

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE  
PARK COMMISSION  
RecPlex Aqua Arena – Shark Room  
9900 Terwall Terrace  
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158  
June 5, 2012  
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michealene Day, Rita Christiansen, Glenn Christiansen, Troy Holm, Monica Yuhas, Steve Kundert; Cindy Schwab (Alternate #1) and Jim Bandura (Alternate #2). William Mills was excused. Also present were Tom Shircel, Assistant Administrator; John Steinbrink, Jr., Director of Public Works; and Ruth Mack-Stoner, Executive Secretary. One citizen was present.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Michealene Day:

Earlier you were emailed your minutes of meetings from the last meeting. If there's not any – Ms. Schwab is present, thank you. If there are not any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting can I have a motion to accept?

Glenn Christiansen:

I can clarify a few of the comments from the minutes in there if you want, Ruth, if that works for everybody. At the end of the meeting I'll just –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay, that sounds good. If you have them written out then we can –

Glenn Christiansen:

There's about five or six of them. I can tell you what the words are in between minutes, otherwise yes. I'll make a motion that we pass them.

Michealene Day:

And a second?

Troy Holm:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

**Glenn Christiansen moved to approve the Park Commission Meeting minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting presented in their written form: Seconded by Troy Holm. Motion carried 8-0.**

#### **4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Michealene Day:

Anyone in the audience wishing to make a comment?

Carolyn Henry:

I just want to know if there has been anything done to get a schedule together to tour Village parks that we talked about months ago?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

If I can respond. We have not done anything with it, but it is something that we will work on. If there's a particular time – we haven't had a huge demand for it, but if there's something that your schedule allows during daytime or evening hours, whenever you can make yourself [inaudible] to be out in a tour of the parks. I think it's great that you're involved with this. If you want to give Ruth your information, name, phone number, we can schedule something and maybe even have you go out with one of our park foremen on a tour unless this is something where the Commission would like to be involved and maybe schedule. I know right now our meetings are getting kind of long with the review of the documents.

In months past we had gone through and visited several sites. I believe the sites that we're talking about in the draft that's something where you guys would like to, say, before our next meeting, whenever that time may be, take an hour before, meet at 5, take a tour, be back here at 6 or pick a different date. I can make myself available for that depending on what the Board would like to do. Or, I can just go with the citizens or both, either one.

Rita Christiansen:

If there's a citizen that likes to go see a park I would like to go along on that, but [inaudible] feedback [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That sounds good. So, are you available during the day?

Rita Christiansen:

Yes, sir.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Alright, that sounds good. So we will try to schedule. If I can ask if there's anyone else that would be interested we can try to put this together. Then I know if I just need my truck, or if we need a van, if I need a bus, whatever. Excellent.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Receive and approve Ingram Park amenities update.**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Madam Chair and Park Commission, months ago we had approved a plan for Ingram Park which is shown in the color print the Ingram Park concept master plan which you now have in front of you. And after conversations with Ms. Dorothy Ingram and conversations with our Village Administrator, Mike Pollocoff, we would really like to move this pond excavation along.

One of the biggest hurdles that we had to overcome is when you dig a pond what do you really do with the material? So we were looking for excavation sites, anything that may need some excavation fill. We were hoping that with the interstate we could have a contractor come and take the fill, dig the pond. Now that most of the parts are already out to bid for the interstate we were not a favorable site for someone taking the material.

So staff had the idea to make a sledding hill on Ingram Park. And there are a lot of lines on here, but I guess if you look at the one that does have all the lines, the one marked C1.1, up on the top left hand corner we're looking at making a sledding hill. The top of the hill is probably about 32 feet high, and then I guess a general way to look at it the tighter the lines are together the steeper that the slope is. And the further apart that the lines are the flatter that the slope is. We actually had Schreiber Anderson who had gone through and worked with us on our first master park and open space plan and actually

Ingram Park went through and designed this. And so they made sure that it met all the regulations that you need for slope, for distance, for safety and stuff like that. The amount of material that will come out of the pond happens to be the same amount of material that's in the sledding hill.

Michealene Day:

Now how did that happen?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That really works out well. We were budgeted some money in our park plan this year to make some improvements, mainly asphalt and some plantings up in the front. We're looking to take that amount of money, put it towards the excavation materials, and then taking some of our excess money out of our general fund, doing a transfer. We had a very mild year with snow so we had some funds left over in our fleet internal service and in our salaries, taking those funds also and use them to make an improvement within the community.

And so we're looking at making the excavation to this pond, creating a sledding hill using all in-house labor. It's around 52,000 cubic yards, looking at probably taking about five weeks to complete the excavation with in-house staff and with some volunteer time. We have a local farmer that has donated some time to till and work up and seed some of this to kind of help out the cause. And I can answer any questions that you may have at this time.

Rita Christiansen:

John, a question for you. Would this be available for use this winter or do we have to wait until the following winter?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It is the plan to have – our schedule is to have it go – if it is approved by the Village Park Commission to have it go before the Village Board on June 18<sup>th</sup> and start excavation on June 19<sup>th</sup> with excavation being complete around mid to late July. Seeding establishing [inaudible] watering so it should be established enough to hopefully use and sled on this coming winter. And I think it would be a great place for our winter field trip.

Rita Christiansen:

Excellent.

Michealene Day:

Are we going to have to do some kind of runoff, do some swales, or are you going to just pipe it under so it just goes to this pond?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, there is an erosion control plan, and there is some actual storm water plans yet that are still in design that we're hoping to have finalized. But one of the requirements that engineering does have is to make sure that we don't pond any water, that all the water that we create from this flows and ends up to basically the northern section of it.

Michealene Day:

This?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct, towards the right hand side of the page.

Rita Christiansen:

And parking available for this winter?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, parking available. Where it says the existing millings parking lot on there that is actually in place as we speak today. And that is the parking lot that was designed for our dog park. So we thought it would work out good. In the summertime you can use the parking lot for the dog park, in the wintertime you can use it for the sledding hill.

Tom Shircel:

Is the plan just to leave it in millings for now or to pave that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The plan for right now is just to leave it in millings, but the long-term plan is to pave it. I do not have a date or a time frame available for that.

Tom Shircel:

And the pond depth is about 17'?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's around 17 feet, correct.

Steven Kundert:

Can you remind me if there was an intention that the pond would be an ice skating rink in the winter to kind of correspond with the sledding hill that we are doing?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We have not talked about it but it's something that potentially could be used for that.

Steven Kundert:

That would be a nice [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Because we do have a parking lot, sledding, and if it freezes over I would have no problem from a staff standpoint –

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] monitor safety and all that.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I would believe it would be a skate at your own risk, but that's something I'll probably have to get someone else a little bit more involved. And that's something that we can talk about in future meetings, and I think it's a great point to bring up.

Rita Christiansen:

John, I think we also mentioned that the dog park is going to be fenced around, correct?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That is correct. The dog park is not looking – I am proposing the fencing for the dog park in the 2013 parks budget.

Rita Christiansen:

Okay, but you're digging the pond for the hill –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We're digging the pond and doing the hill and grading the site and seeding the site this summer. And then the plan is if approved by the Village Board to install the fencing around the dog exercise area and have that for next year in 2013.

Rita Christiansen:

Okay, so I guess what I'm saying, trying to get at is the risk if there's water in the pond and it's not fenced before the hills is done and people are using it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The pond itself is not going to be fenced.

Michealene Day:

Just the dog park.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Just the dog park is going to be fenced, correct.

Rita Christiansen:

Okay, sorry.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And there is a four foot berm around the ridge of it so you have to go over the berm. Like any other pond there is inherent danger, but there is some responsibility. We'll have it posted and such. The uses for the pond is public fishing. We're looking to work with DNR to have it stocked with fish, and it will be a public pond.

Rita Christiansen:

It would be great to tie in the ice skating.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, I think that would be great because we do have the natural springs here at Prairie Springs Park. So there are some areas that really don't freeze up good or that stay open, where this would, I can't say for sure, but I would presume that there are not any springs on here. And so it would probably make a much nicer ice skating pond than Prairie

Springs Park.

Michealene Day:

I don't remember when it was farmed if there was any wet spots. I don't think that there were.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

There were not any wet spots here per se. And we have done some test holes, and it is a very nice blue clay down about 20 or 25 feet.

Michealene Day:

Are you going to have to keep water in this, what do you call this, not the mud but the clay bottom so that we don't lose it?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Actually there is clay down there. It's our intention from the soils that we have taken out that this will just be one large clay excavation. And so we'll make sure that we line it in clay, but if we're just digging in clay it makes that very easy to do.

Michealene Day:

Because otherwise you're going to have to build a big bulkhead –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Exactly, and if there is sand in here at the bottom, if we do find a pocket of sand we have to excavate out the sand which is pervious and then put an impervious surface of clay around it and let it fill up. And it's going to take a little bit of time to go through and fill up and get the whole ecosystem going. I've spoken with Kevin Meyers. He's coming with some ideas of a different structure system that we can put in the bottom of this to make sure that the smaller fish are safe and the big fish don't eat them and everyone is happy.

Jim Bandura:

Is there any thought about adding a little tree and landscaping?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

What I would like to do, we have a memorial tree program which has been extremely



successful here at Prairie Springs Park. And to be honest with you the park is really getting full of trees. And so I would really like to gear a lot of the memorial trees to Ingram Park. Kenosha County also has a program where you can apply for some very low cost trees, and they're smaller trees, but they will grow over time, and we plan on planting some of those in the 2013 year.

The biggest thing that we really need to do, we really need to get it final graded, seeded, established and all the excavation done, and then we can start some of these other amenities in there like the trees and the other stuff, the garbage cans, and then it's done. Right now if you've driven out there, there is kind of an open space where the sledding hill is looking to be but it's really in rough shape where the pond and the dog park is. It's our intention to go through and seed, grade this the whole nine yards and really make this a nice park for years to come. I did have a conversation with Ms. Dorothy Ingram yesterday, because they donated the land and she still lives there. She was very excited about it, about the concept.

Michealene Day:

I don't know if you don't know, but DK has built a lot of these things, ponds and stuff, so if you need some help about ideas on doing this give a call.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I would love some low cost advice. If that comes with something with a hamburger and a Coca Cola that will be perfect.

Michealene Day:

Just give a call because he built [inaudible] in Vernon Hills.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Excellent, thank you very much. I will definitely take you up on that.

Monica Yuhas:

John, is there any thought to lighting out here?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, there has been. We actually are looking of putting light at the top of the hill. And I've had some conversations with the fire department to make sure that the light at the top of the hill is strong enough or has some sort of connector where they can use it for rescue and use it for steep incline training.

Monica Yuhas:

That was my concern, yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes. So I have talked with our Fire and Rescue Chief Doug McElmury about this, and so we're looking at installing a light up at the top, and actually having the base of it strong enough where they can hook some ropes to it for rescue if they had to get different things up and down. And they would like to use it for rescue training winter/summer months. And I told him that would definitely be available.

Monica Yuhas:

Are we going to get an update as to what the cost is going to be on this as it progresses?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, you will.

Monica Yuhas:

And where the funds are coming from?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, you will.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions about the Ingram Park amenities update? Can I entertain a motion to go forward with this plan?

Jim Bandura:

I'll make a motion to move it. I think it's a great idea.

Steven Kundert:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

Voices:

Aye.

Michealene Day:

Opposed? Motion carries.

**b) Review Master Park Plan 2012 - 2016.**

Michealene Day:

What page did we [inaudible] so we can put it in the minutes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I do believe that we left off at Section 3.0. Actually it looks like we started that 3.0. I have some notes in there. So we must have gone –

Tom Shircel:

I thought it was 3.0

Michealene Day:

Page 17.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay, so we must have started a little bit of talk. I have a couple of notes around 7-15. But if you want to start on page 13, 3.0.

Michealene Day:

So we'll start at –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Page 14?

Michealene Day:

Page 13.

Monica Yuhas:

13 I had Jean rewrite the entire page.

Michealene Day:

That's why we said we were going to start on 14.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's why we're going to start on 14 then.

Michealene Day:

Very good, thank you.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And if I could just add one comment, Madam Chair, I know we had talked about having our notes available for this meeting for everything that we talked about. Our transcriber had gone on vacation for two weeks right after our meeting, so she did not have enough time to get the notes transcribed and brought back to us. So we will have whatever we did in last month's meeting and this month's meeting at our July meeting.

Michealene Day:

Then I guess we'd be starting on page 14, existing park and recreational facilities, and it starts with a summary of existing park and recreation facilities within the Village. These facilities are depicted on the maps. So we have regional park, Prairie Springs Park. Any comments on the description of Prairie Springs Park?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I just have one comment. In the second to the last sentence, the park offers two playgrounds, it does offer three playgrounds. We have built the one on the north side ballfields several years back, so there are three playgrounds available.

Rita Christiansen:

Swimming pool.

Tom Shircel:

I think this is just referring to the Prairie Springs Park, not the RecPlex. If you go to the last sentence, Madam Chair, I think it says the RecPlex and Pleasant Prairie IcePlex, if I'm wrong let me know, I think we just refer to it as the RecPlex now. We no longer refer to it as the IcePlex, right? So it should read the RecPlex is located within Prairie Springs Park.

And then to go along with that I thought it would be helpful if each one of these, Prairie Springs Park, Anderson Park, Carol Beach Park, if you go a few pages ahead there's figures that go with each one of these, pictures. I thought it would be helpful if they put in parenthesis figure 3.10 for Prairie Springs Park, Carol Beach Park Figure 3.4 and so on and so forth. So there's a reference to the actual figure later on.

Michealene Day:

That's a good idea, thank you. So you can actually see –

Tom Shircel:

Right, so you can go back and look, right.

Michealene Day:

Okay, any other changes to Prairie Springs Park? Anderson Park?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I don't have any changes to Anderson Park, but I do believe that Ingram Park is going to end up being a community park.

Tom Shircel:

You're right.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And so we need to add Ingram Park and then a description. And I can come up with a description for Ingram Park based off of the changes that we had just made this evening.

Michealene Day:

Okay, so Ingram Park would be added to the community parks.

Rita Christiansen:

How about Creekside and Village Green Park?

Tom Shircel:

Those are neighborhood parks, I believe, or are they not?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe Creekside is a smaller park. I forgot the term that they call them when it's a smaller one, but it is something that needs to be addressed, and Village Green Park needs to be added in here also.

Rita Christiansen:

And Momper's Woods at all?

Tom Shircel:

I thought Momper's Woods was in the special –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, on page 16.

Michealene Day:

So the Village Green Park would be considered a neighborhood park?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes.

Michealene Day:

And what was the other one?

Rita Christiansen:

Creekside.

Michealene Day:

And Creekside would also be a neighborhood?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, we can call that a neighborhood park also.

Rita Christiansen:

And Ingram?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, and Ingram would be the first park in community parks as a larger park. And Village Green may be a community park. I'll have to go and verify the actual size of it.

Michealene Day:

Okay.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So I'll make sure that we have a description and we place it in the right community or neighborhood section.

Michealene Day:

Okay, as far as neighborhood parks, are the descriptions correct for the other parks? Carol Beach, Becker Park, Woodland Park, Pleasant Prairie Park, Rolling Meadows or Lake Michigan?

Tom Shircel:

Again, I would just add that you add the figure 2 point what have you where they're referred to back. Thank you.

Michealene Day:

So those are okay. Special open space areas?

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] in personally find the phrasing I don't know if you want to be sensitive to it or not [inaudible] is – when you use the phrase mother nature capitalized? I'm fine with it, but some people may take issue over [inaudible] that terminology. It might be better to phrase that nature in lower case.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I do have one addition. We have added Sorensen Woods recently to our list of special open space areas, and I think we should identify that also in section D.

Michealene Day:

Okay, we'll add Sorensen Woods. As far as Carol Beach, Country Corner, Des Plaines, any of those anyone have any additions, corrections?

Rita Christiansen:

Question for the golf course driving range, everywhere else you have the acreage listed, but that area there's no acreage listed.

Michealene Day:

Would you list them because they're privately owned or –

Rita Christiansen:

Well, to be consistent how many acres is it?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Staff can find the acres of both the driving range and the golf course and add this to our revision.

Tom Shircel:

Under Country Corner, it states the western portion of Tobin Creek, I think it should say western portion of Tobin Creek Subdivision.

Michealene Day:

Okay.

Jim Bandura:

And you'll add figures.

Tom Shircel:



The figures as well, right. Actually I think there only was a figure from Momper's Woods. That would be figure 3.8

Jim Bandura:

Wouldn't we want to reference a map on those?

Tom Shircel:

Well, they're all depicted on the maps that are coming up on pages, I'm not sure the pages are numbered, so I'm not sure if that's necessary.

Jim Bandura:

You're right, it is.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think it's a good idea to reference every site on a map even if it is just in one general map that has multiple, at least the reference is there.

Michealene Day:

Well, it's consistent.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And you can find it.

Michealene Day:

It can be consistent, yeah, so let's go ahead and make sure we tell them what page it is on. Any other additions under section D or corrections? Hearing none, going to section E, trails on page 18.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The one staff comment that I would have on Prairie Farms Trail is that – well, actually I have a couple of comments on it. One is that you'll see when we get to the description of it, we're looking at actually starting Prairie Farms Trail at Pleasant Prairie Park, using that parking lot, that structure, doing a combination of on street and off street, Bain Station a little bit to Highway C and coming across and tying it into Prairie Springs Park. And that really gives us two major destinations that the trail connects. And that's just kind of ending at the sewer treatment plant.

So I'd like to start it at Pleasant Prairie Park, end it at Prairie Springs Park, and then do a combination of on and off street trails. And then once we get to the actual map designation I have comments and notes on that also. And then they also talked about it terminating on 88<sup>th</sup> Street, it's 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but technically the trail ends at the end of 93<sup>rd</sup> Street where the cul-de-sac is on the north side. So the trail itself comes in by the ball on 93<sup>rd</sup> Place, enters the park and heads around, and really just that section from where it tees off to the east is really just a utility maintenance trail. It's not really part of the Prairie Farms Trail per se.

Tom Shircel:

So 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue is not the trail head for that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That is correct, because the trail head is actually – it's actually located in the park right now just to the north of the north ball fields and it's up there, and anyone is welcome to go visit it.

Tom Shircel:

I thought the paragraph for the Kenosha County Bike Trail could have been worded a little better. I have it saying this 3.5 mile asphalt paved trail begins at the Wisconsin/Illinois border and heads north to the Village and into the City of Kenosha where it connects with the bike trail. This trail continues through the north side of Kenosha and eventually terminates in Racine County. I just added a few more descriptive words in there.

Michealene Day:

I think that's great.

Tom Shircel:

Given the length of it.

Michealene Day:

I would think that's a very good addition.

Tom Shircel:

[Inaudible] also south of the border in Illinois it connects to the Robert McClory Bike

Path which is what it's called south of the border. And then in the next paragraph, Prairie Springs Park Trails, it says a 2.3 acre, it should be 2.3 mile paved multi-use path encircling Lake Andrea so change acre to mile.

Michealene Day:

Okay, you're good at this, finding all these. If I remember correctly then when we get into RecPlex/IcePlex it's talking like two separate facilities and that's no longer going to be true?

Tom Shircel:

Right, delete the IcePlex so that should just be a heading of RecPlex, and it should say this facility is located at the southeast shore of Lake Andrea within Prairie Springs Park. Then it should go on to say RecPlex houses over 302,000 square feet and so on and so forth.

Michealene Day:

Okay.

Tom Shircel:

I guess we could put after RecPlex in that second sentence in parentheses which includes the IcePlex and Aqua Arena just so people are aware of that. That might be a good idea.

Michealene Day:

Sure, okay.

Rita Christiansen:

Do we need to put in there [inaudible], I mean that's kind of [inaudible].

Tom Shircel:

That's a good idea.

Rita Christiansen:

What about weight lifting and [inaudible].

Tom Shircel:

Right, that's a good idea, comma, yeah, that's a good point. And then same with the next comma. You might want to just say a field house and then put in parentheses for indoor soccer field, basketball courts, volleyball courts, batting cages because really it's just a big field house –

Michealene Day:

That you can do all of this stuff with, right.

Tom Shircel:

Exactly, correct. And then the next paragraph if I may, the RecPlex and you can delete IcePlex, it should say the RecPlex owned by the Village of Pleasant Prairie and go on from there. So it will IcePlex and Aqua Arena are.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And, Tom, if I can also add one more thing. If we can get a copy of your notes.

Tom Shircel:

If it's legible.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It looks like a lot of the changes are going to be verbatim. If the Commission doesn't have any issues with that it will make it much easier to take mine and yours and –

Michealene Day:

Put it all together.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you.

Tom Shircel:

Then, again, there's some more IcePlex/Aqua Arena cleanup in that paragraph as well.

Rita Christiansen:

So do we want to leave this last sentence in here or add onto it, the recreation department also holds annual triathlon events, etc.? Because we're just talking about one event. I

mean we host swimming meets. We don't want to limit ourselves.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Unless you want to call it just holds a multitude of special events. We can come up with some verbiage that really encompasses all of the swim meets, the basketball tournaments, the hockey tournament, the figure skating things that they do. And so I do agree, I think we're really limiting ourselves by saying just triathlons. Where we really do –

Rita Christiansen:

Holds multiple events which brings thousands of athletes and spectators into the Village. You can keep it as simple as you want.

Monica Yuhas:

And is it really true that half the membership is Village residents? I thought it was less than half.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I do not know what that is but I can find out from the recreation director what that percentage is and update it.

Tom Shircel:

Where was that?

Michealene Day:

Half way through, like third sentence roughly.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I will find out from the recreation direction what that percentage is and update it accordingly.

Michealene Day:

Do we really need it? Do we even to know what percentages? It's going to be ever changing.

Monica Yuhas:

Right, it's going to fluctuate every year.

Michealene Day:

Yeah. I mean do we even need that sentence? I would say not. It's kind of irrelevant.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Alright, I retract my statement.

Michealene Day:

We're just going to knock that sentence right out there.

Rita Christiansen:

Is this a true statement, it's the largest recreation complex in the nation?

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No.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Municipally owned.

Tom Shircel:

Right, that should be put in there.

Rita Christiansen:

Every time I read that I'm like really, really?

Michealene Day:

Yes, we'll have to put municipally owned.

Rita Christiansen:

I think that's important.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Even with the privates I'll bet it's right up there.

Rita Christiansen:

Oh, I bet it is.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I thought maybe we could substitute the word praised as one of the Village's as recognized as one of the most. Is that a better word?

Michealene Day:

Recognized is a better word.

Monica Yuhas:

And that last sentence, the recreation department holds a triathlon?

Rita Christiansen:

We're gong to change that.

Michealene Day:

Is it the recreation department?

Monica Yuhas:

That sentence is not –

Tom Shircel:

Should it be the Village in general?

Monica Yuhas:

Yes.

Tom Shircel:

Because everyone helps a lot.

Michealene Day:

The Village, yeah, also holds. Okay. Public schools parks. Pleasant Prairie, Prairie Lane, Whittier.

Rita Christiansen:

It should be Prairie Lane.

Michealene Day:

I knew it was Prairie Lane. What's the school across from here?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's Lakeview Tech Academy. I don't believe that they have a playground per se or they have a park. I'm not really sure if that's a public park per se. It is a public school, it's part of Unified.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, it is, but it just does not have a park. Public school parks.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It doesn't have a playground like does Pleasant Prairie, Prairie Lane or Whittier.

Michealene Day:

If there's no additions or corrections to the schools, H, under accessibility, universal design and ADA compliance.

Jim Bandura:

[Inaudible] why do we need to even say [inaudible], the same thing as you'd have to say the second floor is compliant, too, with the elevators.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe what they're talking about when they mean facilities are the playground and outdoor. I'm not sure if they're referring to the building itself, tot he RecPlex.

Steven Kundert:

This is a gray area. I'd probably avoid making statements whether or not [inaudible] the



ADA laws are so vague that it just doesn't take much to [inaudible] formal complaint [inaudible] either confirming or not confirming [inaudible]. I don't they use the word compliance in here, but it's something you might want to run by [inaudible].

Monica Yuhas:

Does this have to even be in here?

Michealene Day:

I don't think – it was my opinion that I had X'd it out.

Monica Yuhas:

Tom, your opinion for grants is that something that –

Michealene Day:

That you've got to say that it's ADA compliant.

Tom Shircel:

They do ask that question, yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think one of the main reasons that it's in here is later on in the document when they talk about improvements that have to be made, and one of the drivers that they have is making every part ADA compliant. Not so much in Pleasant Prairie Park or Prairie Springs Park but some of the other ones. I'm not saying it has to be or doesn't have to be in there. I think that's a good point that we don't limit our liability with this.

Michealene Day:

Instead of the word will require, may require.

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[Inaudible]

Michealene Day:

But will makes it sound like you are going to go through every park where it may be required. May require. It could be it may not.

Tom Shircel:

That's a good idea.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe to be compliant you would need to have a hard surface trail all the way from the roadway with the rumble strips all the way out to the playground, and the playground itself has to be X amount percentage of the playground has to be compliant, and the surface underneath has to be wheelchair accessible. So I think that's where a lot of the capital comes from later on, and we are very much not compliant with that in some of our exterior parks.

Michealene Day:

Okay, so that's our graph. We're looking at changing the word will to may.

Jim Bandura:

Do you think we should just look at that a little closer, the whole wording of that?

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] cognizant of ADA issues, is the park accessible to [inaudible].

Jim Bandura:

And word it in that manner.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Alright, well, staff can go through and do some research and make sure we upgrade that last paragraph on page 20, and we'll come back with a revision for you at our next meeting.

Michealene Day:

Okay, somebody from HR would probably be very good at that.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That would be a great idea.

Michealene Day:

We now have our map of the Village of Pleasant Prairie Parks and Open Space Plan. Are they actually consider this page 21, 22, 23 and 24?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe one map should just be one page. That's something that we'll have to –

Michealene Day:

To look at.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You're absolutely correct.

Michealene Day:

Because I know these are really like larger maps, but they do have the next page after this as 25.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay, so we'll make sure that we get the whole number scheme incurring throughout.

Jim Bandura:

And that's where your reference may come in. This may just be a reference to the map.

Rita Christiansen:

Illustration.

Michealene Day:

Tom and John, does this map seem correct?

Tom Shircel:

I had a couple comments. I thought they labeled Prairie Farms Trail, but I thought they could maybe put a line in there to better delineate that trail. Do you agree with that, John?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, I had the same comment in mine.

Tom Shircel:

Creekside Crossing, they should call it Creekside Crossing Park. They have the word park in all the other ones. So I thought it should say park at Creekside Crossing. I think they should label the Kenosha County Bike Trail which I don't believe they've done.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right you are correct they have not.

Tom Shircel:

I think that would be helpful.

Rita Christiansen:

And then do we represent on the other end because you spoke about the trail ending up in Illinois.

Tom Shircel:

That's a good idea, yes. I thought the title of this map, it says existing parks location as a title. I thought maybe it could read existing park and other recreational facilities. Does that make sense because we're really – or doesn't that make sense? Because we are also looking at trails on this map.

Michealene Day:

Yes, I think so. I like your idea.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Because Momper's Woods really isn't a park. Sorensen Woods really isn't a park and some of these trails aren't parks. That would make sense to do.

Tom Shircel:

So existing parks and other recreational facilities.

Rita Christiansen:

Sorensen isn't on here.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, so we'll add Sorensen also.

Rita Christiansen:

And the other ones we referenced before are they on here?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Most of them are, but we'll go through and add them accordingly.

Tom Shircel:

I think they are. That's all I had on that page.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And you have [inaudible] 11 by 17 somehow.

Tom Shircel:

Mine's a little different than yours, yeah.

Michealene Day:

Now, on the back page the existing open spaces and natural resources area, any questions, corrections, additions?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I had a really hard time reading this map, per se, just the way the things are laid out. Maybe we could have Jean or the GIS department or someone kind of go through and find some different things in the legend that will make it a little bit easier to read. But really it's –

Michealene Day:

The colors are the same.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The colors are the same. Different things are overlapping. I had a hard time identifying what it was per the legend.

Troy Holm:

Doesn't 85<sup>th</sup> Street also have a bike path that we might want to add in there?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It does have it on street, and so is this our – there should be a bike and ped plan included per se that has 80<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> and some of these other roads, and then we have some that are on street and off street. So I think it may be worthwhile just to have the open space and natural recreation areas, that would be the only thing on here and not so much the parks so we can have one with the parks, one with the open space and then one with our bike trails. And maybe that will be easier to read as a whole.

Tom Shircel:

In a previous version of this plan they did have a separate plan for existing open space lands and a separate plan for natural areas, so they decided to combine them into the one we're looking at right now.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Maybe it's worthwhile to go back to the way that it was and separate them out. And maybe that will ease some of the confusion that we're having by getting too much on one map.

Tom Shircel:

Would you like to do that, go back to separate maps?

Michealene Day:

Yes.

Cindy Schwab:

I just wondered why the 100-year flood plain is in existing open spaces.

Rita Christiansen:

Because it impacts the [inaudible].

Cindy Schwab:

I just wondered if to clean it up that's something we could eliminate.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, but if we're talking one for open space and one for natural resource area.

Jim Bandura:

Then it would be on the natural resource area. So, John, if I'm correct what you're saying is divide these essentially up into three maps.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct.

Tom Shircel:

Two or three?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

If you would include the bike trail it would be four. But with what Tom had said, taking one of the older versions that had them separated and just going back to that with open space on one and natural resource area on another.

Jim Bandura:

I think that's not a bad idea. This way you would be able to follow through. It would be a progression.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, because I'm not sure if anyone can [inaudible] Carol Beach area on what our new page 22 is and really identify what's going on there.

Jim Bandura:

Right.

Michealene Day:

Okay, page 25. I hate page 25. I think page 25 sucks in its entirety. There is not a single

paragraph except for one, paragraph one, that I agree with.

Tom Shircel:

I agree. I thought paragraph two doesn't belong in there at all. Delete the whole page?

Michealene Day:

I could live with paragraph one but the rest of the whole thing just –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

One of the criticisms that staff has had with this document is the negativity that's written in it. I do agree with the Park Commission, and I do agree that it needs to be rewritten. I think there's a much better way to write this.

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] but the way this comes across is –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Is very negative and very harsh.

Michealene Day:

The gentleman that authored this had his feelings well expressed in this document.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'll make a note to rewrite page 25.

Michealene Day:

The entire page. That's what I feel.

Steven Kundert:

I agree.

Monica Yuhas:

I agree.



Michealene Day:

Alright, we have our page 26 and on to page 35 are pictures of our existing parks and maps of where they are. Does anyone have any questions, additions, corrections for that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The first one, Becker Park, I thought the park location was more like 76<sup>th</sup> Street instead of 75<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue. That might be better.

Tom Shircel:

You are correct.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And does the Commission like the use of that fuzzy red ball?

Voices:

No.

Tom Shircel:

We thought an arrow might be better.

Michealene Day:

Yes. I was thinking it was a smudge actually. I thought it was a smudged X.

Tom Shircel:

So an arrow more precisely where the park is or the amenity is.

Michealene Day:

Sure, okay. Carol Beach okay?

Tom Shircel:

It's at 111<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, not 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Michealene Day:

Right, they'd be down by me. Creekside Crossing? Again, we would be changing all of these to arrows and not the fuzzy ball.

Monica Yuhas:

Can we spell out court, avenue and street?

Michealene Day:

And circle.

Monica Yuhas:

It's a document that we're going to be applying for [inaudible] would you abbreviate? It's just me being who I am, but I don't think you should be abbreviating ave to A-V-E in a document like this.

Michealene Day:

As street S-T or court or circle.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, we have the space and it will look better I agree.

Michealene Day:

Ingram Park?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Ingram Park is not on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue. But I guess one thing as a whole, if some of our parks do have specific addresses to use those specific addresses as we used for metering for our lighting in the park or stuff like that just to give a specific address. And if it does not have an address then go ahead and use an intersection. I know some of these do have actual street addresses so put in the actual street address.

Michealene Day:

Agree.

Troy Holm:

Pictures for Ingram Park [inaudible] or do you want to put site under construction?

Steven Kundert:

Rendering [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And I'll be honest by the time this document is complete we'll have a pond and a sledding hill. So maybe we could update these pictures. I think that's a great point.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, update pictures.

Clyde Allen:

All of them look pretty crummy [inaudible] see if we can find better angles.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And, again, I believe what they were trying to show in this was the lack of amenities, the poor condition and an impetus for funding and some of this negativity as it was written. Maybe not, but I think that was kind of an underlying agenda of what they were trying to do.

Michealene Day:

I would agree. Lake Michigan Park? Any changes? Momper's Woods? You guys have some nice pictures of Momper's Woods don't you, Glenn and Rita?

Rita Christiansen:

Yes, we do.

Michealene Day:

Much nicer than these. Would you be able to –

Rita Christiansen:

I'll take a look at them.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

If we could get them in electronic form we would love to add them to the document.

Michealene Day:

I mean we're looking up at a tree.

Rita Christiansen:

Honestly there's not much more to see there. It truly is overgrown.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think we need to have that Historical Society rock as a picture of one of them. We have been doing some work with the Archeological Society. We actually stopped there in early May and spent a day brushing, chipping, opening it up from 31 around the rock, the trail that goes to the south. And actually we've identified part of the trail to the north, and I'm meeting in two weeks to go through and try to open some of that up. So maybe showing a little bit more of that trail as it's opened up, that historical rock that's in there. I think we can do much better with the pictures.

Rita Christiansen:

Is that a for sale sign in the driveway right there?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's not for sale. I'm not sure if there was.

Rita Christiansen:

There was.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Maybe that's something that somebody put in but it is not for sale.

Rita Christiansen:

I didn't think so.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

No, it is not.

Jim Bandura:

Since we're talking pictures how about some seasonal pictures in there in the fall?

Tom Shircel:

Do we have those?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I can see if Chris Lopour or some of the resources have pictures, or if any of the Park Commission has a picture that they'd taken that they'd like to update it with I think that would be great. These pictures were just taken by Design Perspectives, one day went out snapped some pictures and threw them in. I really don't know if they have the heart that you guys have put into the pictures.

Rita Christiansen:

Are there some we can use from the Pleasant Prairie calendar that some of the parks people might have taken so you always have a resource.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We can definitely take a look at that.

Cindy Schwab:

It would be a lot of work on our part, but maybe everybody if they [inaudible] focus on this year taking pictures.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure. Or maybe just a project as a while as whoever wants to go out and take some pictures they can submit them to me or Ruth and we can go through.

Michealene Day:

Even like Pleasant Prairie Park he took a picture of the building where it needed some work. I mean really?

Steven Kundert:

And the picture of the playground they picked the old playground and not the new structure that is much better [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, which kind of leads you back to the same theme of we need money, which is nice but you still want to be truthful in portraying your parks.

Michealene Day:

Right. Prairie Springs Park here where's the lake?

Steven Kundert:

That's a valid point [inaudible] just kind of globally if we look at this and keep the open intent in mind [inaudible] for us to sit around and [inaudible] the existing parks, but to your point we should make sure we keep the [inaudible] goal in mind.

Tom Shircel:

Can we go back to Pleasant Prairie Park. They list is correctly as community park, but then if you go back to an earlier section that we talked about where we list the different parks they have it on my page 15 as a neighborhood park.

Michealene Day:

Yes, they do.

Tom Shircel:

So Pleasant Prairie Park should be under community park.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

There is a size definition that we identified in our first document, and so staff can go through and make sure that we update each one of the parks per its actual size in the right category. And that will take a little bit of time. I'm not saying we have to do it now, but that's something as a while we'll go through and identify and make sure we have them right. We'll go take each park, identify it as a regional, community, neighborhood, and I believe there's one more listing of park, I believe that there's four, and then we will carry that theme through the entire document for your review when its complete.

Rita Christiansen:

The standards are listed on page 36 for the size of the parks [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's what I was looking for and referring to so thank you.

Michealene Day:

So new pictures, better descriptions, check the addresses on all of those.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

One of the things that I guess I'd like to bring up for Prairie Springs Park, and I believe that Mr. Christiansen had talked about this, Prairie Springs Park and the 930 acres, they talk about the park, so we really have to have the park with the active area and everything else, but then we do have this natural area. I'm not sure if we should better identify somewhere the distinction between those.

Michealene Day:

Something this size may even require two pages, not just one, where the actives and the non active, because it really is almost two parks.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I just remember from an earlier meeting you brought that point up. I think it's something worth addressing in this.

Tom Shircel:

That's a good point. I think I cross-checked with our Village Comprehensive Plan today, and we list in the comp plan that the park size of Prairie Springs Park is about 730. So there's some discrepancy there. I don't know if you need to nail that down.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So we need to identify what it is and at least make a distinction of this is Prairie Springs Park and this is Prairie Springs Natural Area. I'm not sure exactly how that's all identified maybe in our comprehensive plan or whatever that is. But at least take a little bit of staff time. I don't have an answer now but work on that as part of our project for this.

Michealene Day:

Page 36, park and recreation standards. Anyone have an issue with those couple of paragraphs?

Monica Yuhas:

The first sentence is a run on. I don't mean to be so nitpicky but that's what I do all day long, nitpick. I nitpick financials and [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And I do believe that Jean Werbie has many notes on this that we'll take hers, and she wasn't able to make it this evening, but we'll definitely take a lot of her comments, and she has the same philosophy in writing as you do. So we'll make sure to take her comments and implement them into this entire document. That's a great point.

Michealene Day:

Neighborhood parks, anything you saw in the description, service, desirable size, anything about neighborhood parks?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'm not sure if picnicking has all those letters in there.

Monica Yuhas:

No.

Tom Shircel:

That might be right. I'm not sure.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We'll look into it.

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] against the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission guideline.

Michealene Day:

I do not. I do have that sitting in my house but I did not check to see.

Steven Kundert:



It's probably worth it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Maybe that's something that staff can go through and make sure these are the true guidelines for each of the listed amenities.

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible]

Rita Christiansen:

It actually says it on page 13. I did check within the document here, but I didn't check [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Just making sure that all the stats are right. We have found enough errors to probably warrant to go back and check it.

Steven Kundert:

Typos are one thing, but obviously the fundamental issues [inaudible] should be checked.

Rita Christiansen:

And the fourth paragraph about the park and open space plans for [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And, Tom, do you have access to that document to cross-check it?

Tom Shircel:

Yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I can work with Tom and we can address that and make sure that's accurate.

Michealene Day:

Okay, so as long as these descriptions match SEWRPC's it's acceptable.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct.

Rita Christiansen:

What page are on then?

Michealene Day:

We're looking at neighborhood parks and then I guess school parks on 37. Again, we'll just verify with SEWRPC that SEWRPC's guidelines that the things are corrected. Anyone see anything else that should be checked?

Monica Yuhas:

Under basic facilities [inaudible] is this something we want to see or they're saying this is what we have existing on [inaudible].

Michealene Day:

Well, they actually have them on every one of them, tennis courts.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's my understanding, and this is just a list of the guidelines, and I would presume that this document can say here's what we have now, here are the guidelines, here's what we're deficient in, here's what we need to budget for.

Michealene Day:

So you're saying SEWRPC would have a listing saying basic facilities and activities, and it would list tennis courts?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct.

Tom Shircel:

That are commonly found in that type of park.

Michealene Day:

Okay, commonly found, not that we have it but that's what [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And then we have an inventory of each of the parks and for the size of them, and they have a summary of that inventory. It says population, here's the amenities, here's what we have enough in, here's what we're deficient in, and here's what we need to budget for and plan for as our park system grows.

Tom Shircel:

Under school parks, general description, the first paragraph, the last sentence, maybe John you can clarify, it says ownership and maintenance may fall to either agency, and the facility will be open to the neighborhood. Who exactly takes care of those school parks? Is it KUSD?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Kenosha Unified takes care of those.

Tom Shircel:

They do the maintenance. So that should be corrected.

Rita Christiansen:

And they are open to the neighborhood but, again, is this a standard that they're quoting?

Tom Shircel:

That's true, you're right. It's a general standard.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But it also sounds like that's the general statement, and I'm not sure if we can clarify because it talks about the ownership of our parks.

Rita Christiansen:

But is this the standard?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Or just a general guideline. We can review that and [inaudible] SEWRPC and make corrections. I have a note in here.

Michealene Day:

Because actually it says ownership and maintenance may fall to either agency, so it must be just a standard.

Tom Shircel:

It's a little confusing but you're right it's just a standard.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think something that we need to do is better put a title on page 36 just to identify that these are standards as per SEWRPC.

Rita Christiansen:

It says park and recreation standards at the top.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, but is that just for Pleasant Prairie, is that for SEWRPC?

Rita Christiansen:

The second paragraph does say SEWRPC.

Michealene Day:

It does kind of say it.

Rita Christiansen:

But it's the first paragraph that throws it totally off.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It just seems like it's important enough that we're questioning and maybe put a title on it that makes it very clear.

Rita Christiansen:

Correct.

Michealene Day:

We're a part of this, the Park Commission, and we're having trouble. If somebody else is reading this then they'd be really confused. So basically then we're going to have the same issues with regional parks and special use parks, that it should really be reviewed and matched with SEWRPC stuff.

Rita Christiansen:

So the one thing – what page are we on?

Michealene Day:

That's okay, we're just pretty much on 38 is that regional parks are pretty much again the same issue where we really need to address it and make sure it matches SEWRPC.

Steven Kundert:

This can't be right. If you just look at the map they recognized four to six parks per 1,000 population and [inaudible] 250 acres of park here? That doesn't match. Just check this.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay.

Michealene Day:

So 39, again, just verify that they have the right descriptions and the right amounts.

Rita Christiansen:

I have a question, too. At the top of the page it says special use parks and natural areas. I'm wondering does that include the special open space areas that we have listed here which is on page 15 D, special open spaces? I think we need a little clarity so it's consistent.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That was on what page?

Rita Christiansen:

Page 15.

Michealene Day:

Because it says special open spaces and here –

Rita Christiansen:

Special use parks and natural areas.

Michealene Day:

So really is not the same thing.

Rita Christiansen:

We would just need to call what SWERPC calls it and make sure it's aligned, then we need to go back and align on page 15 so it's consistent.

Glenn Christiansen:

Probably page 39 to page 15, section D. That would be the simplest way to put it.

Michealene Day:

Page 40, outdoor recreational facilities. Again, is this part of SEWRPC?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe this is SEWRPC, these are the SEWRPC numbers, and we will verify that those are correct. And then ultimately it goes to what SEWRPC requires or recommends, here's what the Village has and then our deficiencies for capital which I believe is where we go into page 45.

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] criticizing [inaudible] I thought the level of service at the second paragraph was well written addressing the future needs of the Village. I'm not saying change this, but give them credit.

Rita Christiansen:

I'm a little confused. It goes on to say the Village could experience an increase in growth rate in the future, but yet they're projecting we're going to have a double growth rate when you go further into this document. So we could or we are. I mean it's kind of a gray area. The Village should consider establishing a standard age for resident ratio to meet their unique goals. So we're getting SEWRPC's or we're going to establish something separate from SEWRPC? So then, again, it's like [inaudible] and then this will reduce the potential for future [inaudible] in service at the neighborhood level. With that being said, I didn't think that was necessary, but this will not cover the gaps in service in terms of community parks. So what are they recommending then as far as the standard? It's like they're suggesting something but –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I would think that SEWRPC would be the recommended standard and if the Village adopts the SEWRPC standards –

Rita Christiansen:

Which we can.

Steven Kundert:

But their point is that to follow SEWRPC as a guide with ultimate goals [inaudible]. The guideline is good, but we may as a Village ultimately decide to create an excess or less than the guideline. I think that's the ambiguity that they're putting in there or a gray area.

Michealene Day:

I didn't catch the could experience an increased growth rate versus the other comment further on. We do have to keep, like you had said, there's an issue there saying one thing one place and saying another.

Rita Christiansen:

You can go to the U.S. government standards and look at what the projected growth rate is for this area. So that can be easily ascertained by going ahead and doing it. I went in and looked [inaudible] and I can find out like where do they get this data from? I mean where do they pull it out of? And so that information is there.

Michealene Day:

What did they say?

Rita Christiansen:

I don't think it was quite double.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Alright, so staff can take that information then and update this. And I do believe that Jean Werbie did have many comments on some of this stuff. And I'm sure that this paragraph is one of hers and yours also. So, Rita, if you do have a lot of markings on there, if we can get the copy of some of your stuff to include into this document. It makes it easier to take the comments that are specific and review them and add them into the document.

Rita Christiansen:

So we go from page 40 to 45 again.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, the number, again, is wrong. They used four pages for our maps.

Rita Christiansen:

Did we pay them for this?

Michealene Day:

Yes. Parks and Open Space Plan, existing parks and level of service.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think this map really needs a rewrite. It's very difficult to identify which park, whether it's highlighted, whatever that it is represents which circle. So I think that our GIS department can do a better job of identifying maybe by making all the fonts in the community park 14, the smaller ones a smaller font, different colors. There's other things we can do to make this easier to identify what it really represents. I mean, again, it's another map that's very hard to read and can be done much better.

Michealene Day:

What is Carol Beach OS land?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Open space.



Monica Yuhas:

And it's like that on all the maps, the OS. There's no legend to say what it is. It's not even in the writing.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It should not be abbreviated [inaudible] I think almost every time. Because you spell out everything else that's much longer than Carol Beach open space land.

Rita Christiansen:

But if you define it once within the document with parenthesis put OS then you can follow through the rest of the document and say OS as long as it's defined once.

Jim Bandura:

It should be up front.

Rita Christiansen:

Exactly, yes.

Michealene Day:

So we'll remap all of this. The next page is really just so much fun. Planned parks, level of services, can we like make that even more confusing?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

No. I think it's about as confusing as it could possibly be.

Rita Christiansen:

We also don't have Momper's Woods as a planned park noted. It's listed but there's no dot.

Tom Shircel:

Is Sorensen on here?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

No, it's not. I don't believe Sorensen is on any of them so I'll be sure to get that. Again, a very difficult map to make any use of. I do believe our old plan from Vandewalle did do a very nice job on some of these maps and how they identified some of the park locations. I'll probably look at referring back to some of our originals and maybe bring them back within this document.

Tom Shircel:

Didn't they use this double format, too, Vandewalle. This looks familiar.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

They used a bubble to a point, but I do believe it was a little easier to read.

Michealene Day:

Oh, there you go.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We will work on making these maps look a little bit nicer.

Michealene Day:

Okay, 45, park acreage needs for 2012. We have the standard required, total existing acreage, park acres needed.

Rita Christiansen:

John, can you check the special open space, total existing acres, could you check to make sure that's right?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That that is 6,127 number?

Rita Christiansen:

Actually, I think it's 6,609 and something.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You think it's how much because that's a pretty specific guess.

Rita Christiansen:

6,609.5.

Glenn Christiansen:

We had this discussion.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Glen's not arguing with it. Obviously someone has gone through a little bit of research so we will look into that.

Glenn Christiansen:

I recall we had this conversation.

Rita Christiansen:

The community parks total existing acreage is 95 acres.

Michealene Day:

Community parks is 95 you said?

Rita Christiansen:

Yes. Page 46, page 37 and I added it up.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You're on page 46?

Rita Christiansen:

No, we're on 45, but my reference is – I referenced pages as I –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You know what I'd like to do is maybe if I can get that map and maybe we'll copy it and mail it back to you, or that book because you do have a lot of things in there if that's okay.

Rita Christiansen:

Okay.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay, thank you. We'll go down and take the information and update it and reference.

Michealene Day:

So this all needs to be corrected and updated.

Steven Kundert:

I'd also changed the parks acres needed [inaudible] maybe additional park acres recommended.

Michealene Day:

There you go, recommended.

Steven Kundert:

I don't like that word need.

Michealene Day:

Recommended, good.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And carry that through on 3-17?

Michealene Day:

Yeah, facilities need to be recommended. Park facility needs.

Cindy Schwab:

I just have a question about that one. The swimming pool, do we consider it two pools or just one? I think most of the advertising for the RecPlex claim there are two pools in here.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We have the leisure pool and then we have the competitive swimming pool.

Cindy Schwab:

So we really want it to say two, total of two indoor pools or leave it as one? Because I think the advertisements for here offer two.

Tom Shircel:

That's a good point.

Michealene Day:

We'll change ours to two.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you, because these are two distinctly different independent pools. That's a good point.

Glenn Christiansen:

If we can back up for a second. Maybe we talked about this but it says here regional parks required acreage 100.7, total existing acreage 930, park acres needed zero.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And so we're required for 100 and we have over the required.

Michealene Day:

So we don't need anything.

Glenn Christiansen:

But if [inaudible] acres recommended makes it more clear.

Michealene Day:

Just say recommended would be zero needed.

Glenn Christiansen:

It just seemed kind of odd that required to have 100 acres and we have close to 1,000

acres. Does that mean then we would create no more regional parks?

Rita Christiansen:

No, I think what they're talking to is referencing SEWRPC standard to be this type of park you have to have a minimum required of acreage, and we're over that so then we're not recommended that we need anymore. So that's really what they're referencing. And that's where it's so confusing because they don't clearly define where they're getting all this from.

Glenn Christiansen:

Okay, so it's not just me.

Monica Yuhas:

No, and the majority of people don't have that knowledge. They're going to look at that and say how did you come up with that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I agree. We have to go through and try to clear this up and verify. I know there are some parts that were not included. We'll take those acreages, add them in.

Glenn Christiansen:

And possibly a couple of parks that are in the wrong column.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct and update those. So there's a little bit of math, a little bit of work to do here.

Rita Christiansen:

Maybe some kind of asterisk or something to say based on SEWRPC recommendations.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Exactly. I had that note near page 45.

Glenn Christiansen:

I hope I didn't take us back to where we didn't need to be.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

No, not at all. I think that's a good point. We talked about outdoor pools. I don't believe we have an outdoor pool, do we?

Tom Shircel:

I don't believe so either.

Michealene Day:

We've got the lake.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But it's not really an outdoor pool per se as you would see a chlorinated –

Michealene Day:

We could put swimming pool/lake.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I made a change for mine to zero, and I changed the indoor facility from one to two.

Michealene Day:

How would identify Lake Andrea, because that is a swimming area. It is an outdoor swimming area.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We either need to change our title because we do have the Lake Michigan beach and we do have the Lake Andrea beach which I think fall into more beaches than a pool. So maybe we needed to either add another category. We can find out what SEWRPC has, if they have any sort of recommendations.

Michealene Day:

Because they probably don't because it's community –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Because it's wrong either way. What I mean is we have no swimming pools but we have

two outdoor beaches. So we'll have to do some research and see where it is. And then talk about the total number of existing facilities it shows if I'm reading it right 22 soccer fields.

Monica Yuhas:

Right, but that's taking into account the schools as well that have soccer fields. Like Prairie Lane has their soccer field.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Unless that counts Anderson Park. I'm not sure if we can really count what's in the City of Kenosha. We'll do a little bit of work with that to verify what that is.

Michealene Day:

Yes, we'll need that change. And then, for instance, like Lake Andrea Lake that's life guarded where Lake Michigan is not. So I would say really as far as – well, it's not a swimming outdoor pool, it really is treated as an outdoor pool not much different than Anderson Pool.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I can have a conversation with the writer of this document just to verify where they're coming from in order to clarify.

Michealene Day:

Anderson Pool is outside. They've got a bath house, we've got a bath house where you can change.

Glenn Christiansen:

I think there are state laws that say a lake is governed under a very particular –

Michealene Day:

No, but I'm just saying to identify Lake Andrea we should because it has many of the same facilities that a regular city outdoor pool has.

Glenn Christiansen:

I know what you're saying, but it's still by state law the criteria of a lake is fills a lot of the same functions, but I think you've got to be careful. You can't refer to it as a pool.



Michealene Day:

No, I know, but I'm just saying we may need another line item.

Glenn Christiansen:

Okay, yeah, another line item.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Alright, so I have those notes and we'll work on that and do some research.

Glenn Christiansen:

That makes sense.

Jim Bandura:

Beach and lakefront or something.

Rita Christiansen:

And we had a comment from the end of the table.

Michealene Day:

A little louder, though.

Cindy Schwab:

The tennis courts we don't have anything [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The only tennis courts that we're showing are at the RecPlex. And so you can take two of the quadrants and make them into a tennis court. But technically you would need to rent them to set them up. It's more of a private facility because you would have to be a member or get a day pass and then pay rent to have it gone through and actually set up and utilize. We'll do some research on some of these and basketball and stuff like that.

Tom Shircel:

There was a good point brought up by everyone. I don't know if they're including

Anderson Park in these statistics. Because maybe that one outdoor pool was Anderson Park. Maybe those 22 soccer fields include Anderson Park. We need to clear that up.

Glenn Christiansen:

Rita and I were going over this a while back, and we clearly did see where they were referencing Anderson Park.

Tom Shircel:

So we'll have to go through that and clarify whether Anderson Park should be included in these stats or not. It seems like it is.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It seems like geographically they're very close to Pleasant Prairie so they're including it, but they're not part of Pleasant Prairie so maybe they shouldn't be included. We can reference that there are other amenities nearby.

[Multiple Conversations]

Troy Holm:

Page 14 [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We do it up front in our community parks.

Monica Yuhas:

In our previous park plan we reference Anderson.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I thought we did. But that doesn't mean if it's right or wrong. So we'll take a look at how we need to address Anderson Park to make it appropriate.

Michealene Day:

The end of this section is page 46. I would suggest that we finish. We just finished 45 and we'll do page 46 and then call it an evening if that's alright with you. Then we'll finish the next part next meeting.

Glenn Christiansen:

I think so. That's 31 pages I think compared to what we did the other time. That's real good.

Michealene Day:

So the last we'll work on is park acreage needs for 2035 and park facility needs for 2035.

Rita Christiansen:

So underneath parks total existing acreage of the neighborhood parks if I've done my math correctly is 34.54 acres.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Alright. And, again, we can take your book, pull some numbers from there.

Rita Christiansen:

Community parks is 95, and then the open space areas is [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We do have –

Rita Christiansen:

It's all wrong [inaudible].

Glenn Christiansen:

This is nicely done.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, I like that. So, basically again we'll ask staff to review these numbers because we don't have much faith in their –

Rita Christiansen:

And review the tables or facilities, the same categories listed here as in the previous one.

Michealene Day:

Correct. The numbers have to be verified or explained.

Jim Bandura:

Footnotes or whatever, yeah.

Michealene Day:

If Anderson is included.

Rita Christiansen:

And do we need to include Anderson.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct.

Michealene Day:

Are we going to meet next month then?

Rita Christiansen:

Is that the first Tuesday?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Are we ending at page 46 because 47 and 48 are still part of this section.

Michealene Day:

Okay, then we'll finish it, 47 and 48 we'll finish.

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible] my only comment on that section was the second paragraph it seems a little random that it states [inaudible] change but didn't say whether that's up or down. [Inaudible] it seems like a random statement that doesn't lead to anything else. I'd just strike that whole paragraph.

Michealene Day:

I would agree.

Monica Yuhas:

And to me what I thought [inaudible] an election. I'm not thinking of this, Wisconsin State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That should be the heading.

Michealene Day:

The heading, yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And then in parens after that.

Cindy Schwab:

If the newer version has come out before this, I think we should put the newer version in versus this old one. It references the new one [inaudible].

Tom Shircel:

I did check the website today and the new one is not out yet, but that's a great point.

Michealene Day:

Because if this is not going to be done in a while we might as well. And based on they're saying the old plan these are items they feel that maybe the new plan would have. Okay, so we're going to verify what the new [inaudible] is, correct?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes.

Michealene Day:

The following participation rates were shown to have a projection of stable demand on page 48. These included, I think include, not included.

Rita Christiansen:

Same thing next.

Tom Shircel:

Would it be right to put these lists in two columns, or isn't that right because everything else is in one.

Monica Yuhas:

I'd keep it consistent. It looks better.

Troy Holm:

There's a lot of white space, though. I kind of agree with that.

Rita Christiansen:

You could do a line graph.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

What you're saying, Tom, is just take half of these and throw them over here and squeeze it up?

Tom Shircel:

Yes.

Michealene Day:

That would probably look better, the same thing with page 47.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right.

Troy Holm:

[Inaudible] decreasing demand [inaudible] snowmobiling [inaudible].

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible]

Michealene Day:

Mountain biking you have to go someplace.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We can verify. I've never seen the actual SCORP documents. We can verify that.

Rita Christiansen:

It would probably be a good idea considering the rest of it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'm sure it will be good reading.

Michealene Day:

And actually team sports I think hasn't the demand for the ballfields, the team sports been significantly up? So to say that team sports are on the decline, decrease in demand, we can't hardly keep up with adding ballfields.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right. Something else we should look at as a whole is do we even need to follow this SCORP or not? Our old plan didn't have it, and if we're saying a lot of these things really don't fit with what our survey had, with what our demographics require, then maybe we look at eliminating this SCORP altogether possibly.

Steven Kundert:

[Inaudible]. I don't understand that sentence [inaudible]. Just clean that up a little bit. It sounds like the goals and recommendations presented in this plan support [inaudible] the SCORP which have been generally reflected [inaudible] something along those lines [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Then we go right into the survey after this.

Michealene Day:

And I guess my question would be is how does this SCORP, is it in line with SEWRPC

or are they opposed? I mean do they follow the same guidelines? I mean are we saying we're going to follow SEWRPC but we're going to follow SCORP, and what if SCORP is totally different than what SEWRPC is saying, then are we not just confusing it even more. So maybe just look at see what SCORP says.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We'll take a look at SCORP, and maybe we'll pull some more information for it for the next meeting and identify if we do want to keep it how we want to display it and then if we don't we'll just take it out totally.

Michealene Day:

We'll just rip the page out.

Tom Shircel:

I've been involved in grant applications and it does refer to this SCORP. So I think Prairie Farms Trail grant application referred to how is the Village corresponding to the SCORP plan. So we might want to leave something in there, but I think it's a good idea to clean it up like you're suggesting.

Rita Christiansen:

Is there something in the grant that says SCORP aligns with SEWRPC [inaudible] so then you can say that and still be in alignment without having to [inaudible].

Tom Shircel:

That's a good question. We can look into that.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We definitely have enough [inaudible]. I'll have to see if we're going to be able to have these first 48 pages researched and done. We have three weeks to really do it, a week to look at it to have it done. So I can't guarantee that I'll have all this done by our July meeting.

Rita Christiansen:

I think Tuesday is July 4<sup>th</sup>.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:



The 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Wednesday. So we'd be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tom Shircel:

A lot of people take vacation that week. I'm not sure what the Commission's availability is that week.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Do we have a meeting scheduled, Ruth, normally for – if it's on our agenda.

[Inaudible]

Michealene Day:

We do have to stay on schedule with this otherwise we won't get done until 2013. So if the Commission would rather move it to the week after.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Rec Commission is the second Tuesday of the month.

Michealene Day:

Is that going to be a problem for us? We're different Commissions.

Monica Yuhas:

We both have the auditorium because we have to be audio.

Rita Christiansen:

So who can be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup>?

Tom Shircel:

The third is a Tuesday, correct?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's a Tuesday, correct.

Michealene Day:

I can.

Rita Christiansen:

We'll be out of town. Everybody else can be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> then?

Voices:

No.

Michealene Day:

So we won't have a quorum.

Rita Christiansen:

So can everybody just let Ruth know as soon as possible if you think you're not going to be able to make it so we know what our next move would be [inaudible].

Michealene Day:

Do we have to meet on a Tuesday? Could we meet on a Monday or Wednesday then? What about Wednesday or Thursday? The week after, Wednesday or Thursday.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But then we're meeting again in a couple weeks to go over some more stuff. It looks like we probably have two months to review. If we do chapters 4 and 5 at our next sitting and then we go over the maps the following one.

Glenn Christiansen:

Maybe we just be careful how many pages we do the next time since we did 31 pages. We did quite a bit this time. Maybe we just limit ourselves so we keep up with it. Like you say we're going to end up going through a bunch of maps.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think the maps are going to go pretty fast.

Glenn Christiansen:

Those are going to go quickly.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think the survey is going to go quick. I think the GNO is going to take one whole meeting.

Rita Christiansen:

So we're doing the meeting on our planned Tuesday?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Do we have a quorum. Four are out. We do have four.

[Multiple Conversations]

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And what I'd like to do is if anyone isn't going to be here, if you could just send the notes in I could just read the notes as we're going.

Rita Christiansen:

Or we can call in.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We could have you conference in.

Monica Yuhas:

[Inaudible] for July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the meeting to get a commitment.

Michealene Day:

I think we should have a commitment for sure. Of course, last minute things happen.

Monica Yuhas:

And if we can't can we shoot for the 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Michealene Day:

I would say that that would be a good thing to do.

Monica Yuhas:

Because we have to go to the following week. Can't to Monday or Tuesday. It would have to be either Wednesday or Thursday.

Tom Shircel:

I'm just thinking the night before a holiday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, that's going to be tough.

Jim Bandura:

I'd recommend the 11<sup>th</sup> to be honest.

Monica Yuhas:

John, won't be here.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

No, I won't be here. I would happily call in.

Rita Christiansen:

So you have a quorum on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And that will limit the amount of times that we're here.

Rita Christiansen:

That's right. Do we have staff that can be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'm available on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tom Shircel:

I'm not going to be here.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Or do we just shoot or August?

Michealene Day:

I hate to miss it. I hate to miss the whole month of July.

Monica Yuhas:

But is Mike going to be on vacation? Is Jean going to be on vacation?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We'll do a little bit of research and we'll find out.

[Multiple Conversations]

Michealene Day:

Because we do need the staff. If we have to miss the month of July we'll miss the month of July. But that means August will be a long night.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right, because just section 4 is almost 30 pages.

Tom Shircel:

I think the survey is the strong point of their work so that might go quickly.

Monica Yuhas:

Because we already reviewed that. We'll keep that in mind. We've already gone over the survey so really it should go very quickly.

Tom Shircel:

Right, and then we have maps and then we have all those pages of these comments. We're not going to go through that.

Michealene Day:

Okay, so we'll skip July, is that what you're recommending, and then in August we'll have a long meeting? If staff is not going to be here in July there's no sense to –

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I can make it in July. Maybe what we need to do is we'll do some internal emails, figure out when staff is available. We'll send it out to the Park Commission. We'll do a quick little something in this next week, figure out what everyone's schedule is and move from there.

Michealene Day:

Okay.

**6. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Glenn Christiansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Troy Holm. Motion carried 8-0.**

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm.