yes, there is no, and the way, the way the back deck is, there is a little area we have back there, we're with them, obviously or with him, but it's really not very visible at all to the public, and we are very mindful of that while the public is there.
- [Barb] I just wanted to make sure that your dog was taken care of if you had a dog.
- [Steve] Yes, absolutely.
- [Barb] Very important, right. All right, good luck. All right, that was my question, clarification. Thank you.
- [Steve] Sure.
- [Randy] Alder Steuer.
- [Mark] Thank you, Chair. This is for James. James, I was just wondering, you know, I worked for the City for a while and I, I don't ever remember there being a lease for the wildlife sanctuary building in the past. Is this the first time we're doing it and you know, what's the reasoning behind it? You know, why we didn't do it, but we're asking to do it now. I just want to know your reasoning.

- [James] Yeah, so we have not had an official lease like this in the past for the past wildlife sanctuary superintendents. It was advised by our city attorney to, with a new superintendent coming in, to enter into a formal lease agreement with them.
- [Mark] Okay, and there was no reasons that the attorneys gave you? They just said that they're just doing it. I, you know, it's just, like I said, we never had to do it before and now we have to do it, and I guess I just, I'm just wondering why that is. So if you're just saying it's just the attorneys telling you that that's the reason.
- [James] Well, it was, it's to really probably structure the, so there's, it's clearer, clearer on what the expectations are for the wildlife sanctuary superintendent, and it's clear what role the city has with overseeing the residence there.
- [Mark] It would just seem like a lot of times before, it was word of mouth and just a handshake and things like that. So, and that's every three months, is that it? Every three months.
- [James] It automatically, yes it automatically renews every three months.
- [Mark] Okay. All right, I just needed to hear an explanation. Thank you.
- [Lynn] I think it's a good idea to have a lease and have it all spelled out. I'm all for it, and I'm ready to approve it.
- [Randy] I'll take a motion.
- [Lynn] I move that we approve the lease.
- [Randy] Is there a second?
- [Chris] Second.
- [Randy] Thank you.
- [Chris] I guess I'm the only other person, aren't I? And the belated, belated welcome to Wisconsin to the Hoosier.
- [Steve] Thank you very much. I love it here. I absolutely love it.
- [Randy] Welcome aboard.
- [Steve] Thank you.
- [Randy] And I think we're gonna get you a lease here. A motion has been to approve it by Alder Gerlach, seconded by Alder Wery. All in favor. Aye.
- [Chris] Aye.

- [Lynn] Aye.
- [Randy] Opposed. You have a lease, but it has to go through Council to be official but I don't imagine there's going to be any problems.
- [Steve] Thank you guys. Thank you.
- [James] And we're ready to move on, Randy, whenever you are.
- [Randy] Okay. Item number two is for discussion with possible action to put the replacement and relocation of the playground equipment and splash pad at Farlin Park on next year's replacement list. Staff.
- [James] Yes, and I, I believe, I'm not sure.
- [Randy] Alder Lefebvre here?
- [James] Alder Lefebvre is on. I don't know if she wants to say anything first or I can go through my narrative first.
- [Randy] Alder Lefebvre.
- [James] I'm not sure who the other number is on the call, but no objections, all right. So back on, if you guys remember back on November 4th, 2020, the Park Committee met and we discussed this. As the park parking lot is almost a block away from where the playground is and the shelter, it is causing, it caused a lot of illegal parking on the 1500 block of Smith Street. So just a little recap of that. We started out the conversation by discussing the existing conditions in the park, the shelter, playground, and splash pad. They've been in place for years. The playground was installed in 1994 and the splash pad was installed in 2000. At the time, there were no parking lot at Farlin Park. This resulted in individuals parking on these streets because the short walk to these amenities would have, you know, we have to lose the ball field to actually construct a parking lot. So at the time these amenities were installed, the area of the park that was currently the soccer field and parking lot was not part of the park. The city acquired that land for park expansion back in 2005. After the land was acquired and converted to park land, the alderman at the time worked with the landscape architect that designed CityDeck to design a conceptual master plan for the expanded park. They hosted a neighborhood meeting and then developed the concept. The concept was approved at the Park Committee and then funding was acquired to build the parking lot, berms, and soccer field. The parking lot was placed where it was to accommodate the spectators for the soccer games and practice ball field, not necessarily to accommodate the playground and shelter as people could still park on the road. I don't, I don't have any information related to when the end of the street there became No Parking Zone, but I do know that it was decided on the November 4th at Parks Committee to have staff work with DPW and parking division and also the police department to figure out if there was a solution in regards to, to the illegal parking at the end of the 1500 block of Smith Street. So after discussing with Alder Lefebvre and also then reaching out to the parking from DPW, they did have a conversation and DPW staff was kind enough to provide a great debriefing that I'll go over what their discussion and also some possible solutions that came out of that meeting. So part of that discussion was the parking division reported that they had been regularly enforcing the existing no parking zone at the end of Smith Street, noting 16 citations just this year through

October. The parking violations near Farlin Park have subsided for the most part this year due to the winter, but DPW nevertheless will continue enforcing Smith Street parking zone into 2020 and beyond until otherwise told. I want to make a clarification of what was said at the November 4th Park Committee meeting, as the primary enforcers of parking violation are actually DPW's parking division, not the police department. So the Green Bay police department function, functions only as a backup to the parking division and that backup of course may not always be available as the police department oftentimes is busy with higher priority calls when parking division is unavailable. That residential permit parking zones are only created in large areas usually, and neighborhoods where there's an active reoccurring trip generator nearby such as a school or business that significantly changes the traffic and parking characteristics of a neighborhood similar to you see at like, Bellin and St Vincent hospitals over in that area. The other option, or the other thing they discussed was that the city could extend the no parking zone on Smith Street east towards Elizabeth Street but from their experience doing so would just essentially push the problem to other neighbors. The key to getting this to work would be to push the park attendees probably further away from the playground equipment than the distant, distance it would take to walk on the improved surface to the playground equipment from the existing Eastman Avenue. So essentially the effective distance would eliminate all parking on Smith Street from the park to Elizabeth Street so the, you know, the distance from the playground to parking lot or the closest stall is about 525 feet, and then the playground to Smith-Elizabeth intersection would be 575 feet. So essentially the, we'd push the no parking back area but then you'd have people, you'd need to push it far enough back so people would have to walk farther than they would from the parking lot. That would really be probably a tough sell to neighbors as they would lose all their parking in front of their homes though. So then some of the possible solutions they talked about was, one would be to install trailblazing signs at the end of Smith Street guiding motorists to the Eastman Avenue parking lot, but after talking about that, realistically, anyone that was going to go to the playground, they may not decide to turn around and reroute themselves over to the parking lot, just so they can walk, you know, further to get to the playground equipment. They could install more no parking signs. This is not needed. As a small area currently it doesn't need it. It has clearly marked no parking signs, and so that's not necessarily something that would probably help the situation as it's pretty much all already there. We could look at it, they could look at increasing enforcement and DPW will continue to enforce the existing no parking driveway and hydrant zones on Smith Street, but their parking staff have been given, you know, and their, their parking staff have been given specific instructions to drive down Smith Street to look for parking issues, but this is of course only as effective as parking staff is available, similar to, for example, there just cannot be a police officer enforcing speeds 24/7 on a roadway. Parking staff have, you know over 450 miles of street to patrol and cannot of course be at Smith Street as often as they'd like. The other option would be to remove parking as I noted before from Smith Street. So I guess my recommendation would to have Alder Lefebvre could, you know, make that recommendation. It could be an option to approach, you know, Smith Street neighbors just to seek removing all parking from Smith Street and gain their input, but although it could be a solution to solve a problem it probably is unlikely that there'd be public support and could push the problem to Harold Street, and then the other option potentially could be to close down the playground until it can be relocated closer to Eastman Avenue parking lot and this could result, of course, in some upset park goers and people may just still use the playground anyway. So the only other option, and this is why we're in front of you guys today is, that was brought up, is to meet to discuss how we could redesign the master plan and as we acquire money to replace the amenities, we could place them in an area that encourages users to utilize the parking lot instead of parking on the road. So this would realistically be a long, long range process as it sits right now. It would take about a year or two to put together a master plan for the park which would need an assessment of current park amenities, conduct neighborhood input sessions, and

redesigning and redeveloping a feasible master plan to bring back to the Park Committee for approval and there's currently no funding available to replace anything in this park at the time, but the future is bright. The Parks Department has submitted our draft of the five-year capital improvement plan to the finance department and this CIP plan is scheduled to be reviewed with the finance department in January. In this plan we are requesting funding to replace the playground in 2024 and the shelter in 2025. So if this funding gets approved, we can go through the master plan process again, over the next couple years and reevaluate the final placement of these amenities in relation to the existing parking lot. I do want to note that it is not currently included in our CIP the removal and relocation of the splash pad which we're taking these numbers off of what we did with Tank Park When we took out the wading pool and then installed the splash pad, but that total cost of that project was around \$200,000. So that is not included in the current CIP. So in closing, you know, parking on the street of course is not a new issue, and we, we could try to continue on the short-term options that I discussed, and we also believe that we are addressing the longer-term solution through our CIP. So short term, the most financially efficient option would be for the Parks Department to coordinate with the parking division on what we believe would be the best option as I outlined above, and also maybe raising some awareness, educate, you know, with our summer playground leaders, through social media along with working with, you know, parking and PD on how we would make people aware in that neighborhood that, you know, they shouldn't park on the end of the 1500 block of Smith Street. If we look at restricting parking, like I said, on the road for residents for resident only parking, this is something that probably the alder would potentially want to address with the residents and review with public works and the neighborhood to see if they would support this option, but long-term, the best option would be to relocate and replace the amenities in question and move them closer to the existing parking lot, but this may or may not totally take care of the issue as people could still park on the road and walk in as it currently sits if they wanted to park illegally, I guess. So that is the summary and open for discussion or questions.

- [Randy] Any questions? Alder Gerlach.

- [Lynn] This certainly sounds very familiar to me, James. You know what I'm talking about? So the thing about parking, no parking on Smith Street, I just want to make sure 'cause we went through this all before in November and I just want to make sure I understand this. No one can park on Smith Street, or people with a permit can park on Smith Street?

- [James] I believe from what I have is that right now it's residents only parking and.

- [Lynn] Okay, so they have a permit because they're residents.

- [James] And so there's no parking for anyone else besides anybody that lives there.

- [Lynn] Okay.

- [James] If we restrict it, part of the conversation was if we restricted parking completely, that might upset those residents because then they wouldn't be able to park on their own street in front of their house.

- [Lynn] So then I think what you're saying with trying to follow all of that is that really there is no short term solution. There's only a long-term solution, and it is going to take several years, but it sounds like it's in, it's in the cards for getting that done. So my only question would be in those intervening years 'til it's fixed, is this going to be just a real terrible issue constantly?

- [James] I think that the only real feasible, and I don't know how much it'll necessarily help because people have proven that they don't obey the signs anyway and park there, but we could look at putting up a sign that does encourage people to go park over in the parking lot off of Eastman Avenue at the end of Smith Street. I mean, I don't know once again, if the realistic, if that would really help or not, but we could try that, but as you said, you know, we have had 16 citations, you know, through October. So that gives you an idea of, of what the situation is like.
- [Lynn] And is there a neighborhood association associated with this park?
- [James] I'm not, I'm not sure.
- [Lynn] Is Alder Lefebvre not with us? Hmm, maybe not.
- [Randy] I believe there was, I think that falls into the Olde North neighborhood association, I think, but I.
- [James] She may be here now. I just, I just let a couple people in. Apparently I was.
- [Randy] Kathy.
- [James] 'Cause I'm trying to do a couple of different things here. Apparently I was not allowing people into the meeting.
- [Randy] Alder Lefebvre.
- [Kathy] Yes, I'm here.
- [Randy] Okay, yeah. Were you able to hear what was discussed?
- [Kathy] Sorry, I'm having trouble with this phone. I'm here finally.
- [Randy] All right, well.
- [Kathy] Where are you?
- [Randy] Well, we're on your item.
- [Kathy] Okay, good.
- [Randy] And we went for the report, which I, I believe has been shared with you already.
- [Kathy] Yeah.
- [Randy] Okay, and so now we're discussing what we should possibly do going ahead, and we'd like your input.
- [Kathy] Yeah, 'cause it's, right, I think as you saw, the meeting I had with Dave Hanson and Lieutenant, oh, I forgot his name now, and with parking, parking did give out some citations but that's

during the hours, you know, daylight hours, working hours, and so the situation a lot of times is on the weekends and the police court, you know, I mean they have to call the police all the time. You know, that's, they're busy and a lot of times they can't come until later and then it ends up the car's gone or whatever. So there was no solution that they could come up with. If they put restriction on Smith Street, well it'll force 'em, you know, if they put it at the end it'll just force parking back further, maybe parking driveways. People, I don't know why people would even park in someone's driveway, even partially, but people do today. I guess they just don't think, and so it just pushed that situation back further and if we put restricted parking on all of Smith Street that means nobody can have a friend over to park in the street if they didn't have room in their driveway. So that's not a solution. So the only solution is moving the playground equipment. Splash, splash pad, will have to, I guess, wait, 'cause that's pretty expensive, but that's something too that eventually would have to be moved, but if we could move the playground at least over to the, the parking area that comes off of Eastman.

- [Randy] But, and that's in the plan in the next few years, for that to happen.

- [Kathy] Yeah, but see, that's the problem. This situation has been going on for years. This should have been handled actually. The former Alder should have taken care of something and he didn't, he didn't do anything. It was happening before I became Alder. So I mean, this is, you know, these people should not have to put up with especially having their parking lot, their parking, their driveways blocked that they can't get out and, and people are actually parking in front of the fire hydrant. I mean, it's just, it's getting worse and I don't think they, they should have to put up with this continually for years yet. So I'm hoping that maybe you can, I talked to James and he was going to look at moving one of the other playgrounds, maybe I don't know about next year or at least the next year after.

- [James] Yeah, so I did look into, I worked with staff and we looked at, 'cause in our playground replacement plan, both Seymour West playground and also Farlin were installed the same year and they're essentially in the same condition and both scheduled for replacement in the CIP over the next five years. So it doesn't necessarily help, you know, in the next couple of years, but it does move up if we, if we took a look at flip-flopping when we replaced Seymour West and Farlin. That would actually move Farlin replacement up one year to 2023, and it would move Seymour West back one year to 2024, and I reviewed this with the park superintendent and confirmed that that would be a feasible option. So that is one thing we could do in our CIP is just flip-flop those two. At least it would help, it would help move the solution one year closer.

- [Kathy] That's, I'm sorry. That's, that's two years away. These people have to put up with this another two years? I mean, come on. Anybody who's on this board or works for the City, would you put up with this? I mean, come on. Like I said, this has been going on for what, I've been five years now and this was before that. This has been going on a long time, and I'm sorry.

- [Randy] Okay.

- [Kathy] Alder Morris should have done something sooner.

- [Randy] Okay, Alder Gerlach would like to say something.

- [Lynn] I just have a question. Is there any chance that this area falls under, is eligible for community block grant funding?

- [James] Yes, it's a, this, Farlin is eligible. I confirmed that with our, our parks engineer. It is eligible for CD funding.

- [Lynn] So you could, if there's funding available, you could possibly use that to move the playground sooner and solve the problem, right?

- [James] That is a potential option, yeah, that we could discuss.

- [Randy] James, how long, I mean, if we decide to move this right away, how long would it take to, 'cause we need still to come up with a master plan. It'd change things which takes some time, and then to implement it. If we decide to go forward right now, how long would that take?

- [James] Well, I would say a minimum, you're looking at a year and you know, I would say realistically two years because, and the reason I say that is for the, you know, are, Alder Gerlach, you kind of are starting to understand the process of community and neighborhood input and how many meetings and various things we try to do as a Parks Department to ensure that we don't have to come back in 15 years and have a very similar conversation about why did we put things where we did. So we want to make sure that we do the master plan, you know, when we look over the next 30 years and make sure we're doing it the right way in the long run. So it, it will take a little bit of time.

- [Randy] So basically they almost jive, 'cause we're almost into '21 and you said this would be in '23, and if it took a couple of years, you got '21, a couple of years to '23. So realistically we seem to be on the same timetable, pretty much, it seems. Am I missing something?

- [James] I think we're in a much better situation, and I, like I said, it doesn't cause any real significant concerns at all if we flip-flop those two years. So I think honestly if we moved the Farlin Park playground replacement to 2023 in our CIP and moved the Seymour West playground replacement back to 2024, I think that would put us in line with making sure we really have time to develop a really good master plan for this area because then shortly after that we'll also be replacing the shelter, and then we can also look in that in that same time and if there's any CD funding or any other available ways to look at replacing and relocating the splash pad and other amenities that would fit into the master plan. So it would give us time to explore all those options and really create a very good master plan going forward.

- [Kathy] So I have to go back and tell these people, oh, I'm sorry, another two years you're gonna have to put up with people parking illegally, blocking your driveways. That's not, to me that's not acceptable.

- [Randy] Well, I just don't know.

- [Kathy] I know, I know there's problems, but.

- [Randy] We want to do this right, we need a master plan. I mean, you can go back and tell them, yes, we're gonna do it. We're going to get together, get a master plan and get it done. It should take two years. I mean, that's, that's realistic and that's, that's moving the ball forward. I think that's good progress. You've brought this forward. You're, because of that, things got moved up. They got moved

up and so now we'll go forward with a master, making a master plan and then implementing it, and that's going to take two years. I think, I think that's reasonable really, I mean.

- [Lynn] Alder Scannell, did we ever get an answer to my question as to whether there's a neighborhood association there?

- [Randy] Alder Lefebvre, do you know, is there a neighborhood association?

- [Kathy] No, if it would have been Olde North, they folded.

- [Randy] Right. So I mean, I think you've done a good job here. I mean, you've.

- [Kathy] Well, I don't know.

- [Randy] Well, you've.

- [Kathy] I've been working on this, I've been trying to work with the police and parking. You know, I started that way and it took what, two years but you know, I finally, someone contacted me my first year. It took me over two years trying to work with that, and now I finally had a big meeting and oh, there's no there's no solution for that way. Well, and they said, the solution is to move the playground and the splash pad should be moved too, and I really, I think, was it Joe Moore who got this master plan done here, who brought the contractor in, and I don't know who to, I'm sorry. I would never have planned a park this way. Who would put the parking lot so far away and with a dead end street right there? You know people are gonna, people don't want to work, walk today. I'm sorry. A lot of people don't. They want to park close and use the facilities.

- [Randy] Well, there's nothing we can do about that now.

- [Kathy] I know, I know.

- [Randy] But I think going forward, you want to do this right, so you need to plan it, and I don't think to do it in a year, realistically, you know, planning and implementing that's, that's, I don't think that's realistic really. I mean, two years, I should hope your constituents would appreciate that you've upped the timetable. You've got this on the table when you pushed it and, and we're moving forward, but it takes time to do it right. I would think they'd want it done right.

- [Lynn] Can I ask James a question, please?

- [Randy] Certainly.

- [Lynn] I, this is a real tough situation. I feel really bad for everybody involved. You talked a little bit about a sign at Smith Street that would say something about No, No Parking for the playground or for Farlin Park on the street or something. Could that be out, I can't see what street that is, that runs north and south that Smith and Harold run into? What street is that? Is that Elizabeth?

- [Randy] I think so.

- [James] Yes.

- [Lynn] Okay.

- [Kathy] Yeah, yeah, right.

- [Lynn] Could that, those signs could very, very visible clear signs going both directions on Elizabeth Street be there near the entrance to Smith Street that makes it very clear, don't even think about parking here, turn around and go up to Eastman to the parking lot. I know then as James said, then you got that long walk but at least it's, I guess what I'm asking James, is that where the signs would be saying you can't park here for Farlin Park? Would they be out on Elizabeth Street?

- [James] We would have to work with DPW and define, I guess, where the best placement of those signs that would create the best impact or address that situation the best but we'd work with them to try to figure that out.

- [Kathy] Yeah, yeah, they have to almost be on it too, and then put violators will be fined so.

- [Chris] To play devil's advocate if I could.

- [Randy] Alder Wery.

- [Chris] it's, it's not, excuse me. It's, it's not illegal to park on the street. I mean, it's, and anyone can park on a public street. So, you know, I have the same issues up on Shadow Lane. People park for, you know, the, the Resch expo center, you know, go to watch Packer practices and people hit up, you know, that they park constantly on Shadow Lane, but it's public and free. So you can't really tell people not to park there and use the park. It's just a convenience matter and that's, that's thicker. Either have no parking or its all parking.

- [Lynn] No, but Alder Wery, I thought this was a street where you had to, could park by permit only.

- [Kathy] No.

- [Lynn] But at a residence we have a permit, like I used to live on Jackson Street near the hospital and we could, we had a permit to park in front of our house but nobody else could. This is not one of those times.

- [Randy] Yeah, I think the only place we have that is around the hospital, hospital zone.

- [Kathy] Yeah.

- [Lynn] Okay.

- [Kathy] Would there be any way that, this I'd have to ask Dave Hanson, maybe we could have a sign that says residential parking only, because a dead end street there's no reason for anybody to come through. It's not a through street.

- [Chris] You can probably put some encouragement signs.

- [James] I believe, yeah, I believe that's by ordinance right now, so you wouldn't be able to do that.
- [Kathy] Wouldn't be able to change.
- [Randy] What if you put a sign, just a second Alder Steuer, I'll get to you in a second. How about a sign that says where to park.
- [James] That's what, that's what my recommendation was if we do any kind of signage is just to try to educate people to where they, I guess we are encouraging them to park which is in the parking lot off of Eastman Avenue.
- [Randy] Because parking signs don't work. I'm sorry, James, go ahead.
- [James] I would just have a simple sign that tries to address, you know, park users please, you know, use the, you know, parking lot off of Eastman Avenue for Farlin Park.
- [Randy] So between the no parking signs we already have and then that sign, and then we're moving forward with a plan and implementation, implementation of that plan in two years, really, I mean, '21's less than a month away and this would be in '23, so that seems reasonable and, and wise to make sure that we're doing it right to me. So Alder Steuer and then Alder Wery.
- [Mark] Yeah, I was just going to chime in a little bit. I, you know, Alder Wery was talking about you know, specialized parking and I, over by Reed Street in my district over by the swimming pool, the Resch Center on the south side of the street, we have permit parking and there's permit parking also in Pastor and such. I mean, that's such a short block and I don't know if that would be a big issue to, you know, you have other areas of the city that have by permit only. So I'm just saying before saying no to that, I think that should be maybe incorporated into a plan or just a thought process, but not to give up on that so.
- [Kathy] Would, would I then go to Dave Hansen and ask that he would be the one that would bring that up to change it or?
- [Randy] I would think so.
- [Mark] That problem, it would have, yeah, probably, but.
- [James] Yes, I'm getting the, we are lucky to have the DPW director in the room right now shaking his head yes.
- [Kathy] Okay. So that's not a no?
- [Randy] Alder Wery.
- [Chris] Lost my train of thought, but let's see here. Yeah, to really, I mean, I'm as impatient as anybody, believe me, but to do this next year, we don't know, you know, what kind of equipment we want, where to put it or how to pay for it. So we have, you know, three big obstacles. So, and I feel for you, Kathy, and I've been following along with you on this one. If you can, you know, let them

know we're working on it, and I imagine James, next year, would we contact the neighborhood to start that planning and they'll see that input being taken?

- [James] Yes, yes from our experience.

- [Kathy] Okay, that, that would be good yeah, yeah.

- [Randy] They can see it and actually be part of it. They'll know the ball's rolling.

- [James] Yup, they, they'll take ownership over it then as well and be a part of that process which will help in the long run.

- [Randy] 'Cause you certainly, you know, you haven't been ignoring it, Alder Lefebvre.

- [Kathy] No.

- [Randy] You certainly haven't been doing that. I know it's frustrating.

- [Kathy] Bronson keeps contacting me.

- [Randy] I know, I know.

- [Kathy] Okay, well I guess that's the best I can do then. Okay.

- [Mark] I think that's quite a bit actually. You know, you get up a sign and we've moved it up from when it was supposed to happen and we're going to start the process this year, you know? Well, next year to get the ball rolling so the community engaged and see that progress is made. So I think pretty good.

- [Kathy] So then can I ask that you look into the community development fund because it would be good not just to move the playground equipment but you got to move the splash pad too?

- [Randy] Yep, we can look at, we can include that into the, the master plan, I'm sure. That, that'd be part of the mission.

- [Kathy] Okay.

- [Lynn] So what do we need to do tonight?

- [Randy] I think we need to place on file this right here.

- [Chris] Yep.

- [Lynn] I don't know that we would even place on file.

- [Chris] I'll second that, I just got a question.

- [Randy] Yep, go ahead.

- [Chris] Thanks, Mr. Chairman. James, is it understood then that this would be moving up in the five-year plan to 2023? Or do you need a motion to do that? I just don't want that to be lost.
- [James] No, the CIP is still in draft form. It's not approved yet, so we can, we can make that switch, and I think that your motion is fine.
- [Chris] 'Til Alder Johnson sees it. Brian, 'til he sees that Seymour's being moved back a year.
- [Lynn] Oh, don't tell.
- [Chris] We won't.
- [Mark] Nobody say anything, nobody say anything.
- [Randy] So we have a motion by Alder Gerlach, seconded by Alder Wery. All in favor? Aye.
- [Chris] Aye.
- [Lynn] Aye.
- [Randy] Opposed, 'kay. That carries, hey good job Alder Lefebvre. I think you did a good job here.
- [Kathy] Mr. Chairman, can I say something because I guess I'm going to go now but I want to quick say something. A friend of mine, Jodi, she uses the, this summer she went to Colburn swimming and she wanted to tell Chris, Alder Wery, but also the park board and the park staff that she said everything was done really well. She really enjoyed the, the swimming and the building, what they've done. She said kudos to you guys.
- [Chris] That's all staff and the contractors, good job.
- [Kathy] Yeah, but she wanted to let you guys know that it was worth it doing it, okay. So you have a good, good report from somebody.
- [Randy] Thank you.
- [Kathy] All right, thank you. All right, I got to go. Good night, everybody. [Randy] Good night. Are we ready for the third and final one, James?
- [James] Yes, we are.
- [Randy] Item number three, for consideration with possible action on the request to purchase one, that's one compact wheel loader for \$86,324 from Brooks Tractor, Inc., the lowest responsible, responsive, responsible vendor from RFB number 3287. Staff.
- [James] Yeah, so in included in your packet, you'll see the bid summary of the compact wheel loader, and you can see that Brooks Tractor was the only one with a low bid that met specifications.

So we're just looking. We do have the, this amount within the budget and we're just looking for approval.

- [Chris] Move to approve.

- [Randy] Is there a second?

- [Lynn] Oh second, sorry. I wanted to ask that question that was.

- [Randy] You can still ask that question.

- [Lynn] I was, but I'll, well I'll second it, but then I got to ask that question.

- [Randy] Certainly, go ahead.

- [Lynn] Okay, what I don't understand James, is if this has already been bonded for and this happens many times, then why do we have to approve it every time you make a purchase if it's already been bonded for? Oh, I think he left. He's mad.

- [Chris] I think it's because it's a bid, and there's no, we could award it to someone else.

- [James] Yeah, so bonding for it and actually purchasing or expending, you know, releasing the money to buy it, I guess, is essentially two separate actions.

- [Lynn] Okay, so I think what Alder Wery is telling me is that we have to approve the person you chose. I got it. Thank you. Okay, I'm good. Thanks.

- [James] Yeah.

- [Mark] I'm glad to see there were nine, nine bidders. That's nice.

- [Calvin] We, we typically on, on implement type stuff we receive a lot of bids.

- [Mark] Wish we had that in all our other projects.

- [Calvin] Yeah, it's a very competitive market and I agree. I wish we had competitiveness like that in other, in other areas.

- [James] Oh see, I could have referred your question to our purchasing manager. See, I, you know.

- [Randy] 'Kay, motion by Alder Wery, second by Alder Gerlach. All in favor. Aye.

- [Chris] Aye.

- [Lynn] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed. All right, that is purchased. Whenever you're ready, James, go on to the informational, director's report.

- [James] Yes, the director's report was included in your packet. I guess if you guys had any questions on that, otherwise we did have a couple highlights. We did actually, were very excited to have our 50 mile frenzy which it turned into a virtual 50 mile challenge this year instead of a in-person challenge at this point but we still had over a hundred registrants for that which is, I thought was really neat, and it shows that people were still wanting to get out and stay active. We also, speaking of staying active, we really are pushing our Green Bay Parks Stay Active, Stay Healthy initiative, which is a, and if you look on our website, we just have a whole array of different, different programs and ideas, whether it's, you know, going to the trails or here's different ways to stay active throughout the winter, so really encouraging them to do that. The other thing I wanted to note, and I think we've talked about this briefly but we are excited to have our lights almost put up over at St. James Park, which the official date on that will be Friday, December 18th. So you can go over to St. James Park, either walk through and enjoy the lights or just drive around the square and see the lights. We've already gotten, just by getting half of our lights up, we've all, we've gotten already probably 15 compliments from doing that, and we also did the same thing over at Baird Place, kind of a in they're in blue and they're kind of to honor what the healthcare workers are doing right now. It just, it's really given them a lift when they go into work and when they leave work to see those lights lit up where they walk through Baird Place to their parking spot. So we're really excited about that, and then if you had any questions, I'd feel free to answer them.

- [Randy] But when do you think James Park will be done?

- [James] St. James Park will be ready to go by next Friday.

- [Randy] Next Friday, okay, and that was named after you?

- [James] I cannot, I will not comment on that.

- [Randy] Thanks, very good. I think, great report again. Any questions or comments from anybody else? Motion to receive and place on file?

- [Chris] Receive and place on file.

- [Lynn] Second.

- [Randy] Motion by Alder Wery, seconded by Alder Gerlach. All in favor. Aye.

- [Chris] Aye.

- [Lynn] Aye.

- [Randy] Opposed. That's received and placed in our file. Our next Parks meeting is, will be January 13th, 2021. Happy new year, and I'll take a motion to adjourn.

- [Lynn] Move to adjourn.

- [Chris] Second.

- [Randy] Motion by Alder Gerlach, seconded by Alder Wery. All in favor. Aye.

- [Chris] Aye.
- [Lynn] Aye.
- [Randy] Opposed, 'kay. We're adjourned. Chair for INS, when are we going to get together?
- [Chris] 6:05, Give it a good seven minutes. That should be plenty.
- [Lynn] Thank you.
- All right, happy holidays, everybody. Happy holidays.
- [Chris] Yep, you too.
- [Randy] Thank you, James. Happy holidays. Good job.