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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Notice is hereby given that the Park and Recreation Committee of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

Meeting of the: **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU**
Date/Time: **Monday, November 6, 2017 at 4:30pm**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - Council Chambers**
Members: **Gehin, Gisselman, Neal, Nutting, Peckham(c)**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (All items listed may be acted upon)

- 1 Call the Meeting to order
 - 2 Public Comment for Items Appearing on the Agenda
 - 3 Approve Minutes - October 2, 2017
 - 4 Riverlife Noon Rotary Sculpture - Discussion and Possible Action for the Wausau Noon Rotary Club to Place a Permanent Sculpture in Riverlife
 - 5 Smoking Ordinance - Discussion and Possible Action to Restrict Smoking in City Parks
 - 6 Riverview Neighborhood Ice Rink - Discussion and Possible Action on the Location and Funding of a Public Ice Rink in the Riverview Neighborhood
 - 7 Riverlife Champions of Business Plaza - Discussion and Possible Action for Junior Achievement to Create a Permanent 'Champions of Business' Recognition in Riverlife
 - 8 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update - Report and Discussion on the Implications of EAB Being Found in the Wausau Area
 - 9 Project Update
Alexander Airport Park
 - 10 Future Agenda Items
 - 11 Next Meeting Date - Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:30pm
- Public Comment & Suggestions
Adjournment

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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: October 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Members Present: Joe Gehin, Gary Gisselman, Tom Neal, David Nutting, Pat Peckham (c)
Staff Present: Bill Duncanson
Others Present: Mayor Robert Mielke, Becky McElhaney-Chairperson, Steve Miller, Brad Bodner, news media

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that there was a quorum present and the meeting was called to order by Peckham at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment for Items Appearing on the Agenda – none brought forward

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Nutting, second by Gisselman to approve the Park and Recreation Committee September 5, 2017 draft minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Riverview Area Ice Rink - Discussion and Possible Action on the Feasibility and Cost of Creating an Ice Rink at River Highlands Park – Steve Miller, 4006 Briarwood Avenue, discussed a packet of information he had gathered regarding an outdoor ice rink on the City’s northeast side. Included were public comments he received, information about outdoor ice rinks in other Wisconsin communities, support from the donor of the land that became River Highland Park and from the Riverview Neighbor to Neighbor Chairperson on behalf of their group, information about the ice rink that had been at Riverview School, and information about S.C.O.R.E. (safe community outdoor rinks for everyone). He said there is still a keen interest on preserving an ice surface in the neighborhood. Brad Bodner, 1709 Maple Hill Road, believed outdoor ice rinks are extremely valuable to the community. He thought some options could be Sylvan Hill Park, River Highlands Park, or the Tribute Golf Course. He listed some of the pros and cons of each area. He also mentioned that there were some community sponsors willing to help with grading and electrical work.

Duncanson said previously the Committee had directed staff to assess River Highlands Park to see if an outdoor rink was viable there. He said it is a five acre park with good soils where the southeast quadrant offers the most favorable location for building an ice rink. There is electrical service on the west edge of the park and water service has been stubbed into the site however, it is not sufficient for building an ice rink so a water truck would need to be utilized. There is a small amount of street parking available but no on-site parking. Costs include clearing and grubbing, excavation, removal of excess material, placing topsoil, seed and mulch, electrical service extension, electrical switch gear, lights and poles, and benches which total approximately \$25,000. This does not include the cost of a warming house. The warming house at Riverview School cannot be moved cost effectively because it is a substantial concrete block building on a concrete slab. The cost to frame up a small portable warming house is approximately \$9,800. Duncanson noted the rink location would be on top of a hill at the edge of the residential area so it may be a distance for some people to walk and may be a little windier there.

Becky McElhaney, 3839 Woodland Ridge, thanked everyone for their help. She was a little concerned about having an ice rink on private property and asked for staff feedback about that. She said between the community help and possible grants that having a rink is within the neighborhoods reach. They need the support from the City and a statement, when everyone decides on a site, that the City would pay for what it previously paid for at the Riverview rink and the rest needed would come from fundraising. Duncanson said the Department currently has some facilities on private property, one example is the parking lot leased annually from Wilson–Hurd. If the golf course is willing to do a longer term lease that may play into the neighborhoods thoughts of it being a worthwhile investment. Neal questioned if a more of a community rink in a different location like for example at Oak Island had been thought about. Miller said from the contacts he has had from the neighborhood residents he would rather advocate for the Riverview, Franklin and 6th District area as there is a strong feeling in that part of town about preserving ice. But an outdoor ice surface somewhere would be better than no outdoor ice surface anywhere. Bodner agreed and sees this ice rink as a place more for kids to walk to. A warming house would be luxury as he is just hoping for a level surface with ice on it.

Neal questioned if there were still monies in the budget for the rink. It had been estimated that it was eight to ten thousand dollars each year to have a rink at Riverview School. The school district does not want a rink at the school anymore.

Duncanson said the monies for making and maintaining ice are still in the budget but there is not funding for building a new site plus for this year they would have to hustle. Peckham said he understands the group has made contact with Tribute Golf Course people and if there was a simple spot that could be made into a rink for this winter maybe that would give the neighborhood rink supporters ten months to get the backing and finances to make the River Highlands rink happen. All options should be entertained. Gehin thought the Tribute site would be the easiest to work with for building a rink. Duncanson agreed. He said at Sylvan Hill Park there are not any real flat areas. He also has a concern at Sylvan Hill because the most likely spot for a rink would be east of the chalet which is not a highly visible area. They already know River Highland Park would work. They don't know the circumstances at the golf course if that even comes into play. **Motion** by Neal, second by Gehin that the Committee agrees that the City will continue their past year's ice rink maintenance efforts at a new location if one can be found, and if a private site is found that the Department has to be the cosigner of the agreement. **Motion carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Tobacco in City Parks - Discussion and Possible Action on Regulating the Use of Tobacco in City Parks – Duncanson said that concerning indoor smoking, smoking in City park buildings is not allowed. There is an exception where private parties that rent park shelters can determine whether they are going to allow tobacco use within them. Nationally, smoking outdoors varies from being totally allowed to totally banned with different restrictions in between. Most partial bans have to do with youth facilities, playgrounds, and sports facilities. Other bans focus on heavily used areas while some allow for temporary bans that are put in place for specific events. The primary consideration utilized is health. Smoking and secondhand smoke are both known to be bad for people's health. Cleanliness is a real issue, with cigarette butts in particular. Also there are negative interactions between smokers and non-smokers.

Neal believed some steps should be taken. He felt at events where people are gathered there should be no smoking and dislikes seeing the piles of cigarette butts everywhere. Nutting agreed and said he recently visited a County park where he picked up about 150 cigarette butts in a small playground area. He felt the genesis of this began with the extraordinary amount of smoking going on around the perimeter of the 400 Block during concerts. He would like to see a ban on smoking in public areas during public events and expand it to include the sidewalk around the 400 Block. Gisselman said there are cities in the United States that ban smoking in public parks. He thought the Committee should be open to taking that step while hearing from the public because it could be more of an encumbrance to determine which and what size events smoking would be banned at. Neal asked the Mayor on his opinion for a public hearing or referendum. Mielke said he encourages public hearings but didn't know if the issue warrants a referendum. He questioned Duncanson on the effort expended to clean up cigarette butts around the 400 Block on Thursday morning after concerts. Duncanson said there is intensive cleanup on the 400 Block Thursdays mornings. Every morning staff is picking cigarette butts out of planters, the grass, and the edge of sidewalks because the cigarette butts just can't be blown away. Nutting would like to see a ban on smoking in City parks without a hearing. He felt they would see a dramatic decrease in smoking as well as in all the cleanup of the publicly maintained grounds that has to be done. Mielke raised a concern that with all the different issues for the police officers that it would be hard to enforce as far as their different priorities. Gisselman said the ban and proper signage would make a statement to the community that the City believes not smoking in parks is a good thing for the City because of health, sanitary, and litter reasons and enforcement could come later. Neal thought there would always be people who don't follow the law but if the restriction and signage were in place he felt there would be a reduction in smoking so he would support the overall ban. Gehin said he is okay with a ban but would rather step it in. He did not believe there were other communities in Wisconsin that have a full ban, Minneapolis has a ban but even they stepped it in. It was noted that smoking is not permitted on school district grounds or in County buildings or grounds. Nutting felt they should take the lead from Marathon County who is striving to be the healthiest county in Wisconsin and as a City they should lead the way for other cities to follow by exercising a total ban on smoking in City parks. Peckham believed the hearing function could take place at City Council. He felt that a fair amount of attention will be paid to the issue and people could show up and speak there. Gisselman said as the ordinances come before Committee there will be opportunity for public comment in regard to this idea. **Motion** by Nutting, second by Gisselman that they move ahead with a total ban on smoking within all Wausau city park lands and extend the ban to include the sidewalk around the 400 Block also. **Motion carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 4-1. Gehin was the no vote with his reason being that he would step it in rather than doing an absolute.

Event Report – Report and Discussion on Recent Special Events in Parks – Duncanson said the Festival of Arts weekend which occurs the weekend after Labor Day used to be the end of the event season but that is not the case anymore. Now a whole series of events run through September including some bigger ones like the Ginseng Festival and Beer and Bacon Festival. Duncanson noted that a week ago there was a dedication ceremony for the Sylvan Hill Bike Park which

has been very popular since it opened. Usually, the Department starts its construction and maintenance season at the end of August but all of the events are affecting its ability to do this. That is part of the reason there are additional seasonal labor requests in the budget. Also in the supplemental requests for maintenance projects a good number of them are contracted work. The Mayor noted that budget wise they may have to look at the events because services are being used that are rarely charged for. They are all wonderful and enhance the quality of life but it doesn't come for free.

Project Update

a. Alexander Airport Park – Janke General Contractors have made considerable progress this past month with the project at approximately 75% of completion. Concrete walkways, open shelter, glider hill, Corsair installation, gravel exercise path, new horse shoe pits and drinking fountain are all complete. Play equipment and safety surfacing are close to completion. It is anticipated the total project will be complete by the end of October.

Future Agenda Items – possible dog park sites

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, November 6, 2017 at 4:30pm in Council Chambers at City Hall

Adjourn - **Motion** by Neal, second by Nutting to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

AGENDA SUMMARY

4. Riverlife Noon Rotary Sculpture - Discussion and Possible Action for the Wausau Noon Rotary Club to Place a Permanent Sculpture in Riverlife

The Wausau Noon Rotary Club wishes to gift a sculpture to the City of Wausau as part of the club's 100th Anniversary activities. Rotary has a strong connection to water resources and accordingly has commissioned a sculpture that incorporates the Wisconsin River's importance to the Wausau area. Club representatives and City staff have agreed upon proposing a location in Riverlife on the north side of Stinchfield Creek. The enclosed attachments include a description of the sculpture and its significance, a drawing of the sculpture and a map and drawing of the proposed location. The approval process begins with the Park and Recreation Committee for site approval. Next, the Plan Commission has approval authority of the sculpture design including an agreement covering installation and maintenance responsibilities. The City Council has final approval authority. If approved, installation is planned in early summer of 2018. Staff recommends approving the proposed sculpture location in Riverlife.

5. Smoking Ordinance – Discussion and Possible Action to Restrict Smoking in City Parks

In response to the Committee's prior action to recommend banning smoking in Wausau City Parks plus the sidewalk surrounding the 400 Block, the City Attorney staff has prepared the attached draft ordinance and associated background material. PRF staff has received a statement concerning "Tobacco Free Parks and Beaches" from the Marathon County Health Department. The options before the Committee are

1. Continue to allow outdoor smoking in Wausau City Parks.
2. Ban all smoking in Wausau City Parks.
3. Implement a partial ban on outdoor smoking in Wausau City Parks*

*Note that where the River Edge Trail is outside of designated City parkland, it is not considered to be City Park.

If the Committee decides to implement a partial ban, staff research finds the most commonly restricted areas are the following (including within 100 feet of included facilities)

Playgrounds
Youth Sports Fields
Swimming Pools
Tubing Hill and Sledding Hills
Skateboard Park
Shelters
Restrooms
Disc Golf Course
Outdoor Ice Rinks
Sylvan Hill Bike Park

AGENDA SUMMARY

It is also common for high use or environmentally focused lands and or facilities to have bans:

400 Block
Paff Woods Nature Area
Eau Claire River Conservancy
Barker – Stewart Island
Fern Island
Riverlife Wharf
Riverlife Adirondack Area

Temporary administrative bans or lifting of bans are common for special events based on event sponsor desires

Some communities ban smoking on trails.

7. Riverlife Champions of Business Plaza – Discussion and Possible Action for Junior Achievement to Create a Permanent 'Champions of Business' Recognition in Riverlife
The Junior Achievement (JA) organization would like to sponsor the Riverlife overlook by the bridge to Barker-Stewart Island as the public site of their Champions of Business program. The attached letter from JA and graphics depicting overlook modification and recognition plaques detail their proposal. Staff has coordinated with JA representatives to ensure the improvements will complement the site. The question before the Committee is whether the proposed use of the facility and the associated improvements are appropriate in Riverlife. The question of the proper amount of financial contribution for sponsorship of this Riverlife overlook is determined by the Riverlife fundraising group.

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the proposed use of the Riverlife overlook by JA for its Champions of Business program and directs staff to prepare the associated land use agreement.

Keith Kaziak's proposal for the Wausau Rotary Club Sculpture

My proposal for the Wausau Rotary Club's 100th Anniversary and Wausau's River Walk will involve the use of materials significant to Wausau's rich history and development. I am proposing to cast a set of 4' diameter iron cogs connected by an axle that will rest on one end of a large (3'wx2'hx16'd) Wausau Ruby Red granite block. This sculpture would be installed in the direction of north to south so it would be parallel to the Wisconsin River. The surface of the granite running its length will be adorned with a cast bronze interpretation of the Wisconsin River from Brokaw to Mosinee. The concept of the sculpture is an allegory where specific materials and their arrangement act as "characters" to express a story about the historical growth and development of both the City of Wausau and its Rotary Club. The scale and materials used for the sculpture will not only create an engaging interaction between viewer, artwork and nature, but will also serve as a gateway to Wausau's rich historical past.

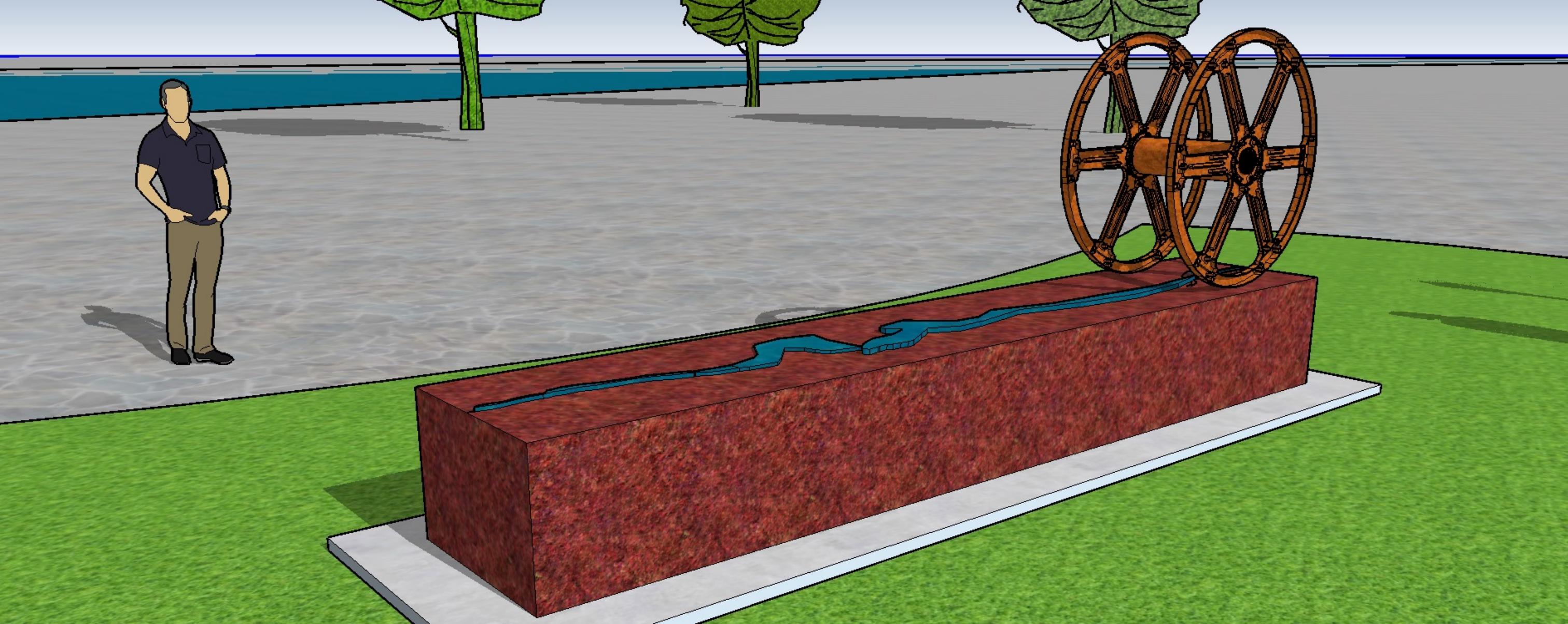
The sculpture will span the length of 18' feet and include two 4' diameter cast iron cogs connected by an axle to form a bobbin. I chose the cog because, as a contemporary artist creating work in cast metal it speaks loudly to my aesthetic. More importantly, it is the symbol of the Rotary Club and it implies energy and motion, as well as having a deep-rooted history to Wausau's early days of industry. What most locals in Wausau do not know is that for over 100 years that industry thrived and played a major role in the success of Wausau and its economic growth. Wausau Iron Works and later known as the D.J. Murray Machinery and Foundry was in existence from 1881-1989 and "has the distinction of being the oldest manufacturing firm in Wausau" (Kronenwetter, 1984). Its downtown location, which had both a large iron and bronze foundry, covered the entire plot of land running west from 3rd Street to 1st Street and south from the railroad tracks to Fulton Street. D.J. Murray's first four decades were spent leading the industry and building equipment for the local logging and sawmill industry. Its close proximity to the river and railroad established D.J. Murray "as one of the leading firms-if not the leading firm in its field" (Kronenwetter, 1984). When the heyday of the logging and lumber industry drew to a close and the paper mill industry was taking off, the manufacturer again "established itself as the leading manufacturer of wood yard equipment in the United States" (Kronenwetter, 1984). Their barking drums and pulpwood chippers were used all over the nation. I point this out because I believe it is valuable historic information and creates a significant and noteworthy connection to my sculpture proposal.

The second significant material that would be used in the sculpture is Wausau Ruby Red Granite. Not only is it the Wisconsin State Stone, but it also continues to be exclusively mined by the Anderson Bros. & Johnson Company north of Wausau since 1895 (visitwausau.com). The Anderson Bros. and Johnson Company is "one of the oldest continuously operating mining companies in the United States" (visitwausau.com). I chose Wausau Ruby Red Granite for those reasons, as well as the material's reference to strength and foundation, which I believe are virtues that

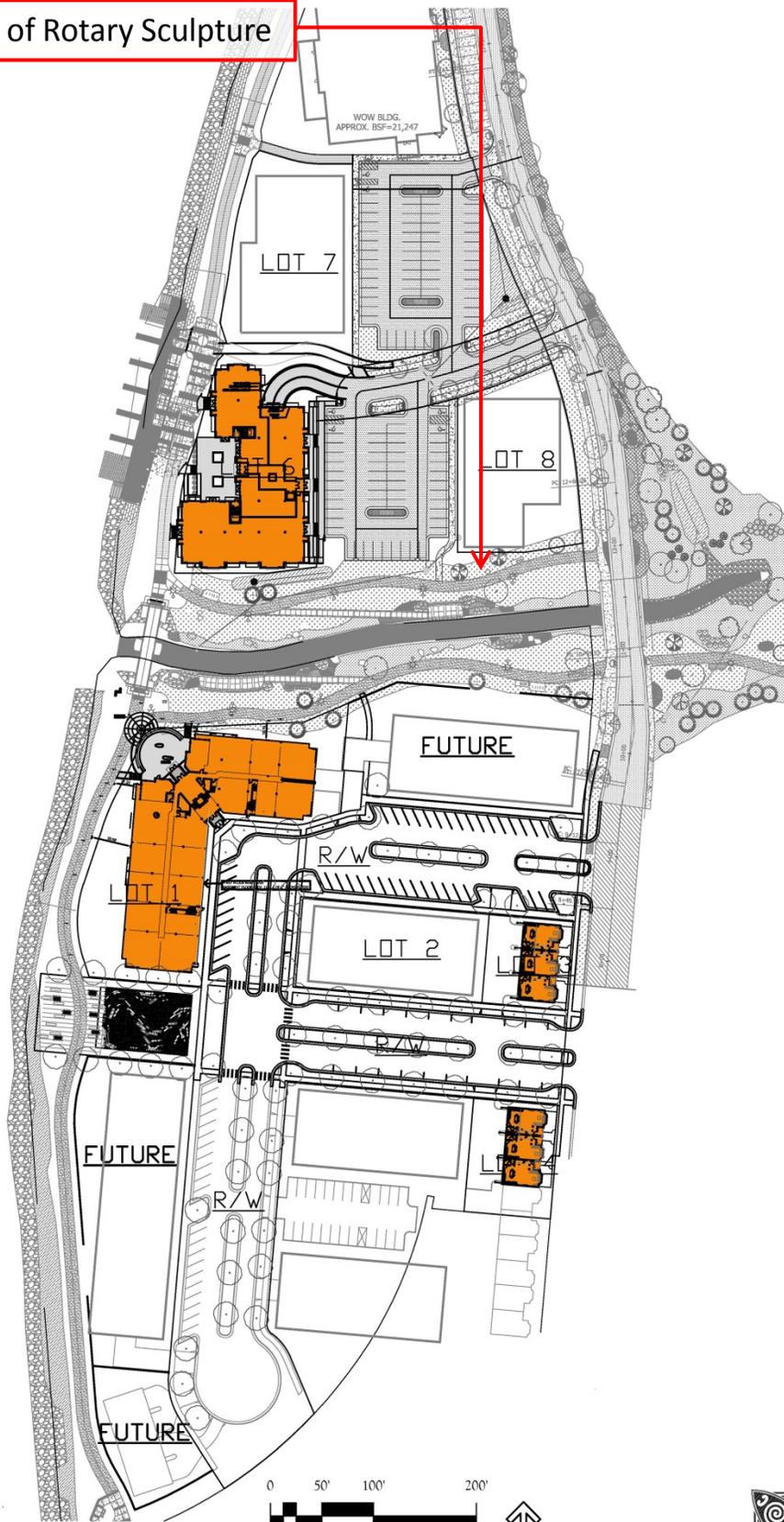
the Rotary Club was founded on. The granite block would be handpicked from the quarry with final dimensions being around 3'wx2'hx16'd (dimensions variable depending on what is available) and would rest on a 5'x18' elevated monolithic concrete slab.

The final significant material that will be used is cast bronze. The bronze will create another connection to the D.J. Murray Foundry, but will also act as a three dimensional interpretation of the adjacent Wisconsin River. The cast bronze river will evoke the long period of time that the river carved its way into the bedrock and through the landscape that became Wausau, and how industry influenced the river. It further implies the important role that water and the river played in the founding of Wausau, by way of delivering logs from the pineries and spinning the cogs and water wheels of industry to create energy and motion. The water feature not only shows the importance of water as a sustainable resource for commerce, but more importantly the river as our necessary source of clean drinking water in order to sustain a healthy local community. The implications of contaminated water are seen worldwide and the Wausau Rotary Club has played a significant role in working to eradicate contaminants and maintaining clean sources of water locally at Blue Gill Park and globally in Arilo, South Sudan.

As a practicing artist who grew up in Wausau, I believe I have a good understanding of its history and progress over the past century. The proposed sculpture not only celebrates a century since the Wausau Rotary Club's inception, but a century of leaders of industry and community members with imagination, intuition and a strong foundation of ideals that the City of Wausau was built on. Over this past century, many of these same community members and leaders have also been Rotary Club members. During that time, Wausau has seen huge economic growth with the lumber and paper mill industries, as well as economic decline. As an organization within the community, the Wausau Rotary Club's purpose in many ways is to tackle those challenging, yet important opportunities to promote change both locally and globally. Wausau's River Walk is one of those opportunities with the potential to promote economic growth within our community. As a local artist, I see real value in developing a river walk not only as a destination to view and interact with great artwork and nature, but as a way to reconnect the community with our rich historical past.



Proposed Location of Rotary Sculpture



RIVERLIFE VILLAGE PHASE I
OVERALL SITE PLAN
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017





CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

**ORDINANCE OF
AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Creating Section 9.04.025(t) Park Regulations concerning prohibition against smoking in public parks

Committee Action: Parks & Rec Approved 5-0 **Ordinance Number:**

Fiscal Impact: None

File Number:

Date Introduced:

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

Delete (———)

Section 1. That subsection (t) of Section 9.20.020 Regulation of person is hereby created to read as follows:

...

(t) No person shall smoke in any park. The definitions set forth in section 2.90.010(c), (d), and (e) of this code shall apply in interpreting this subsection.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted:
Approved:
Published:
Attest:

Approved:

Robert B. Mielke, Mayor

Attest:

Toni Rayala, Clerk



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COMMENTS ON CREATION OF SUBSECTION 9.20.020(t) REGULATION OF PERSONS CONCERNING PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN CITY PARKS

- The Park and Recreation Committee has requested this office draft an ordinance proposing to prohibit smoking in all City parks. The proposed prohibition is to include the smoking of tobacco or plant products whether by cigar, cigarette, pipe or the like, as well as by electronic delivery devices such as e-cigarettes or vape pens.
- The Park and Recreation Committee considered this topic on October 2, 2017. At that time, the Committee passed a motion recommending a ban on smoking within all Wausau city park lands, also to include the sidewalks around the 400 Block. It was later decided to bring this matter back before the Committee for further review and discussion and additional opportunity for community comment. The proposed draft before the Committee at this time does not include the original proposal encompassing the sidewalks surrounding the 400 Block. If it is later desired to include the 400 Block sidewalks, the Public Health & Safety Committee can be requested to consider that option for possible action. The proposed draft before the Committee also does not include the “River Edge Trail.”
- As background relating to this issue, on May 18, 2009, the State of Wisconsin legislature passed 2009 Wisconsin Act 12 (“Act”) relating to smoking in public places. This Act took effect July 5, 2010 and is codified at Wis. Stat. §101.123. In general, the Act expanded the previously existing prohibitions against smoking providing 15 specific enclosed places where smoking is prohibited and removed the general exception for designated smoking areas.

The Act also provides for a number of locations where smoking is prohibited out of doors. These areas are: the immediate vicinity of the state capitol; the premises of a child care center when children who are receiving child care services are present; the grounds of a Type 1 juvenile correctional facility; and locations that are 25 feet or less from a residence hall or dormitory of the University of Wisconsin System. Wis. Stat. §101.123(2)(d). Smoking is prohibited by the statute in any of the following whether in or out of doors: a sports arena; a bus shelter; and, a public conveyance. Wis. Stat. 101.123(2)(e).

The Act retained the authority of a municipality to enact ordinances that protect the health and comfort of the public. However, under the Act, ordinances regulating or prohibiting outside smoking may apply only to public property under the jurisdiction of the municipality and must allow certain commercial establishments to designate an outside smoking area that is a “reasonable distance” from any entrance. A municipality may not define the term “reasonable distance.” Wis. Stat. §101.123(4m).¹

¹ Wis. Stat. §101.123(4m) specifically provides:

- The proposed ordinance applies the following definitions set forth in section 2.90.010(c), (d), and (e) of the Wausau Municipal Code. Those definitions provide:

(c) “Electronic delivery device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or other similar substance intended for human consumption that may be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. Electronic delivery device includes any device manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or description, or any component part of such product whether or not sold separately. Electronic delivery device does not include any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product and is being marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

(d) “Smoke” or “smoking” means burning, holding, inhaling, exhaling or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural, or synthetic, in any manner or form. Smoking includes the use of an electronic delivery device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or form, or the use of any oral smoking device.

(e) “Cigarette” means any roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or any substance other than tobacco.

- The proposed ordinance prohibiting smoking in City parks thus includes the use of electronic delivery devices such as e-cigarettes, as well as more traditional smoking methods such as cigars, cigarettes, and pipes.
- The proposed ordinance does not prohibit the use of chewing tobacco.

LOCAL AUTHORITY. This section does not limit the authority of any county, city, village or town to enact ordinances or of any school district to adopt policies that, complying with the purpose of this section, protect the health and comfort of the public. If a county, city, village, or town enacts an ordinance, or if a school district adopts a policy, regulating or prohibiting outside smoking in certain areas as authorized under this subsection, the ordinance may apply only to public property under the jurisdiction of the county, city, village, town, or school district. Such ordinance shall provide that a person in charge of a restaurant, tavern, private club, or retail establishment located in an area subject to the ordinance may designate an outside area that is a reasonable distance from any entrance to the restaurant, tavern, private club, or retail establishment where customers, employees, or persons associated with the restaurant, tavern, private club, or retail establishment may smoke. Such ordinance may not define the term “reasonable distance” or set any specified measured distances as being a “reasonable distance.”

Tobacco-Free Parks and Beaches

Good for kids. Good for the community. Good for the environment.

83% of Wisconsinites Don't Smoke

Tobacco-free parks and beaches protect our kids.

According to a leading secondhand smoke expert, secondhand smoke levels in outdoor public places can reach levels as high as those found in indoor facilities where smoking is permitted.¹ Tobacco-free policies ensure kids and families don't have to worry about being exposed to this deadly toxin in the spaces they play. Tobacco-free policies help prevent youth tobacco use, particularly by establishing tobacco-free community norms and by providing adults the opportunity to be tobacco-free role models throughout the community.²

Tobacco-free parks and beaches protect Wisconsin's lakes and wildlife.

Cigarette butts are the most commonly discarded piece of waste worldwide and about 65% of cigarettes on average is littered. It is estimated that 1.69 billion pounds of cigarette butts end up as toxic trash each year.³ Taxpayers and local authorities currently bear the costs of cleaning up the cigarette butt waste.

Wisconsin is known for its beautiful lakes and world-class fishing. Cigarette butts wash into storm drains, which flow into creeks and other bodies of water. The butts leach harmful chemicals into the water. In one study, a single cigarette filter in a liter of water killed half the fish living there. Cigarette butts are not fully biodegradable (they remain intact for about 10 years) and can be eaten by animals who think they are food.⁴ Children may also ingest the cigarette butts that are discarded on the ground.

Residents expect tobacco-free spaces.

Tobacco-free policies for park areas ensure that all citizens have a healthy recreational environment. People go to parks to exercise or relax, not to use tobacco. People, who smoke work, eat, shop, travel, and reside in smoke-free environments every day. 83% of Wisconsinites do not smoke.⁵

Wisconsin communities that have smoke-free or tobacco-free policies:

(As of April 3, 2017)

- Appleton
- Greenfield
- Shorewood
- Verona
- Wisconsin Dells
- Brown County
- Columbia County
- St. Croix County

¹ CARB. (2003). "Technical Support Document for the Proposed Identification of Environmental Tobacco Smoke as a Toxic Air Contaminant: Part A," Technical Report. California Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Chapter 5, pp. V6-V19.

² Perry, C. (1999). Creating Health Behavior Change: How to Develop Community-Wide Programs for Youth. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

³ Carlozo LR. Cigarettes: 1.7 billion pounds of trash. Chicago Tribune. 2008 Jun 18

⁴ Register, K. "Underwater Naturalist" Bulletin of the American Littoral Society, Volume 25, Number 2, August 2000.

⁵ 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

Are local governments able to enact policies restricting tobacco use?

Neither federal nor state law prohibits local governments from regulating tobacco use outdoors.⁶

Are there any Wisconsin state laws that restrict outdoor tobacco use?

There is currently no state law that regulates tobacco use in public parks, although smoking is prohibited in certain outdoor locations, including sports arenas, bus shelters and public conveyances.⁷

Should a policy cover all property and activities or just youth events?

Both types of policies exist, but the recent trend is toward comprehensive “all property” policies because they protect everyone from secondhand smoke, rather than just particular groups at “youth events.” In addition, the comprehensive policies are easier to communicate and help improve compliance and enforcement of the policy. The comprehensive policies have the most benefit and cost savings in litter reduction since they cover all times of the day.

Should a policy cover the use of all tobacco products, or just smoking?

Policies that cover the use of all tobacco products provide the most protection for park users, allow for the easiest enforcement and ensure tobacco use and non-electronic cigarette use is not being modeled for young people.

How do other Wisconsin communities enforce their policies?

Tobacco-Free policies are largely self-enforcing and can be properly enforced with a combination of adequate signage and community education. Many tobacco users look for “tobacco-free” or “smoke-free” signs. These signs empower everyone using the parks to provide friendly reminders about the policy to patrons. Any infraction can be reported and handled in the same manner as an alcohol or litter complaint. In addition to signs, communities notify their residents in a variety of ways: announcements at sporting events and events, local media, newsletters, policy reminder cards, brochures, notifications sent to sports associations, and coach and staff trainings.

Since many school districts prohibit tobacco use at their outdoor facilities, a tobacco-free policy for city-owned outdoor recreational facilities creates continuity and eliminates confusion about which facilities are tobacco free. A tobacco-free policy also provides support to recreational organizations that already have an existing policy and use the city’s facilities.

⁶ [WIS. STAT. § 101.123\(4m\)](#)

⁷ [WIS. STAT. § 101.123\(2\)\(e\)](#)

Proposed Recreational Ice Rink 919 Evergreen Road

General:

919 Evergreen Road is a privately held parcel that is currently for sale. The property owner has indicated a willingness to allow a public ice rink on the property contingent upon appropriate indemnification.

Location:

919 Evergreen Road is located in the far north side of the City of Wausau. It is bounded by Meadow Road on the south, Evergreen Road on the north, 6th Street on the west and residential property on the east.

Site Evaluation:

Size

919 Evergreen Road is a 1.45 acre parcel.

Topography

The site is generally flat with a one foot drop in elevation from north to south. The northern one half of the site is essentially level and offers the best opportunity to construct an ice rink.

Vegetation

The parcel has a medium to poor quality turf cover with several groupings of trees on the southern one half of the site making the northern portion of the site more preferable for an ice rink.

Soils

The soil at 919 Evergreen Road is a Chetek sandy loam. The soil is well drained and suitable for the construction of an ice rink.

Utilities

Electric – The site does not currently have electric service. A pole mounted transformer is located near the northeast corner of the site and could be accessed for electrical service.

Water – Water is available on site via a City fire hydrant at the southeast corner of 6th Street and Evergreen Road.

Access/Parking

919 Evergreen Road is located on a busy arterial street (6th) and is accessible off of Evergreen Road. On-street parking is available on Evergreen Road and also on the south side of the site on Meadow Road.

Conclusions:

919 Evergreen Road has the physical capabilities to host a medium size (12,600 S.F.) recreational ice rink. Approximately 2800 S.F. of asphalt will need to be removed from the site to accommodate the rink. The area the ice skating rink could be constructed on should be top dressed with topsoil and seeded to ensure a level surface. Rink lights and benches are recommended for this site. Consideration should be given to the private ownership of this parcel and that it is currently for sale. Any expenditures for site improvements will not be recoverable if the property is sold, the City may incur additional costs if we are required to remove improvements such as rink lights. The parcels western frontage on 6th Street may be a concern because of high traffic volumes.

Opinion of Probable Costs (All costs shown are contracted costs)

Topdressing and Seeding	\$ 3,500
Removal of Asphalt	\$ 2,800
Lights and Poles	\$ 4,000
New Electrical Service	\$ 4,500
Meter Base and Switch Gear	\$ 2,000
Benches (2)	<u>\$ 400</u>
Total	\$17,200



EVERGREEN RD.

POLE MOUNTED TRANSFORMER

FIRE HYDRANT

ASPHALT TO BE REMOVED

PROPOSED ICE RINK

84'

150'

90'

RINK LIGHTS

6TH ST.

919 EVERGREEN ROAD

MEADOW RD.





empowering young people to
own their economic success

Bill Duncanson
Wausau Parks Department
2112 River Drive #2
Wausau, WI 54403

NOV 02 2017

Dear Bill,

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc. – Northcentral District would like to enhance and support the master plan for Wausau’s riverfront by funding a unique and inspiring display honoring our area’s most distinguished business leaders of the past. 2018 marks the 10th year of our Champions of Business event, and next spring we would like to erect 10 permanent bronze plaques in the plaza at the entrance to Barker Island. In future years, we would add one plaque per year after the announcement at our May event. We have created illustrations showing examples of the plaques and how they would look mounted in the ground behind the existing bench. Understanding that naming rights are being sold for this area we would like to name it Champions of Business Inspiration Plaza. We would recognize Junior Achievement on each plaque as well as on a brass sign identifying the plaza.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization with strong community support that helps teach our area students about business and our economy as well as the value of entrepreneurship. Our Champions of Business event highlights the values, hard work and successful management strategies of our area’s most accomplished past business leaders. We encourage students and others in the community to visit our website (www.championsofbusiness.org) to find out more about these “champions” and the attractive Wausau area economic environment that has nurtured so many leaders and successful businesses in the past. Our goal is to inspire our young people to remain in or return to our area to start businesses of their own--or work for currently thriving businesses.

We understand that the original intent of this plaza was to create an interpretive display that would tell the story of one of Wausau’s first businesses, Barker-Stewart Mill, constructed on Barker Island by prominent lumber barons C.C. Stewart and Hiram Stewart. As the centerpiece for our display, we will help tell that story of our community. Our Champions of Business Display Committee (Kirk Howard, Mari Stein, Gina Freels and Bridget Wenman) will oversee this project and ensure a high quality display that we believe will attract many visitors to the riverfront. The Champions of Business Inspiration Plaza will become an excellent spot for showcasing Wausau’s economic vitality to relocating companies and prospective employees considering moving to the area as well as for current residents who can reminisce and reflect upon past business experiences with their children and grandchildren.

Annually, Junior Achievement – Northcentral district raises approximately \$250,000 to fund our student enrichment programs. We believe we can raise an additional, one-time amount

of \$75,000 for the naming rights to this area plus \$20,000- \$25,000 for the production and installation of our attractive bronze Champions of Business plaques and the Barker Island interpretive panel. In the future, Junior Achievement will fund the purchase and installation of additional plaques. We also would like to have options to work cooperatively with the Parks Department and City of Wausau to further expand the area surrounding the plaza in a way that complements the central display area and meets with your approval.

Please consider this our offer to purchase naming rights for the Barker-Island Plaza area for \$75,000.

Sincerely,



Leif Christianson
Board Chairman
Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc. – Northcentral District

Cc: Maryanne Grout

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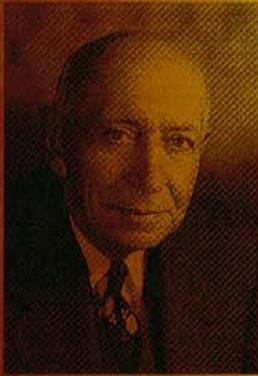
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Champions of Business

Inducted 2009



D.C. Everest was president of Marathon Paper Mills Company/Marathon Corporation, a specialty paper company that played a major role in the growth of America's food packaging and printing industries. Under Everest's leadership, Marathon Corporation grew from a vacant site on the banks of the Wisconsin River in Rothschild to nine paper mills and converting plants in the U.S. and Canada.



Bernie Greenheck was co-founder and president of Greenheck Fan Corporation. In 1947, Bernie and his brother, Bob, began transforming a tiny sheet metal business in Schofield into what became Greenheck, the world's leading manufacturer of air movement, control and conditioning products for non-residential buildings. During his 55-year career, Bernie established Greenheck's nationwide network of independent sales representatives and built vital relationships with customers and employees.



John Ullrich was a Certified Public Accountant and founding partner of Wipfli, Ullrich & Company in Wausau which later became known simply as Wipfli. He served as managing partner and senior consultant at the growing firm for 53 years. Under Ullrich's leadership, the company became the largest independent accounting firm in Wisconsin and the 25th largest independent accounting firm in the U.S.

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Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Marathon County

Release Date: 10/12/17

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MADISON – Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in Marathon County, and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will quarantine the county as a result.

A tree care service found infested trees on private property along the Wisconsin River in the Town of Rib Mountain, adjacent to the city of Wausau. Specimens were identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Tuesday, Oct. 10.

"Although we have now found EAB in well over half the counties in Wisconsin, much of the area in those counties remains uninfested. Human activity has caused these scattered infestations, not natural spread of the insect. So, it's still important for people not to move firewood out of infested areas, even within their own quarantined counties," said Brian Kuhn, director of the Plant Industry Bureau within DATCP. That precaution can delay introduction to new areas of quarantined counties for years.

For private citizens, the quarantine means that they cannot take firewood from quarantined counties to non-quarantined counties. For businesses handling wood products that could carry EAB, it means that they must work with DATCP to assure that their products are pest-free before shipping.

Kuhn recommends that property owners in quarantined counties:

- Watch ash trees for signs of possible EAB infestation: Thinning in the canopy, D-shaped holes in the bark, new branches sprouting low on the trunk, cracked bark, and woodpeckers pulling at the bark to get to insect larvae beneath it.
- Consider preventive treatments if their property is within 15 miles of a known infestation. Whether to treat depends on several factors: the age of the trees, the size of the trees, and the number of trees. Treatment costs vary depending on size of the tree and whether you do the treatments yourself or hire a professional.
- Consider planting different species of trees that are not susceptible to EAB.
- Contact a professional arborist for expert advice, and visit emeraldashborer.wi.gov for detailed information.

Emerald ash borer is native to China and probably entered the United States on packing material, showing up first in Michigan in 2002. It was first found in Wisconsin in 2008 in Washington County. Marathon County joins 46 other Wisconsin counties where EAB has been found: Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet, Chippewa, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oneida, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood. Kewaunee County is also under quarantine because of the proximity of infestations in neighboring counties.

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PROJECT UPDATE

Alexander Airport Park

The project is complete with the exception of painting the Corsair airplane that will occur in spring and the installation of some of the rubber safety surfacing. The safety surfacing was delayed due to long delivery times for some custom play equipment pieces that needed to be installed prior to the surfacing. Due to weather conditions the safety surfacing will be installed in spring. Play areas without safety surfacing will be fenced off until the surfacing is installed.