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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: **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU**
Date/Time: **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 4:30pm**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - Council Chambers**
Members: **Gary Gisselman, Tom Neal, David Nutting, Patrick Peckham(c), Dennis Smith**

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 - December 3, 2018
- 4 Discussion and Possible Action Establishing a Plan for the February 4 Discussion on Further Soil Testing At Riverside Park
- 5 Discussion and Possible Action on the 2019 Project and Task Plan
- 6 Discussion and Possible Action on the Rule of No Dogs in the Eau Claire River Conservancy
- 7 Educational Items
 - A. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Mission Statement
 - B. Project Update
- 8 Future Agenda Items
- 9 Next Meeting Date - Monday, February 4, 2019 at 4:30pm
- 10 Public Comment & Suggestions
- 11 Adjournment

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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: December 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall
Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Tom Neal, David Nutting, Pat Peckham (c), Dennis Smith
Others Present: Jamie Polley-Director, Mayor Robert Mielke, John Halsted - Wausau Youth Baseball/Softball, Tom Kilian, Judith Miller

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 Chairman Peckham at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment for Items Appearing on the Agenda (or off the Agenda per Peckham) – Judith Miller, 903 Kickbusch St., Wausau came to speak to the issue of contamination in Riverside Park. She said the evidence is in, the limited testing of the soil that has been done there has revealed contamination in excess of the soil safety standards established by the Wisconsin DNR. While the Council and perhaps other Committee members have discussed doing further testing in Riverside Park no action has been taken. As a representative of Citizens for a Clean Wausau they are asking the Committee to recommend to Council that a public review process to determine the extent in nature of further testing that needs to be conducted be initiated as speedily as possible. The evidence is in and the facts demand this.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Neal, second by Smith to approve the Park and Recreation Committee November 5, 2018 draft minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action to Advertise Request for Proposals to Conduct a Feasibility Study for a Baseball Complex – Polley said typically an item like this wouldn't come to Committee at this stage but because this is a big project that has been talked about for a while and because there are other projects happening in the County such as Weston's softball study and the sports arena study. This baseball complex is something completely different but may hinge upon what comes out of those other studies.

Over the years Wausau Youth Baseball/Softball Inc. and Wausau Newman schools have talked with City staff about the possibility of a baseball complex somewhere in Wausau with one of the ideas being Brockmeyer Park. Polley said staff has asked for their proposal in writing. Because there are other uses for Brockmeyer Park such as JoJo's Jungle, the soccer fields, current facilities and construction issues it's hard to put together a total cost estimate when they don't know what the feasibility of this would be in the first place. It has been determined that the first step should be to conduct a feasibility study that would develop a scaled layout of the fields, assess the site conditions and develop a preliminary cost estimate. The whole County and City system would be looked at in general. At this point they need to put out a request for proposal for a contractor to determine what it will cost to do that scope of work. Then staff would meet with the baseball association and Newman about getting the study completed. At that time staff would bring it back to Committee before a study is commenced.

Neal wondered if Brockmeyer Park would be able to accommodate something like this. John Halsted, Wausau Youth Baseball/Softball said they have been discussing this project for two to three years. There is not a good location in Wausau he can identify except for Brockmeyer Park. On the grand side of things they are thinking five diamonds. He thought that JoJo's Jungle would be another project and that the baseball complex would not interfere with it. Polley said that is part of what the feasibility study would tell them is if they could lay out these five fields and have parking for tournaments. Smith questioned if this is similar to what they have at Sunnyvale Park. Halsted said yes and the question is then asked why they don't use Sunnyvale. Sunnyvale right now is not a baseball complex, for example a night game of baseball could not be played there because the light posts aren't high enough. It could be an option but the Wausau Area Softball Association is using it and has a contract with the Parks Department for the concession stand which is another issue. The whole idea of having a complex is to generate revenue for their youth non-profit so it can fund itself through concessions and having tournaments and games there.

Polley said if another softball complex is built in Weston can the County afford to keep Sunnyvale as a softball complex? Are two softball complexes needed in the County? Maybe the answer is yes, she didn't know but that is

where staff would have to work with the Wausau Area Softball Association who uses Sunnyvale Complex. If Weston is going to build their complex, most likely tournaments will want to go to a nice brand new facility versus an older facility. If that happens then Sunnyvale may be a great spot to turn into baseball fields and not build this baseball complex. But if Weston doesn't build theirs then there is still the need for that softball aspect for tournaments and some upgrades to Sunnyvale are needed as well. They then would need an alternative for this baseball complex. But they are going to look at the bigger picture, it's not just Wausau or the County it's everything in the whole area and how do they all work together versus compete against each other because this is just not that big enough of a region. Halsted said they are losing the ability to access some of the Wausau School system diamonds so this is part of the push for the need. Nutting wanted to be certain that JoJo's Jungle would not be impinged upon. Peckham thought it might be a complimentary use. **Motion** by Neal, second by Smith to advertise a Request for Proposal seeking pricing to complete the feasibility study for a baseball complex. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Dog Park Special Committee's Tasks and Goals – Peckham said that Alderman Neal will be chairperson of the Special Committee. Polley thought they should give some guidance about what they want the Dog Park group to work on. There is a two acre site that has been brought forward. One question is if they want to move forward with that site or if there are other ideas. It all depends on what the Committee itself wants. There was a four acre fenced dog park just built in Rib Mountain that has some wet areas in the middle. This property is just upland grass. What features do people want, do they just want trails or do they want agility courses? She doesn't know what the vision of the Committee is to have this group start working towards. Neal said in the Subcommittee's meeting he anticipates differences of opinion along those lines so they will have to work their way through that to get a firm vision or consensus. To see what is doable versus what is ideally wanted. They have to be pragmatic and look at their options and work towards a doable goal. Peckham said that part of him wanted the group to build something now but he believes Polley is correct that they need to allow the Subcommittee to go back and look at the site, possible other sites, the design, everything in the mixture and the Subcommittee can decide on its own, will have autonomy on what it develops and also will have the cooperation of Park Department staff. He encouraged the group to do a thorough job.

Educational Items

A. Department Update – The Assistant Director position is currently open and accepting applications until December 21st. Interviews will be conducted after the holidays with the plan to have the position filled and the successful candidate begin no later than March 1st.

B. Project Update

400 Block: Currently working on a transition plan for taking 400 Block reservations at the Parks, Recreation and Forestry office instead of at the City Clerk's office. Staff is working together with a goal of making the transition the first of the year.

Sylvan Tubing Hill: Snowmaking operations begin Sunday December 1. Staff will work round the clock for two plus weeks (weather permitting) until both hills have adequate snow cover. Nutting doesn't believe the hill has been sliding well in the past as he couldn't make it all the way down the last two times he has gone.

Ice Rinks: Warming houses are moved into place or ready at the 400 Block, Marathon Park and Thom Field. Flooding will begin as soon as adequate snowfall occurs for packing and as temperatures allow.

Scholfield Park: Pier abutments are being demolished in preparation for new pier installations in spring.

Riverlife: Miron Construction continues to work on the Riverlife Park and concession building. The substantial completion date for the building is December 23rd. The building is currently enclosed and heated to allow for Miron to complete all items on the exterior and interior of the building that could not have otherwise been completed with the cold temperatures. The rest of the park will be completed in the spring with a substantial completion date at this time of June 1st. Polley explained that the Rivers Edge Trail will be closed there this winter because it's an active job site. People will be re-routed to the road, along the road and then back to the trail so they can still get around there.

Routine Operations: Vista work is occurring at various designated locations along the river, snow removal operations as needed and ongoing arborist work continuing.

Future Agenda Items – Neal would like Committee to address the public concerns about possible ground contamination in Riverside Park. Peckham said one of the things they wanted to do was wait until they had reaction back from toxicologists that gave report. Gisselman agreed that some type of discussion on how they are going to proceed is needed. Peckham – yes I think that would be our intention, not to just have a discussion over here but to have something we would propose for a response. He contacted the hydrologist from DNR to see if they would advise them on testing and the hydrologist suggested they needed the services of an environmental consultant.

Public Comment and Suggestions - Thomas Kilian – 133 E. Thomas Street, Wausau – said he and the members of Citizens for a Clean Wausau support further testing in Riverside Park. He doesn't see an issue with waiting until the toxicologist from the State responds as long as it's timely. He didn't believe it had been stated explicitly to this Committee that there are multiple samples, those are included in the ones the toxicologist looked at, multiple samples in multiple areas of the neighborhood that exceed Wisconsin state default residential soil standards for dioxins and furans. Some of these samples actually exceed residential State standards and that's why the toxicologist probably mentioned from the State that is, that despite their qualitative subjective opinion there would be regulatory issues and that's because these actually exceed the State standards. Now unless they are exercising an arbitrary exemption or discretionary power which they sometimes do and he believes are allowed to do State law and State spill law is very clear about how this should be handled. So unless the City applied for an exemption in that park before they took ownership of that property then they should look at what the law actually states. Members of the Council had asked him how they can move forward with this so he looked at some communities that have dealt with a similar circumstance and one of them is Steven Foster neighborhood in Gainesville Florida. Neal said the purview of this Committee is the park itself and too often the discussion extends to the surrounding neighborhood which is a different Committee's concern. There could be connectivity but this Committee's purview is the park itself. Kilian continued to say that the letter from the County chair down there is that they ask that State law be followed in Florida. That was to delineate the extent of the contamination and then to respect and observe State law on residential dioxin levels so the reasonable decision here is to respect State law. He said this Committee is kind of the driver because the best case scenario is the levels of additional testing would be within State levels but if they are not then they would need to look at the northern part of the neighborhood since there was no physical barrier historically.

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, January 7, 2018 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall

Adjourn – **Motion** by Neal, second by Gisselman to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

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4. Discussion and Possible Action Establishing a Plan for the February 4 Discussion on Further Soil Testing at Riverside Park

The Citizens for a Clean Wausau group has requested that the Park and Recreation Committee recommend further soil testing at Riverside Park to the City Council. A statement from two of the members is included in the agenda packet. Chairman Peckham has stated that additional information is needed for the committee to consider making a recommendation to the Council. An informed discussion of this topic is planned for the February 4, 2019 Park and Recreation Committee meeting.

The Committee is asked to formulate a plan for the February 4, 2019 meeting. The plan should include a list of individuals that should be included in the discussion, the response letter from the toxicologist working on this area, documentation needed from the group or other organizations, etc.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on 2019 Project and Task Plan
See Attached Plan.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on the Rule of No Dogs in the Eau Claire River Conservancy

The question about why dogs are not allowed in the Eau Claire River Conservancy was raised and it was requested that this rule be discussed by the Park and Recreation Committee. In reviewing past documentation and meeting minutes it appears that no formal rules or master plan has ever been adopted for this property. The Eau Claire River Conservancy is not listed on the City website as a City Park but is included under the current recreation plans section. This section states that a master plan will be developed.

Per the meeting minutes of April 7, 2014 the committee discussed the results of a public meeting held March 13, 2014. The committee discussed nature based recreation activities and non-desirable activities which included hunting, dogs and dog walking. The Committee moved for staff to continue to develop a master plan based in the items discussed.

Further information listed the Eau Claire River Conservancy development philosophy to be nature based recreation, sustainable (protect the resources, humans as visitors, limited impact), year round use, minimize user conflicts, and compliment adjacent uses. Attached to the packet is a four slide PowerPoint presentation that was utilized in 2014.

Without an adopted master plan, the Committee can choose to treat this area in the same manner as other parks. Per City code hunting would be prohibited and dogs would be

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required to be on a leash. The Committee could also choose to prohibit hunting and dogs and keep the current signage in place until a master plan has been completed.

7. Educational Items

7A. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Mission Statement

In discussing and reviewing the objectives of the County's strategic plan and how the Parks, Recreation & Forestry department contributes to specific objectives, staff took a step back to look at the department's mission and future expectations of the department. It was identified that the department had multiple mission statements that all incorporate our core services; adaptively managing the parks and facilities, natural resource sustainability, and providing recreation opportunities. Staff then offered a number of ideas for combining the mission statements. Through this exercise three mission statements have been developed:

1. Adaptively managing our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities making our County a desirable place to live, work and play.
2. Adaptively managing our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities for all.
3. To create a lasting impact for residents and visitors by managing our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability and providing high quality recreation facilities and opportunities.

These statements will now be reviewed by all full-time staff for feedback on the desired mission. The goal is to have a mission statement that is all encompassing, impactful and easy to remember.

7B. Project Update

Sylvan Tubing Hill:

Snowmaking operations began Sunday December 1. Due to weather extremes snow making continued intermittently until January 4 which is the first day the second hill opened. Three weeks longer than average. Grooming operations will continue through the season.

Ice Rinks:

Due to weather extremes.....ice making operations are on standby.
Warming houses are moved into place or ready at 400 Block, Marathon Park and Thom Field. Flooding will begin as soon as adequate snowfall occurs for packing and temperatures allow.

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Operations Building:

Storeroom remodel and reorganization to improve allocation of space and efficiency of product location.

Scholfield Park:

Pier abutments have been demolished and removed. New piers are under construction.

Routine Operations/Programs:

Snow removal; walks, trails, parking lots and roads.
Urban forestry program; tree trimming and removals
Building and structure maintenance.
Shelter reservations and Special Events
Equipment maintenance and repair

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Two responses were provided to a request from the committee chair to the Citizens for a Clean Wausau group. Alderman Peckham asked for a summary of why they believe further testing is needed of the soils in Riverside Park.

The group leader, Tom Kilian, resisted the idea of providing a written statement to go into the meeting packet, but today sent this:

My pleasure, Pat. The group has clearly and repeatedly requested two specific items and will continue to do so:

1. That further park testing be put on the agenda for possible action so that a committee vote can occur
2. That the ultimate testing incorporate the concerns and goals expressed by the community in a future public participation process that would be both inclusive and meaningful.

In a November 27, 2018 email string that you were on, Matt Thompson from the Department of Natural Resources stated that he was "sure the DNR wouldn't object to public participation."

In addition to numerous requests from Wausau residents and a recommendation for further testing from a toxicologist with vast related experience, you have also received requests from members of your own committee on multiple occasions. Stephen Lester's letter, which all members of the City council received, would seem a useful and appropriate component of the packet. If, as chair, you choose not to provide the committee with the opportunity to take action on the above items in the near future, that is your prerogative, but it would seem arbitrary and capricious.

This response surely does not stem from a lack of interest, but it does reflect an expectation that the City conduct its business in a consistent and uniform fashion. It can and should be taken as the group's response.

Thank you,
Tom

Another member of the group's leadership, acting as an individual after learning of the request for a summary of reasons to test further, sent this:

As an individual, the concerns are these:

- 1) The small number of test results available; few tests have been performed and they were not all performed by the same agency; further testing would provide consistent results we can all be more confident of;

2) Stephen Lester stated that the method used to analyze the available test results was inconsistent in that the "worst" results were used in some cases and the "second worst" in another case; these inconsistencies were not explained; this makes the meaning of those results hard to interpret and understand; having more test data might well clarify this analysis;

3) Most importantly, no cancer risk assessment was done, cancer being the single greatest and most lethal risk of dioxin exposure. The reason for this omission is yet unclear, but, given the very small number of test results available, it would seem difficult to be confident of such an assessment without more data. -

Judith Miller

2019 CITY PROJECT AND TASK PLAN

<u>PROJECTS</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Playground Replacements - Pleasant View Park & Scholfield	\$75,000
Oak Island Playground Replacement	\$138,000
Urban Forestry - EAB Treatment	\$75,000
River Edge Trail	
Lighting Upgrade Bridge to Winton	\$130,900
Eastbay Outlook Deck & Rails	\$9,000
Lighting Upgrade Scholfield to Cherry St	\$9,800
City Shelter Table & Chair Replacement	\$6,500
Sylvan Hill Park	
Sylvan Chalet Fireplace Insert	\$7,000
Sylvan Chalet/Park Drinking Fountain	\$3,200
Pleasant View Tennis Court Clean, Seal , Coat	\$19,556
Tenth St Park Basketball Court Seal, Coat	\$4,985
Athletic Park Outfield Wall Frame Replacement	\$5,000
400 Block Icloud Update for Irrigation	\$2,500
Riverside Park Steps Masonry and Rail	\$3,200
Operations	
Storage Building Roofs (50/50 With County)	\$4,750
Street Tree Replacement	\$4,000
Boileau Park Little League Field- Reconstruct Infield	\$5,000
Airport Park Little League Field - Dugout Construction	\$5,000
Stewart Park Pillars	\$30,000

TASKS

Continue Management of EAB

Park Asset List and 5-Year CIP Plan

Community Assessment of Program Needs

User Group Agreements - Woodchucks, Youth Sports Associations, CVB, etc.

Assist in getting Jo Jo's Jungle Completed

Assist in Managing Remaining Construction of RiverLife Park and Complete Park Playgrounds

Finalize a Dog Park Location and Plan

Sponsorship Program

Work with Baseball Groups on Complex Feasibility

Develop New or Improved Website

Eau Claire River Conservancy Development Philosophy

Nature Based Recreation
Sustainable

Protect the Resources
Humans As Visitors
Limited Impact

Year Round Use

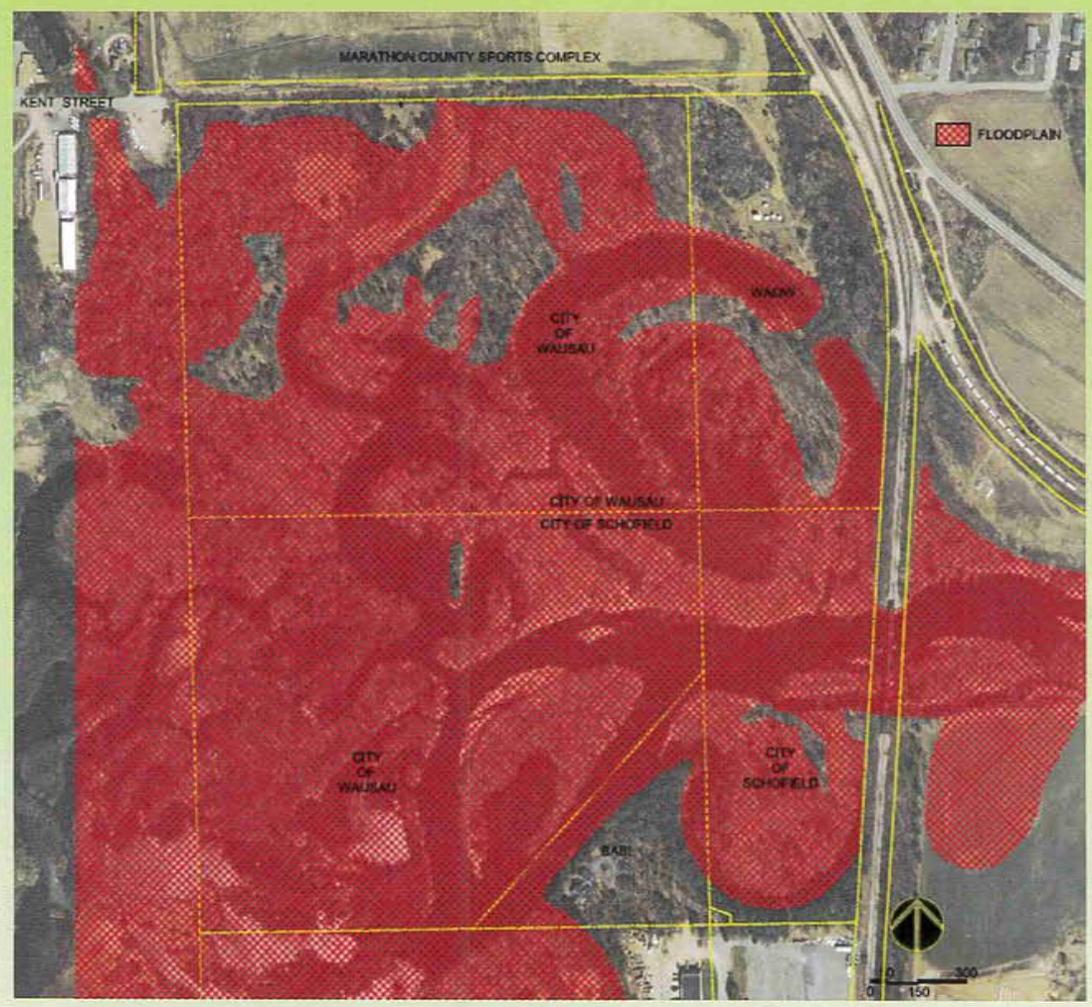
Minimize User Conflicts

Compliment Adjacent Uses



Eau Claire River Conservancy Constraints

Floodplain



Eau Claire River Conservancy Constraints

Wetlands



Eau Claire River Conservancy Uses

Desirable Uses

Hiking

Snowshoeing

Nature Study

Bird Watching

Photography

Kayaking/Canoeing

Interpretative Center



Undesirable Uses

Dogs

Bicycles-Except M-B Trail

Hunting





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Eau Claire River Conservancy

The City of Wausau owns some property at 507 East Kent Street known as the Eau Claire River Conservancy. City staff will be developing a master plan of this property followed by potential development.



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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: April 7th, 2014 at 5:00pm Location: City Hall (407 Grant Street) – Board Room
Members Present: Jim Brezinski, Gary Gisselman, Robert Mielke, David Nutting, David Oberbeck (c)
Others Present: Bill Duncanson–Director, Peter Knotek-Assistant Director, Pat Peckham – City Pages,
Matt Block - CWOCC

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 Chairperson Oberbeck at 5:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion** by Mielke, second by Gisselman to approve the Park and Recreation Committee March 3rd, 2014 draft minutes. **Motion carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Recognition of Service – Oberbeck recognized Brezinski for all of his efforts on the Committee and presented him with a plaque. Members and staff thanked Brezinski for all of his years of service. Brezinski said he has enjoyed his time on the Committee and that the community should be proud of the parks it offers its' citizens.

Sylvan Hill Park Future Use – Discussion and Possible Action a Request by the Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition to Allow Sylvan Hills Park to Become a Mountain Bike Park – Duncanson discussed the history of the park and how the land was acquired. He said current uses include cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowtubing, chalet rental, and dog walking.

The Central Wisconsin Off-road Cycling Coalition (CWOCC) is the local chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA). Locations that offer a variety of quality mountain biking facilities within 15 miles of a community that provides the necessary support services can qualify for designation as an IMBA Ride Center. There are currently about 15 IMBA ride centers worldwide with two in the Midwest. One is Copper Harbor, MI and the other is in northern Minnesota. These ride centers attract over 30,000 riders annually. Wausau has the opportunity to become the next IMBA Ride Center due to its existing facilities, existing support services for outdoor recreationists, appropriate land opportunities for future facilities, and a dedicated local mountain biking community. CWOCC has developed a master plan to achieve ride center designation and Sylvan Hill Park has been identified as having great potential to become a high quality multi-faceted mountain bike park.

Block discussed a conceptual idea of trails at Sylvan Hill. They would include a trail head and parking near the chalet or else near Coates Lane to separate it from chalet use in the summer. A perimeter trail, downhill trails and pump track were all possibilities. Block said the trails are natural surface dirt, single track, built by professional trail builders, and built transversing the land to make the trails sustainable. They work around trees and trail maintenance is very minimal. Oberbeck questioned if the trails were dedicated to mountain biking. Block said the perimeter trail loop could be built to be multi-use. It could also be used in the winter for a second use such as snowshoeing. Duncanson said the mountain biking community greatly impacts local economics. Gisselman felt this was a great idea for Sylvan Hill and the City and he looks forward to the development. **Motion** by Gisselman, second by Mielke to allow staff to move forward with investigation and planning for this IMBA Ride Center area.

Committee members want to make sure parking needs would be addressed, people in that area and the whole community would be involved and a presentation be made to City Council. Duncanson said Sylvan is used partly as a regional park, it's a community park as far as shelter rentals and the neighborhood uses it for hiking and for dog walking. He said some of the roles may change with development. This would become a very popular local attraction and tourist destination. Duncanson said that when IMBA designates Ride Centers they are looking for communities that already have bike stores, hotels, restaurants, and a commitment to outdoor recreation activities. Block agreed and said they look beyond that to things like the 400 Block, kayak course, and everything else the community has to offer. Brezinski called the question. **Motion carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Duncanson informed Committee that the Tribute Golf Course is interested in utilizing portions of Sylvan Hill to help in their expansions. They are interested in building a new clubhouse with one of the possible locations being closer to the Sylvan Hill Chalet. They may also have the opportunity to acquire land to the east of Sylvan Hill property and

create another nine holes. If that were to happen they would need access through the parkland. Duncanson said the golf course was happy with the extended cross country ski trails on their property and in the future there could possibly be the opportunity for lit ski trails. He said there are a number of great possibilities there that need to be sorted out to see what will work best. Members discussed possible parking, street, and capacity issues. Duncanson said this will involve a whole new master plan and a lot of research. There are potential limitations due to much of the land having been purchased with grant funds requiring specific public uses. He said public input must be involved and he appreciates the support of the Committee. He mentioned that the Park Commission is supporting the IMBA Ride Center concept.

Block left the meeting at 6:15pm.

Athletic Park Parking – Discussion and Possible Action to Renew the Annual Agreement with Wilson-Hurd to Allow Public Parking for Athletic Park Activities on their Property – Duncanson said this annual agreement is up for renewal. He requests Committee to give approval for staff to work with Wilson Hurd on a final agreement and bring it forth to Council. **Motion** by Mielke, second by Nutting for staff to work out a final agreement with Wilson Hurd for 2014. Oberbeck asked if any major changes to the agreement for this years from last years. Duncanson said only changes may be some of the language on the facility there will be some new lighting, better surfacing and signing. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Department Director Program of Work – Discussion and Possible Action on the Results of the March 13th Eau Claire River Conservancy Public Meeting – Duncanson said the County Administrator has asked department heads to develop higher levels of programs of work that can be charted in a spreadsheet to be discussed by Committee's at least semi-annually. Some of the items on the City side will take longer than a year and a lot of the projects require collaborative work. Gisselman felt the east riverfront development and River Edge Trail were higher priorities as well as Kaiser Pool. Oberbeck thought the dog park should be listed as a higher priority.

Eau Claire River Conservancy Master Plan – Discussion and Possible Action on the Results of the March 13th Eau Claire River Conservancy Public Meeting – Ideas brought forth were nature based recreation, hiking, snowshoeing, nature study, bird watching, photography, kayaking/canoeing, interpretive center, non-groomed cross country skiing, user parking, fishing, bicycling only on the Mountain-Bay Trail extension. Some non-desirable activities mentioned were hunting, and dogs or dog walking. **Motion** by Gisselman, second by Mielke for staff to continue developing a master plan based on these ideas. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.

Brockmeyer Park Future Use – Discussion and Possible Action on the Next Steps in Planning the Future Use of Brockmeyer Park – At Committee's request staff will work on holding a public meeting in late May at Stettin School to receive community input regarding the future use of Brockmeyer Park.

Project Update

Athletic Park Grandstand – Progress continues with the majority of exterior work completed. Windows, stairwells and interior finishes will be underway soon. A ceremonial first seat installation event was held Monday, April 1st.

Athletic Park Neighborhood Park – Work is beginning on the neighborhood park. Following demolition of the vacated 5th Street utility work and fence column foundations will begin. Mechanized ground thawing will most likely be required for some portions of the park site.

Kaiser Pool – The Department has received and is reviewing near final construction documents for the pool project.

Future Agenda Items – Bill's program of work – Kaiser Pool, Eau Claire River Conservancy, Athletic Neighborhood Park, Brockmeyer, etc.

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, May 5th, 2014 at 5:00pm

Adjourn - Motion by Brezinski, second by Mielke to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote. Vote reflected as 5-0.