



# AGENDA OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026, 5:00 PM**

**In person at City Hall, Room 207.**

**Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.**

## **A. Zoom Meeting Information.**

1. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88995993315?pwd=juhDPk4acxAxMySiEo6HWQVgL4vbFF.I>

Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 889 9599 3315

Passcode: 103217

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## **B. Roll Call.**

1. Members: Melinda Eck, Joey Prestley, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush

## **C. Approval of the Agenda.**

1. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, April 15, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

## **D. Approval of Minutes.**

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 11, 2026 Parks Committee meeting.

## **E. Regular Business.**

1. Consideration with possible action on the request by staff to designate a premier parking area at Bay Beach Amusement Park, implementing a premier parking fee of \$7 per day.
2. Consideration with possible action on providing naming rights for the new train depot to the primary donor of the new train project.
3. Consideration with possible action on approving a request by Wisconsin Public Service for a 12' wide permanent utility easement located on the new Beaver Dam Park property, running

along the east side of the newly constructed Hinkle Street.

4. Consideration with possible action on adopting a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day.

**F. Informational.**

1. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.
2. Next Meeting: April 29, 2026.

**G. Adjournment.**

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, April 15, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.greenbaywi.gov](http://www.greenbaywi.gov)
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Parks Committee meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

April 15, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

**AGENDA ITEM # D.1**

Approval of the minutes from the March 11, 2026 Parks Committee meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Parks Committee Minutes - 2026-03-11



# MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026, 5:00 PM**

**In person at City Hall, Room 207.**

**Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.**

**AMENDED**

## **A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.**

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## **B. ROLL CALL.**

- I. Members: Melinda Eck, Joey Prestley, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush

## **C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, March 11, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Jim Ridderbush to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2026 Parks Committee meeting.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

#### **E. REGULAR BUSINESS.**

1. Consideration with possible action on the request by Ald. Johnson to review and update city ordinance 28.37 related to violations for tree removal, and all correlating ordinances and adopted policies that impact the penalty for violating 28.34 or other unspecified ordinances related to public shrubs and trees.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve General Ordinance No. 07-26, Amending Section 28-37 of the Green Bay Municipal Code, Relating to Parks and Recreation Violations.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Consideration with possible action on hiring Carrico Aquatic Resources to replace 2 pool heaters at the Joannes Aquatic Center for a total cost of \$104,868.50.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve hiring Carrico Aquatic Resources to replace 2 pool heaters at the Joannes Aquatic Center for a total cost of \$104,868.50.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

3. Consideration with possible action on hiring Sommerville, Inc. for a total cost of \$94,600 for architectural services necessary to create construction bid documents to construct a heated equipment storage garage at the Park Shop.

Moved by Ald. Joey Prestley, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve hiring Sommerville, Inc. for a total cost of \$94,600 for architectural services necessary to create construction bid documents to construct a heated equipment storage garage at the Park Shop.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

4. Consideration with possible action on partnering with the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory to accept the donation of 800 trees for the Forestry Division to plant along the East River Greenway corridor, utilizing grant money Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Moved by Ald. Jim Ridderbush, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to approve partnering with the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory to accept the donation of 800 trees for the Forestry Division to plant along the East River Greenway corridor, utilizing grant money Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

## **F. INFORMATIONAL.**

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

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to receive and place on file the Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Next Meeting: April 15, 2026

## **G. ADJOURNMENT.**

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, March 11, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Joey Prestley to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Joey Prestley, Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, No-None, Abstain-None.



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

April 15, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

Dan Ditscheit, Parks Director

**AGENDA ITEM # E.1**

Consideration with possible action on the request by staff to designate a premier parking area at Bay Beach Amusement Park, implementing a premier parking fee of \$7 per day.

**BACKGROUND**

As costs continue to rise, staff is continually looking for creative ways to provide new revenue streams at Bay Beach Amusement Park, while still keeping the park affordable to the general public. Staff is proposing to implement a premier parking area adjacent to the main ticket booth entrance to the park. This would be an optional expense to the public. There are a total of 1,440 parking stalls scattered throughout the park and staff is recommending that only 69 stalls would apply to the premier parking option. All other parking areas would remain free to the public. This change would provide a service that we currently do not offer that would benefit those that want this service. This change would have minimal impact to the general public, as there still are many parking stalls that will remain free in close proximity to the attractions. We would not charge a fee for the ADA designated parking stalls in the designated zone.

If approved, we would implement this through Passport Parking. This is the same service the City contracts with for the meters and other parking lots throughout the City. The City already has an account for this service. We will be able to define a boundary designating the premier parking stalls. Adequate signage would be posted so that the public knows where the designated spots are and how to pay. People will be able to pay through an app on their phone, through a website or through text to pay. This is how all other paid parking options are already set up throughout the City. We are proposing \$7 to park all day. The Parking Division will inspect this area on a daily basis and would issue tickets to those who do not pay. All revenues generated through paying for the stalls will stay with Bay Beach Amusement Park and all revenues generated from tickets will go to the Parking Division.

All revenues that stay within the park go towards paying Bay Beach expenses or towards other capital improvements throughout the park. Much of the parking lot pavement throughout the park is in poor condition. This new revenue stream will provide additional funding that can be set aside for these improvements. Staff prefers this revenue stream versus increasing ticket prices or concession prices as this is truly an optional fee. Whereas the other fee modifications would apply to everyone.

**RECOMMENDATION**

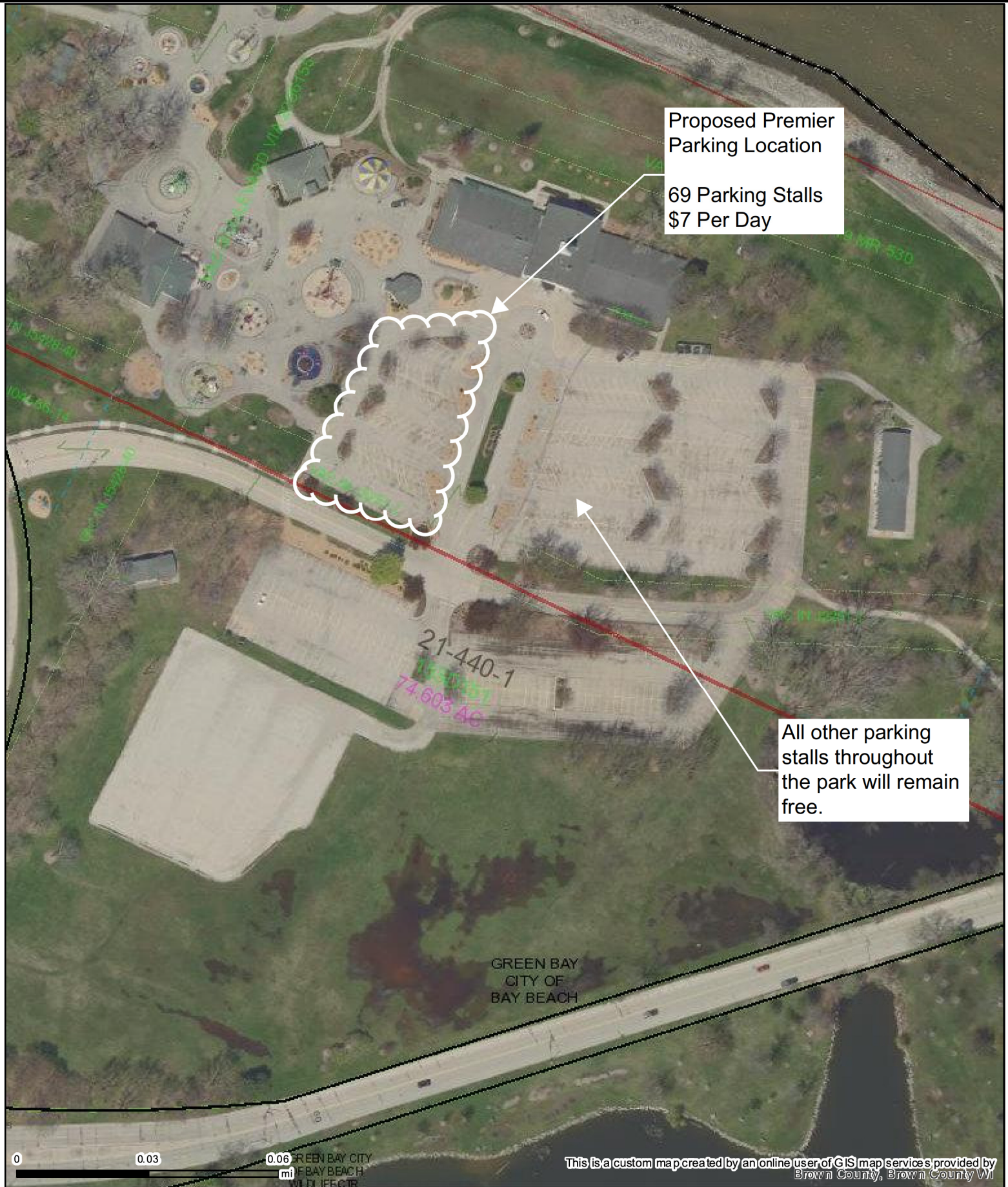
To approve.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff anticipates that this change will generate \$30,000-\$40,000 in additional revenues in 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS**

I. Bay Beach Premier Parking Map



Proposed Premier  
Parking Location

69 Parking Stalls  
\$7 Per Day

All other parking  
stalls throughout  
the park will remain  
free.

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BAY BEACH

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# Bay Beach Amusement Park Proposed Premier Parking Location Map



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

April 15, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

Dan Ditscheit, Parks Director

**AGENDA ITEM # E.2**

Consideration with possible action on providing naming rights for the new train depot to the primary donor of the new train project.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Green Bay entered into an agreement with the Friends of Bay Beach Amusement Park to fundraise for the new west end train project. They secured one donor, who funded nearly the entire project. The scope of work included the purchase of a used train, renovations to the train, replacement of all the railroad tracks to accommodate the larger trains, extending the railroad tracks to the new All-Inclusive playground, construction of new restrooms, relocation of the existing depot by the giant slide and the installation of a new depot by the new playground. The total cost that the Friends of Bay Beach Amusement Park funded towards this project, exceeded \$1 million.

The major donor has requested naming rights for only the new depot, not the ride itself or the other elements of the project they funded. Per current City policy, all naming rights should go through the Parks Committee and City Council for approval. Naming rights are typically approved at the time the fundraising is approved, but that was an oversight in this situation.

The Friends of Bay Beach Amusement Park along with staff are strongly in favor of this request. We have recently provided donor naming rights for several other projects, so this would follow other recent precedents.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To approve.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. M&D Depot Photos







Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

### MEETING DATE

April 15, 2026

### PREPARED BY

Dan Ditscheit, Parks Director

### AGENDA ITEM # E.3

Consideration with possible action on approving a request by Wisconsin Public Service for a 12' wide permanent utility easement located on the new Beaver Dam Park property, running along the east side of the newly constructed Hinkle Street.

### BACKGROUND

Wisconsin Public Service recently received a request to upgrade or provide a new electric service for the Southwest Woods residential development. To accommodate this request, they are proposing that the City of Green Bay grant them a permanent 12' wide utility easement along the eastern edge of the Hinkle Street, newly constructed road. If approved, this easement will be located on the recently acquired Beaver Dam Park property.

This easement has been reviewed and approved by Green Bay Public Works and the Law Department.

### RECOMMENDATION

To approve.

### FISCAL IMPACT

None.

### ATTACHMENTS

- I. Easement\_City of GB\_3457435

3342677

Easement

THIS INDENTURE is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between **The City of Green Bay, a Municipality** ("Grantor") and **WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION**, a Wisconsin Corporation, along with its successors and assigns (collectively, "Grantee") for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor, owner of land, hereby grants and warrants to, Grantee, a permanent easement upon, within, beneath, over and across a part of Grantor's land hereinafter referred to as "easement area" more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Parcel described on the *attached Exhibit "B"* As shown on the *attached Exhibit "A"*.

Return to:  
Wisconsin Public Service Corp.  
Real Estate Dept.  
P.O. Box 19001  
Green Bay, WI 54307-9001

Tax Parcel Identification Number  
(PIN)

6H-1095

- 1. Purpose: ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND** - The purpose of this easement is to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, replace and extend underground utility facilities, conduit and cables, electric pad-mounted transformers, manhole, electric pad-mounted switch-fuse units, electric pad-mounted vacuum fault interrupter, concrete slabs, power pedestals, riser equipment, terminals and markers, together with all necessary and appurtenant equipment under and above ground as deemed necessary by Grantee, all to transmit electric energy, signals, television and telecommunication services, including the customary growth and replacement thereof. Trees, bushes, branches and roots may be trimmed or removed so as not to interfere with Grantee's use of the easement area.
- 2. Access:** Grantee shall have the right to enter on and across any of the Grantor's property outside of the easement area as may be reasonably necessary to gain access to the easement area and as may be reasonably necessary for the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection, removal or replacement of the Grantee's facilities.
- 3. Buildings or Other Structures:** Grantor agrees that no structures will be erected in the easement area or in such close proximity to Grantee's facilities as to create a violation of all applicable State of Wisconsin electric and gas codes or any amendments thereto.
- 4. Elevation:** Grantor agrees that the elevation of the ground surface existing as of the date of the initial installation of Grantee's facilities within the easement area will not be altered by more than 4 inches without the written consent of Grantee.

5. **Restoration:** Grantee agrees to restore or cause to have restored Grantor's land, as nearly as is reasonably possible, to the condition existing prior to such entry by Grantee or its agents. This restoration, however, does not apply to any trees, bushes, branches or roots which may interfere with Grantee's use of the easement area.
6. **Exercise of Rights:** It is agreed that the complete exercise of the rights herein conveyed may be gradual and not fully exercised until sometime in the future, and that none of the rights herein granted shall be lost by non-use.
7. **Binding on Future Parties:** This grant of easement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of all parties hereto.
8. **Easement Review:** Grantor acknowledges receipt of materials which describe Grantor's rights and options in the easement negotiation process and furthermore acknowledges that Grantor has had at least 5 days to review this easement document *or* voluntarily waives the five day review period.
9. **Indemnification:** Grantee hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Grantor, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers, and each of them, from and against any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, interest, attorneys' fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature in any manner directly or indirectly caused, occasioned, or contributed to in whole or in part or claimed to be caused, occasioned, or contributed to in whole or in part, by reason of any act, omission, fault, or negligence, whether active or passive, of Grantee, any contractor or subcontractor performing work on behalf of Grantee in the Easement Area, or of anyone acting under its direction or control or on its behalf, even if liability is also sought to be imposed on Grantor, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers. The obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Grantor, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers, and each of them, shall be applicable unless liability results from the sole negligence of the Grantor, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers.

Grantee shall reimburse the Grantor, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agent or authorized representatives or volunteers for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided.

This indemnity provision shall survive the termination or expiration of this Easement agreement.

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WITNESS the hand and seal of the Grantor the day and year first above written

**The City of Green Bay, a Municipality**

Organization Name

Sign Name

Print Name & Title

Sign Name

Print Name & Title

STATE )  
OF \_\_\_\_\_)

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COUNTY )  
OF \_\_\_\_\_)

This instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by the above-named \_\_\_\_\_ **The City of Green Bay, a Municipality**, to me known to be the Grantor(s) who executed the foregoing instrument on behalf of said Grantor(s) and acknowledged the same

Sign Name

Print Name

Notary Public, State of

My Commission expires:

This instrument drafted by: Kate Trout  
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

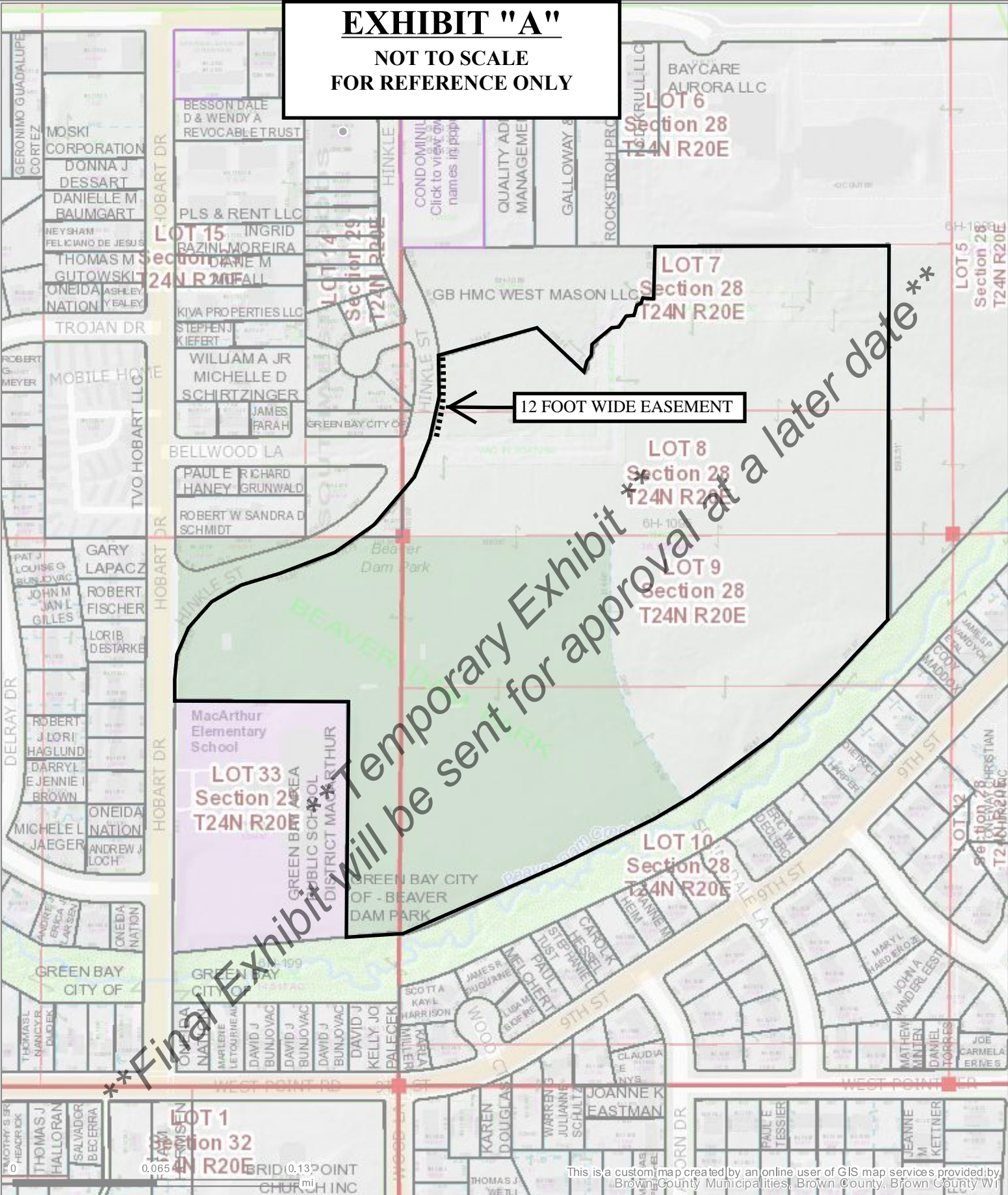
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# EXHIBIT "A"

NOT TO SCALE  
FOR REFERENCE ONLY

12 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT

**\*\*Final Exhibit will be sent for approval at a later date\*\***



## Part of Brown County WI

Map printed on 3/13/2026

**1:3,600**  
**1 inch = 300 feet\***  
**1 inch = 0.0568 miles\***  
\*original page size: 8.5"x11"  
Appropriate format depends on zoom level



- Parcel ownership key**
- Parcel Boundary
  - Condominium
  - Gap or Overlap
  - "hooks" indicate parcel ownership crosses a line

- Parcel line
- Right of Way line
- Meander line
- Lines between deeds or lots
- Historic Parcel Line
- Vacated Right of Way

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A complete key (legend) is available at:  
[tinyurl.com/BrownDogLegend](http://tinyurl.com/BrownDogLegend)



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Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

#### MEETING DATE

April 15, 2026

#### PREPARED BY

Dan Ditscheit, Parks Director

#### AGENDA ITEM # E.4

Consideration with possible action on adopting a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day.

#### BACKGROUND

Bird City Wisconsin is a statewide group that offers public recognition to all communities in Wisconsin that implement sound bird conservation practices. These communities that are recognized put forth efforts to enhance the environment for birds and educate the public about the importance that birds have to the community. There are currently over 100 municipalities that are members of Wisconsin Bird City. The City of Green Bay has been a member for a number of years. The Wildlife Sanctuary has taken the lead to satisfy the educational component of this mission.

There are only a few requirements to retain membership, one of which is for the Municipality to adopt a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day. This resolution provides statements indicating that the City Council supports the importance of migratory birds and recognizes the value that they bring to the City. This resolution also proclaims that the City officially recognizes Saturday May 9th, 2026 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Green Bay. The City has adopted a similar resolution each year for the last number of years.

In the past, the Wildlife Sanctuary held an annual event promoting the importance of World Migratory Bird Day. Our intention is to continue this practice. We have not planned this event for 2026 yet.

#### RECOMMENDATION

To approve.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

None.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- I. CoGB - Bird City - WMBD - Resolution 2026



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**RESOLUTION RELATING TO  
WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY:**

WHEREAS migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities; and

WHEREAS many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring; and

WHEREAS these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

WHEREAS migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and

WHEREAS public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation; and

WHEREAS citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day (“WMBD”), formerly International Migratory Bird Day, has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in communities throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern United States; and

WHEREAS World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated on the second Saturday in May in the US, as migratory birds’ journey to nesting sites.

WHEREAS observance of WMBD is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants in accordance with federal, state, and local public health directives; and

WHEREAS WMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED that Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, shall be known as **World Migratory Bird Day** in the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Green Bay urges all residents to celebrate this observance and to support the efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Eric Genrich, Mayor**



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

April 15, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

**AGENDA ITEM # F.1**

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

**BACKGROUND**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Director's Report 4.15

**PARKS COMMITTEE  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026**

**PARK DIVISION**

- The Parks were looking in good shape for the spring season until the blizzard of mid-March hit our area. Park crews spent much of the following week removing snow from sidewalks, trails, parking lots, and Bay Beach Amusement Park.
- With warm weather returning to the area and the last remaining snow disappearing, crews are able to get back into the parks to continue preparing the parks for spring activities.
- Park supervisors have been and will continue to interview and hire park seasonal maintenance workers until our positions have been filled.
- As the weather continues to improve, our park ballfield crews are entering into their busy season of getting athletic fields up and running for the spring sport season.
- Our shelter rentals have begun for the 2026 season. This will continue through the end of October.
- As parks dry up, park crews continue to mulch landscape beds and tree rings throughout the parks.
- Park crews are also prepping Bay Beach Amusement Park for the upcoming 2026 season. This includes placing picnic tables, completing a few small landscape projects and getting the grounds ready for the season.
- Park caretakers continue to have a presence in the parks picking litter, emptying garbage cans, and checking buildings to ensure there is no vandalism or graffiti.
- Park carpenters are working on a mixture of indoor and outdoor projects as the weather allows.
- Park carpenters recently installed a new welcome desk at the Observation building at the Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Park mechanics are wrapping up the winter maintenance of our lawn mowing fleet in preparation for the 2026 mowing season. They are also continuing the maintenance of the rest of our equipment and fleet.
- Pool maintenance staff are beginning to prepare for cleaning of the pool vessels and vessel repairs that need to be completed prior to opening in June of 2026.

**FORESTRY DIVISION**

- Crews continue winter tree removal operations. Crews are currently working in the Farlin and Astor Park neighborhoods. Tree removals on the westside are complete, except for a few individual trees. Assessments for incoming DPW road projects and sidewalk replacement programs are in process for additional tree removals across the city.
- Cycle pruning efforts are focused on the westside area near Fisk Park. Typical cycle pruning includes raising tree limbs for clearance, deadwood pruning and structure pruning to help reduce the chances of breakage during storms.
- Crews responded to a handful of storm related calls during the March 15<sup>th</sup> blizzard and recent ice storms.

- Staff continue to prepare for spring tree planting season. Digging in the nursery will begin as soon as the soil dries and street tree planting will begin shortly thereafter.
- Preparations are being made for Arbor Day, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The city will be planting a tree to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation.
- Forestry staff continue to work with IT staff on transferring our tree inventory to a GIS format. This will be an ongoing process for 2026.
- Staff continue inspecting trees for potential conflicts with upcoming sidewalk replacement for 2026.

## **DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

- The wildlife viewing platform is currently out for public bid. Bids will be received April 21, 2026. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the fall of 2026, after the amusement park season ends.
- Shipyard Phase II design work has begun. 95% plans have been submitted to the city for final review. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in fall 2026.
- Planning continues for the Joliet Park Area of Concern habitat restoration project. The consultant is approximately 90% complete with the construction documents. The DNR permits were approved.
- Construction of the JBS project is well underway. The infrastructure/road project is completed. The construction of the Park/Boulevard has begun but was put on hold for the winter season. Construction will start again soon. Staff are working to close out the grant for this project. The JBS barn is currently out for public bid.
- Planning continues for the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary (BBWLS) and Renard Island Nearshore Area.
- Planning for the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Strategic and Master Planning has begun.
- Construction of the Bay Beach HVAC Pavilion Project began on September 8, 2025, and will be completed in the spring of 2026.
- A consultant has been hired for Baird Creek Mountain Bike Flow Track Improvements.
- Design continues for the Joannes Aquatic Center Phase 1 engineering.
- Planning continues for Ted Fritsch Park Splashpad. The construction plans are 95% complete.
- Construction has begun on the Leicht Memorial Park Shelter.
- Perkins Park parking lot resurfacing has been awarded, and construction will take place this summer.

## **GREEN BAY CONSERVATION CORPS**

- Crews continue to cut and remove woody invasive species at Willow Creek, Baird Creek, John Muir, and the Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Crews have started burning cut buckthorn in biochar kilns. They have produced about 400 gallons of biochar so far in 2026. Biochar will be used by the Forestry division in their tree plantings.
- Members continue to maintain greenhouse plants. Nearly 4,000 plants are growing.

- Crews have started spring scouting for frog survey locations and members have completed training.
- Crews installed “live stakes” at the Wildlife Sanctuary and Red Smith Park in areas where buckthorn was removed and native trees are sparse. Native shrubs species used include redosier dogwood, pussywillow, and winterberry.
- Registration for the free plant kit giveaway went live on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and will close on April 19<sup>th</sup>. As of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there were 417 registrations. We will have 300 kits available.
- Members have started planning for Earth Day celebrations. This year, the Green Bay Conservation Corps (GBCC) will host a frog night hike, bird walks, and a park clean-up throughout the week of Earth Day. Additionally, members will partner with OAK 4K to complete projects on Wednesday and Thursday that week.
- Staff submitted the FY26 AmeriCorps grant on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The application passed the state review and was sent on to the federal level. If awarded, this would fund the GBCC from September 2026 through August 2027.
- Staff have started recruiting for the summer crew members. There has been a huge demand for these positions. We are on track to fill all openings.
- Staff continue to work with the consultant to assist with the design of the Wildlife Sanctuary AOC habitat improvement project.
- Staff have been meeting with other organizations across the state to develop a state coalition of programs dedicated to youth career development and community service. Other programs include Operation Fresh Start, WisCorps, and multiple Youth Build programs.

## **RECREATION DIVISION**

- We will be offering Men’s Slow-pitch, Co-Ed Slow-pitch and Men’s Modified softball leagues at Beaver Dam Park. The season is scheduled to begin the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration is currently taking place for our recreation summer day camps at the Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS). The camps will run M-Th for 8 weeks. The recreation summer day camp at WLS is scheduled to begin the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 8 weekly camps being offered from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays. Field trips will take place on Thursdays. Classes are limited to 15 participants.
- Interviews for Playground Leaders have begun and will continue until we reach capacity. We still need to fill 8 positions.
- Interviews for our Seasonal Playground Assistant Manager are also underway. This role will focus on bringing weekly crafts and art activities to all 16 sites.
- For the first time in its 100+ year history, the Parkee Playground Program is seeking community sponsorships to support neighborhood parks and youth programming. Sponsorship information can be found here:  
<https://www.greenbaywi.gov/FormCenter/Parks-Recreation-Forestry-8/2026-Parkee-Program-Sponsorship-Opportun-253>

## **AQUATICS**

- Dog Swim Event: Staff is currently identifying potential organizational partners to expand community outreach and increase participation for this summer’s event.

- Summer Kickoff Party: A season opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at Resch Aquatic Center.
- Staffing
  - Rehires
    - Paperwork has gone out to everyone.
    - Staff was given a deadline of March 20<sup>th</sup> to complete their rehire paperwork.
  - Interviews & hiring
    - We are continuing with interviews and hiring new staff.
    - Interviews for noncertified lifeguards have started and we have secured pool time with the Green Bay schools to complete pre-tests for the certification course which is currently planned for the beginning of June.
    - The Pool Facility Attendant applications have been closed.
  - Lifeguards
    - The goal is to have 77 total lifeguards.
    - Currently we have 37 returning lifeguards.
    - We sent out “pre-qualified to apply” cards to swim teams and clubs in the area in hopes to recruit swimmers to apply to become lifeguards.
  - Facility Attendants
    - The goal is to have 50 total facility attendants.
    - Currently we have 51 facility attendants.
- Lifesavers Pathway
  - We have found a new sponsor, Carrico Aquatics!
  - We are hoping to run a modified version of the program that will take place over three Saturdays starting April 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested can apply online.
- Management is developing a seasonal incentive program to maintain high performance and staff morale throughout the summer.
- Staff are working on swim lesson programming; registration opened for residents on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will open for non-residents on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Information about private pool rentals has gone out to the public. Anyone interested in renting the pool can call the office to book.
  - Colburn Pool is \$300 an hour.
  - Joannes Aquatic Center and Resch Aquatic Center \$400 an hour.
  - \$75 flat fee to have concessions open during the rental.
  - Available Friday-Sunday mornings or evenings.
- This year’s NEWPRO Lifeguard Competition will be hosted at Resch Aquatic Center on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **BAY BEACH AMUSEMENT PARK**

- Rides
  - Mechanics continue to work on rides and ordering parts as needed.
  - Rides installation continues. Each ride is carefully inspected.
- Concessions
  - Product is being delivered in the next few weeks.
  - The kitchen walk-in freezer has been repaired to get us through this season and hopefully a few more.

- As the water is being turned on, we are able to clean and set up each concession area.
- Souvenir items have started to arrive. Finding adequate storage areas has been difficult due to construction in the dance hall.
- Inclusive Playground
  - Bathrooms will be open on weekends starting April 11<sup>th</sup> because of the warm weather.
- Improvements
  - The Dancehall HVAC construction Punchlist meeting was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - The West end family bathroom construction is underway. The demolition has been completed. We are now waiting for the electricians and HVAC contractor to complete their work.
  - We are looking for ways to increase special events and revenue for 2026 season.
- Staffing
  - Onboarding documents have been updated for the 2026 season. Rehiring paperwork was sent out to 190 employees.
    - Rehires
      - 141 employees have completed their paperwork.
      - 13 employees have started onboarding or activated their accounts (9%).
  - Facility Attendants: (FULL as of March 28<sup>th</sup>)
    - Goal: 86
    - Returning: 40
    - Hired: 47
    - Need: 7 to finish paperwork
  - Ride Operators:
    - Goal: 121
    - Returning: 82
    - Hired: 23
    - Need to hire: 16
      - 10 interviews scheduled
      - 14 applicants need to schedule interviews
  - The summer scheduling process is being re-evaluated to make our summer jobs more flexible, without it affecting service to the public.

### **METRO BOAT LAUNCH**

- Docks have been installed and pay station opened as of March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **TRIANGLE HILL**

- The chalet has been converted from winter park use into a reservable shelter for the summer.
  - Floors have been waxed and the equipment has been moved.

### **WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

- The annual RPAWS training meeting, which is our volunteer native wildlife rehabilitation assistance program, was held with more than 50 participants. A second session is being planned due to this interest and has 30 registrants already.
- The Visitor Specialist Welcome Desk was replaced at the Observation Building. This custom-made addition greatly enhances the entry and first impression of a very busy building. A HUGE thank you to the Park Carpenters for their design and expertise. There has already been amazing feedback from public and staff!
- Master & Strategic Planning process continuing with the first round of potential plans shared and being reviewed by staff.
- Planning and preparations are underway for turning on the water features of the park/exhibits including the Resch Falls.
- The Fairytale Ball event is planned for April 18<sup>th</sup> and is sold-out. This family oriented 'ball' invites guests to dress up, meet princesses, and dance the night away. Attendees are even 'crowned' in a coronation ceremony.
- The annual Earth Day event is planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>. This very popular and well-attended event will highlight what we do at the Sanctuary and what we all can do to better protect the environment.
- The first infant animals of spring are arriving and admitted into the sanctuary's rehabilitation program, starting with a few rabbits and squirrels as well as a few early raccoons.
- The annual Easter Egg hunt event was sold out for both scheduled sessions.
- The Sanctuary hosted and presented to both the Teen Leadership Green Bay class and Leadership Green Bay class, sharing our mission and exploring career paths for interested youths. The Teen Leadership program was led by animal care staff, introducing students to some of our ambassador animals and assisting in a service project creating various enrichment items for onsite animals.
- Renovation is complete on both our outdoor Barn Owl enclosure as well as our Turkey Vulture enclosure. A final push is underway to finish and re-open Red-tailed Hawk enclosure.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- Staff are continuing to support special event requests.
- Summer softball is open for registration.
- Summer Camps are open and are nearly full.
- Garden Plot letters have gone out, and payment has been coming in.
- Pool birthday party reservations are now open and can be reserved online, by phone, or in person in our office.
- Indoor Soccer Skills is open for enrollment.
- Swim lessons are open for enrollment.
- Aqua Fitness classes at Colburn Pool are now open for enrollment.
- Summer Dance programs are now open for enrollment.
- Jr. Lifeguard program is now open for enrollment.
- Gift cards are available to purchase online for Bay Beach only in 2026.
- Customers have until December 31, 2026; to utilize any recreation gift cards they currently have in their possession.

- Metal Detecting permits are available for purchase online, by phone, or in person in our office.
- Annual Brown County boat launch passes are available for purchase in the main office.
- Staff posted social media events, programs, and information.
- The reservation system is open and accepting shelter reservations for the 2026 rental season.
- Seasonal positions are posted and applicants for various positions have applied.
- Staff are working on preparing for transitioning to a new reservation system that will go live in January of 2027.