



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Agenda

Thursday, June 15, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Board of Park Commissioners** of the City of De Pere will be held on **June 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET, DE PERE.**

The public may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or electronically/telephonically. Electronic or telephonic access to the meeting is provided below:

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I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

II. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. Chapter 6-3(f) DPMC

III. Items

1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting.
2. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a \$2500 Donation from Greta Johnson to Rec Scholarship Fund*
3. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a \$1000 Donation from De Pere Rotary Club for Summer Carnival*
4. Farewell from Teen Advisor Madison DeCleene.
5. Consideration and Possible Action for Recommendations on Final Draft Plan for Wilson Park.
6. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Amendment to the Facility Use Agreement with the De Pere Unified School District*
7. Consideration and Possible Action for On-Line Survey Related to the Comprehensive Outdoor Plan.
8. Discussion On Considering Changes to Ordinance Pertaining to Dogs in the Parks.

IV. Staff Updates

1. Staff Update on New Teen Advisory Appointment.
2. Staff Update on Nelson Family Pavilion Progress.
3. Staff Update on Status of Pool Openings.
4. Staff Report on Status of Legion Diamond Renovation.
5. Staff Update on Status of Playground Installations.

V. Future Agenda Items

VI. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of their disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 339-4050 by Noon, the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

Board Members
Alderspersons
Mayor James Boyd
Larry Delo, City Administrator
Tony Wachewicz, City Attorney
Marty Kosobucki
Carey Danen, City Clerk
City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor
De Pere Girls Softball
Connor Goodman, Teen Advisor
Madison DeCleene, Teen Advisor
Greta Johnson
De Pere Rotary Club

De Pere Youth Hockey
De Pere Select Soccer
De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce
Definitely De Pere
Brown County Library – De Pere
TV & Radio Stations
De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer
De Pere Baseball
Christopher Thompson, De Pere School Dist.
Dennis Krueger, WDP School District
Mark Sauer, Mead and Hunt
Patrick Skalecki, Graef
Jeff Byczek – De Pere School Dist.

***All items marked with an asterisk will be forwarded to the Common Council.**



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Grace Lahtela

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Minutes 5-18-23(PDF)



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

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Draft Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member Randy Soquet

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melissa Thiel Collar	Board Member	Excused	
Ryan Jennings	Board Member	Present	
Jim Kneiszel	Board Member	Present	
Amy Chandik Kunding	Aldersperson	Excused	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Madison DeCleene	Teen Advisor	Present	
Connor Goodman	Teen Advisor	Present	

Others present: Marty Kosobucki - Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry and Grace Lahtela - Administrative Assistant

II. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. Chapter 6-3(f) DPMC

None

III. Items

1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the April 20, 2023 Meeting.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting, seconded by James Kneiszel. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Jim Kneiszel, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

2. Election of Chair for the Board of Park Commissioners.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina nominated Randy Soquet to be Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners, seconded by Ryan Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Ryan Jennings, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

3. Election of Vice Chair for the Board of Park Commissioners.

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina nominated Ryan Jennings to be Vice Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

4. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a \$500 Donation from the De Pere Kiwanis to the Recreation Scholarship Fund*

James Kneiszel moved to accept a \$500 donation from De Pere Kiwanis to the Recreation Scholarship Fund, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Kneiszel, Board Member
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

5. Consideration/Possible Action to Approve \$500 donation from DP Lions Club to Cover Mischief & Magic Entertainment for One Event of the Beer Gardens*

Alderperson Raasch moved to accept a \$500 donation from the De Pere Lions Club to cover Mischief and Magic Entertainment for one Beer Garden, seconded by Ryan Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Ryan Jennings, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

6. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept Donation of Planter Box at Voyageur Park from the Beautification Committee Valued at \$1,000.*

James Kneiszel moved to accept the donation of a planter box for Voyageur Park from the Beautification Committee, seconded by Alderperson Raasch.

Randy Soquet moved to open the meeting to public comment at 6:35 pm, seconded by Ryan Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Sue Walsh, representing the De Pere Beautification Committee, explained that the committee would like to place a planter box in Voyageur Park for recognition of past president and current volunteer Rose Smits. The Beautification Committee would be

responsible for both planting and maintaining the planter box. Currently the Beautification Committee takes care of 14 roundabouts, 19 beds and 108 planters. Randy Soquet stated that on behalf of the park board and the whole community, he thanked the Beautification Committee for their time and efforts and stated the efforts do not go unnoticed.

James Kneiszel moved to return to regular order at 6:38pm, seconded by Alderperson Defnet Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina questioned if there are any concerns about the cost going above \$1,000. Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that Don Melichar worked closely with the Beautification Committee to plan and organize the project and staff does not think it will go over.

Upon vote, the above motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Kneiszel, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

7. Consideration and Possible Action to a One Year Extension to Agreement with Brown County Ice Management *

Randy Soquet moved to approve a one-year extension to the Agreement with Brown County Ice Management, seconded by Alderperson Defnet Ledvina.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that offering a one-year extension would allow a condition analysis of the facility to be done by the city. The facility is surviving, but there are long-term concerns with the facility. Staff will also need to review the surcharges that were put into place to cover the cost of the chiller system repairs. These repairs are almost paid for, so a discussion will be needed to see if these should remain to help sustain repair costs at the facility.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

8. Consideration & Possible Action To Approve Adult Masters Swim Program Fee

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina moved to approve the adult masters swim program fee schedule, seconded by Randy Soquet.

Randy Soquet questioned if the adult swim program was requested. Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the program was generated out of requests made to the Recreation Supervisor.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

9. Consideration & Possible Action to Approve Changes to Financial Awards for Rec Scholarship Program*

Randy Soquet moved to approve the recommended changes to the financial awards for the Recreation Scholarship Fund, seconded by James Kneiszel.

Randy Soquet questioned if the recommended changes are sufficient, or if they should be raised even more to cover potential cost increases. Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the requested increase should be sufficient as 50-75% of the requests come in for family pool passes. With the recommended increases it would allow for a family to receive the family pool pass and for each child the ability to take 1-3 classes.

Upon vote, the above motion was approved unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Jim Kneiszel, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

10. Consideration and Possible Action to Direct 2023 Beer Garden Revenue to the Nelson Pavilion Project. *

Alderperson Raasch moved to direct the 2023 Beer Garden revenues to the Nelson Family Pavilion project, seconded by Alderperson Defnet-Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

11. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the WDNR Grant Application to Refurbish Fishing Pier Dock at Perkofski Boat Launch *

Ryan Jennings moved to approve the WDNR grant application to refurbish a fishing pier dock at the Perkofski boat launch, seconded by James Kneiszel. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ryan Jennings, Board Member
SECONDER:	Jim Kneiszel, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Kneiszel, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet
EXCUSED:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Amy Chandik Kunding

IV. Staff Updates

1. Update on Status of Nelson Family Pavilion Construction.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that developments have occurred with the Nelson Family Pavilion project. The low bid for the project from IEI was scheduled to go to Council for approval; however, right before the Council meeting information was received that results from the soil testing came back with bad soil. McMahon recommends consulting with an environmental consultant to further test the soil. Due to the soil test information, it was decided to pull the item off the agenda and wait to approve the contract until more testing can be performed on the soil. The additional soil testing will be performed by the environmental division within McMahon and the results could take up to four weeks to receive. With this new information, the project is currently on hold, and there is no intension of stopping the project.

Conner Goodman, Teen Advisor, questioned what type of odor was coming from the holes. Marty Kosobucki stated staff asked the company that performed the testing, but they did not provide any additional information. The soil samples are kept, so McMahon should be able to use these samples for their testing. The first phase of the environmental study will include interviews with the company the performed the test.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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V. Future Agenda Items

None

VI. Adjournment

James Kneiszel moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm, seconded by Ryan Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a \$2500 Donation from Greta Johnson to Rec Scholarship Fund*

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greta Johnson - Rec Scholarship 2023 (DOCX)

CITY OF DE PERE

Community Center

600 Grant Street, De Pere, WI 54115 | 920-339-4097 | www.de-pere.org



TO: Board of Park Commissioners
FROM: Paula Rahn, Recreation Superintendent
DATE: May 23, 2023
RE: Consideration & Possible Action to Approve \$2,500 from Greta Johnson to the Recreation Scholarship Fund

Staff is requesting the Board of Park Commissioner's approval to accept a generous donation of \$2,500 from Greta Johnson to the Recreation Scholarship Fund. Ms. Johnson has graciously donated this same amount for the past four years. We are truly thankful for her continued support.

To date, the Recreation Scholarship Fund had awarded 443 scholarships to families in need. Our current balance in the account is nearly \$37,500.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Donation Information:

From: Greta Johnson

1301 Franklin St.

De Pere, WI 54115

To: De Pere Parks & Recreation Department

For: Recreation Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$2,500



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Accept a \$1000 Donation from De Pere Rotary Club for Summer Carnival*

ATTACHMENTS:

- Carnival - Rotary Club Donation Approval 2023 (DOCX)

CITY OF DE PERE

Community Center | Recreation Department

600 Grant St., De Pere, WI | 920-339-4097 | www.deperewi.gov/communitycenter



Memorandum

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Mandi Baker, Recreation Coordinator
Cindy Lee, Recreation Supervisor

Date: June 5, 2023

Re: Approval to Accept De Pere Rotary Club Donation

This memo is to seek the Board of Park Commissioner's approval for the De Pere Community Center to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the De Pere Rotary Club for the Summer Carnival. This donation covers partial funds for event costs, including prizes and candy for the various carnival games.

The De Pere Rotary Club would be recognized as a sponsor of the event with their name on our flyers and social media posts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Farewell from Teen Advisor Madison DeCleene.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action for Recommendations on Final Draft Plan for Wilson Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.Wilson Park (DOCX)
- Wilson concept package 2023-05-30 reduced (PDF)
- Wilson Park.Staff comments (DOCX)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: June 15, 2023

RE: Wilson Park Draft Plans

As part of our agreement with Graef, they were to take our survey and develop two conceptual thoughts/ideas for a park design at Wilson Park. These two concepts were to be presented to the Park Board for consideration and then direction is to be given to Graef to condense down to one plan.

The Park Board's job at this meeting will be to review the two designs Graef has developed and then give direction to Graef in how they should go about in developing a final conceptual plan for Wilson Park.

Included with your packet of information is a staff comment page on various amenities and park design features to help provide you with some background information we believe will be helpful in making your decision.

Wilson Park Existing Conditions



Note: Aerial not current, approximation of trees from field visit

Keynotes

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| ① Park sign | ⑤ 2 Buckthorns, to be removed | ⑨ Security lighting |
| ② Memorial tree | ⑥ Mulberry, to be removed | ⑩ Concrete pad, to be removed |
| ③ Swings, one trash receptacle, one picnic table | ⑦ Chain link fence | |
| ④ Lincoln monument | ⑧ Roadway lighting | |

Wilson Park Active Concept



Design Elements:

- Activated area along College Ave.
- Colored/stamped concrete, distinct pattern; alternating with planting beds
- Furniture and pedestrian lighting along active zone - 4 benches, 2 trash receptacles, 4 pedestrian lights, 1 bike rack
- Multi-sport court at east end
- for volleyball and 1/2 basketball or other combination
- Lighting along perimeter for security - 5 pedestrian lights, and colorful internal tree mounted lighting
- Hammock grove

Keynotes

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| ① New park sign | ⑤ Landscape bed |
| ② Distinct paving - stamped or colored | ⑥ Multi sport court |
| ③ Resting knoll | ⑦ Memorial tree |
| ④ Hammock grove | ⑧ Lincoln monument |

Legend

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| Lighting | Hammock grove |
| Tree lighting | New plants and shrubs |
| Trash receptacle | Colored concrete |
| Bench | Sport court |
| Bike rack | |

Wilson Park

Active Concept

Photo Precedents



Knolls for relaxing



Resting knoll



Sand volleyball



Bike rack option



Benches built into knolls



Multi-sport court



Trash receptacle option



Existing street light option



Hammock grove



Geometric paving and landscape pattern



Multi-color hanging tree light option



Illuminated bench option



Colored concrete



Round hanging tree light option



Bench with back option



Existing pedestrian light option

Wilson Park

Passive Concept

Design Elements:

- Passive, natural garden path through park with water source

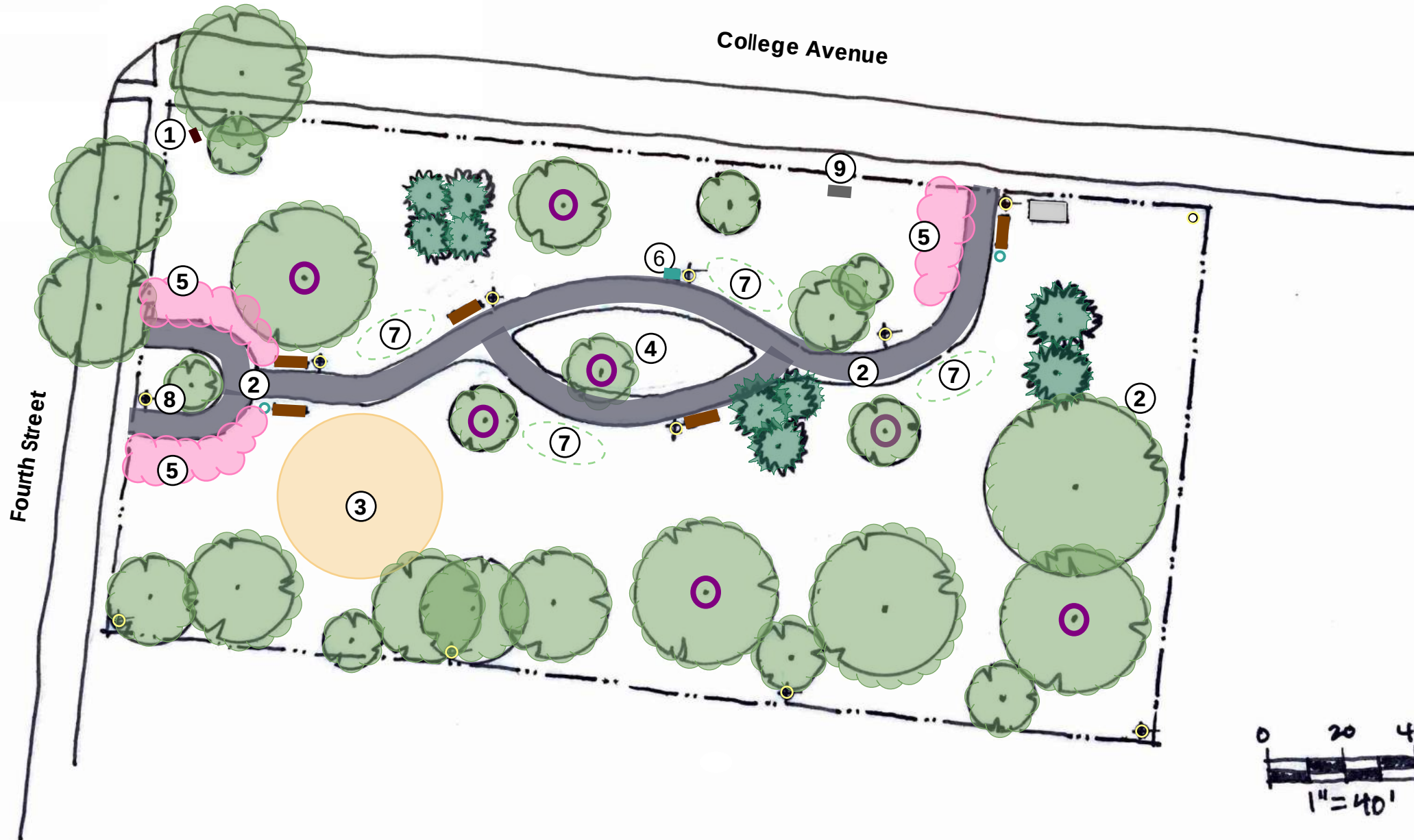
- Stabilized, crushed gravel path, anchored by new planting beds

- Furniture and pedestrian internal - 5 benches, 2 trash receptacles, 7 pedestrian lights, 1 bike rack

- Security lighting internal and along south boundary - 5 additional pedestrian lights, internal tree mounted lighting

- Hammock stands dispersed along path

- Small playground along Fourth Street



Keynote

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| ① New park sign | ⑥ Water source |
| ② Stabilized crushed granite path | ⑦ Hammock stands |
| ③ Playground | ⑧ Memorial tree |
| ④ Community garden | ⑨ Lincoln monument |
| ⑤ Landscape bed | |

Legend

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| Lighting | Hammock stand |
| Tree lighting | New plants and shrubs |
| Trash receptacle | Playground |
| Bench | |
| Bike rack | |

Wilson Park

Passive Concept

Photo Precedents



Hammock stands



Singular hammocks



Crushed granite path with shrubs option



Crushed granite path with native planting option



Bike rack option



Trash receptacle option



Existing street light option



Small playground option



Tree downlights - "Moonlighting"



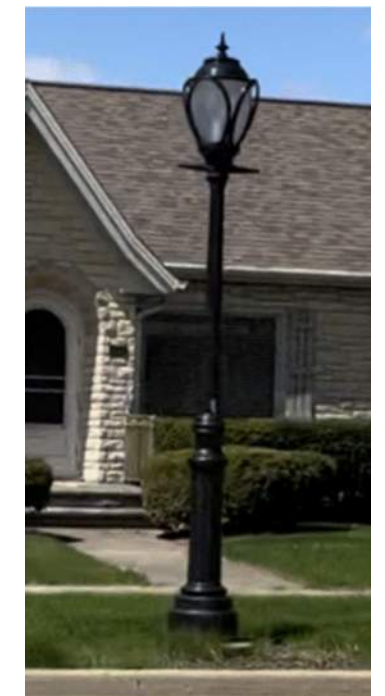
Illuminated bench - lighting option



Small playground option



Bench with back option



Existing pedestrian light option

Wilson Park – Staff Input

Survey – When discussing the sample concepts with Graef, we encouraged them to utilize and incorporate as much of the survey information as practical. In addition, we also recommended that they develop one passive and one active option as the survey was very evenly split along these lines.

Amenities (I have provided some insight on various potential amenities):

Basketball Court – Putting in a full-size basketball court would take up a 1/10 of an acre and Wilson Park is only one acre in size. Considering grade, trees, property lines, sidewalk and other current features in the park I do believe it would be challenging to place a full-size court in the park. Putting in a half-size court would fit better into the park and address the survey. The other disadvantage with a full-size basketball court is that such a facility then becomes a “destination”. Considering there is no parking, this causes a problem.

Flower/Plant Garden – There are many options for a flower/plant garden within the park. The biggest concern with a Flower/Plant Garden is the maintenance and potential for vandalism. To maintain a flower/plant garden it takes quite a bit of maintenance, something of which we do not have the resources to accomplish. Such an amenity would likely need a volunteer group to undertake and maintain. We would also likely have to consider running water to such a feature.

Pathway – We don’t see any reason a pathway cannot be implemented into the park in some fashion. If a pathway is implemented, we would simply recommend there is a purpose to the pathway.

Playground/Swings – With the park only being one acre, options are limited for a playground and swings. When you consider the slope, property lines and other features (ie. Memorial tree and plaque) the options for placing a playground/swings becomes limited and will consume a large chunk of the park. A small playground with swings will consume about 2,500 square feet, not including the sidewalk/access. An option to consider is to propose a small playground only without a swing set. Swings consume a tremendous amount of space for safety reasons.

Art Displays – Does not appear to be proposed in either of the proposals, however was somewhat highly ranked. A concern about art displays is the proximity of the park to college students and bars, and the potential for vandalism.

Outdoor Fitness – This was not proposed in the draft plans but did receive a fair amount of support. We do not have much experience with these type of feature/amenities so its tough to provide you with much input.

Gazebo/Shelter – A covered structure received a fair amount of support, however is not listed in the draft plans. From the staff perspective, we have not seen gazebo’s be well utilized in the City. We have a couple of them and they do not really get used the way we would hope. A larger shelter would be a nice feature/addition to the City and area, however we think there would be some challenges with it. The main challenge is parking, because a larger/rentable shelter becomes a destination amenity.

Park Lighting – The challenge with park lighting is to provide something that is not overbearing to the neighborhood, functional to the park, and something that cannot be vandalized easily. Overhead lighting is an option but can potentially get overbearing the neighborhood. Bollard lighting is an attractive nuisance for vandalism and the heavy duty/industrial bollards are probably not the style we are looking for.

Pickle Ball Court – While we think a Pickle Ball court would be highly supported, its probably not the best choice for an amenity when you consider parking constraints.

Hammock Poles – Parks and universities have seen a growth in the support and use of hammock poles. A very low cost feature where people attach their own hammock and read/meditate/relax.

Dog Park – A dog park received a fair amount of comments and would likely be well used. However, implementing a dog park into this area would likely do a couple of things. First it would take up a fair amount of usable space. Secondly, a dog park becomes a destination and we enhance the parking problem.

Memorial Tree and Historical Plaque – Both of these current amenities were left in their original position in the park and left unchanged within the proposed plan. We indicated to the consultant that removal of these were not an option, however relocating them for purposes of improving the park could be an option.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Amendment to the Facility Use Agreement with the De Pere Unified School District*

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.De Pere School District.Management Fee (PDF)
- De Pere School District.Maintence Fee.Agreemennt Amendment (PDF)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Marty Kosobucki

Date June 15, 2023

RE: Amendment to Facility Use Agreement with De Pere Unified School District

We were just recently informed of a Management Fee the De Pere Unified School District was going to implement for the purpose of replacing deteriorating supplies and equipment that are used by renters. We requested the fee be included as part of our Facility Use Agreement with them. Included in your packet is a revised facility use agreement with De Pere Unified School District for using the High School.

This money is currently not budgeted for, however we do believe we can consume the amount for this particular fee within our budget.



Unified School District of De Pere Facility Rental Agreement

Rental Use Charge for: De Pere Park & Rec Classes
Name of event

Total cost: **\$250.00**
(\$18,150.00 Waived)

Facility (check building(s)): ☒ High School ☐ Middle School ☐ Foxview ☐ Altmayer
☐ Dickinson ☐ Heritage

Areas of Use: Student Resource Center

Date(s): M/T/W Sept 18, 2023-Mar 6, 2024 Time (start and end): 4:15-8:00pm Total hours: 247.50

**No class: Oct. 31, 2023; Nov 22, 2023; Dec. 19, 20, 25-27, 2023; and Jan. 1 and 15, 2024.

Group/Level Rental: N/A

Building Use Fees:	<u>SRC</u>	\$50 per day (66 days)	\$3,300.00 Waived
	Supervision	\$30 per hour (247.50 hours)	\$7,425.00 Waived
	Custodial	\$30 per hour (247.50 hours)	\$7,425.00 Waived
		(custodial coverage details here)	
	Yearly Maintenance Fee*		\$250.00

*Fee is used to maintain equipment and USDD facilities when hosting events/activities.

Proof of Liability Insurance Required: Submit certificate of insurance to De Pere High School, Attn: Jeff Byczek, 1700 Chicago Street, De Pere, WI 54115, or by email to: kguyette@depere.k12.wi.us. The certificate must name the Unified School District of De Pere as an additional insured party.

Waiver Information: The District has agreed to waive fees for the City except to cover custodial and supervisory fees that are beyond the scope of regular hours, and the yearly maintenance fee. The City provides supervision for these events.

Schedule of Events: Youth Dance Classes, 4 consecutive classes each date.

Set-Up Needs: Group will move tables/chairs and custodians replace after classes end each date.

Equipment Needs: Instructors provide own stereo equipment. School will allow City to store a sound cart.

Technology Needs: N/A

Exterior Door(s) Required to Unlock and Times: Door 13, 4:00pm-8:15pm, each date.

Cancellation Policy: Any school facility closings, county health directives, state directives or other pandemic related directives may be just cause to cancel this contract.

Payment in full: **\$250.00 due by June 30, 2023**

X Jeff Byczek Date 06/07/23
Jeff Byczek
Facility Rental Coordinator

X _____ Date _____
Marty Kosobucki
De Pere Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director

For office use only

Approvals/confirmations required from **highlighted** individuals (please initial):

Ben Zimmerman, custodial

X

District technology office _____

Jeanne Wagner, doors

X

Staff supervisor (list name) _____

Bob Mohar, HS auditorium

Buildings & Grounds _____

Teacher (if classroom to be used)

AGREEMENT

The School Board for the district of De Pere (hereinafter the "Board" or "District") and City of De Pere (Marty Kosobucki, Cell 920-639-1015), (hereinafter the "Lessee") enter into the following agreement for the lease of District facilities and/or premises described herein for a good and valuable consideration set forth below and subject to the terms and conditions as described herein.

- A. **Facilities/Premises:** The Board does hereby agree to lease the facilities/premises described herein to the Lessee for the period of time and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations specified below:

To hold for the term of 7 months, from the 18th day of September 2023 through the 6th day of March 2024 for such times or portions of the day as specified above.

- B. **Terms, Conditions, and Covenants:**

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE LESSEE: that during the dates listed above, use of the High School Student Resource Center at times not scheduled remain the discretion of De Pere High School. There is no guarantee of exclusive use of the gymnasium and locker rooms for the entire day on above listed dates.

That the Lessee will pay the said rent at the times, at the place, and in the manner aforesaid promptly without delay during said term.

That it shall not be necessary for the Board or its agents to demand said rent at any place other than the place specified by the Board for the payment of the same.

That the Lessee has examined and knows the conditions of said facilities/premises and has received the same in good order and repair, except as hereon otherwise specified, and that no representations as to the condition or repair thereof have been made by the Board or its agents prior to, or at the execution of this Lease, that are not hereon expressed or endorsed hereon.

That the facilities/premises herein leased and every part thereof shall, during said term, be used only for the following purposes, by the Lessee, its servants and guests.

Youth Dance Classes

And that the Lessee will not permit said facility/premises to be used for any immoral or unlawful purpose or purpose that will injure the reputation of the same, or the building of which they are a part, or which is contrary to established Board policy, or which the Board should determine at anytime during the term of this Agreement to be an inappropriate use of said facility/premises and will not use or keep in or about said facility/premises any article or thing which would in anywise affect the validity of the standard fire insurance policy or the State of Wisconsin, or any other insurance policies held by the District.

That the Lessee shall store and maintain only such articles or things on said facility/premises as are approved by the Board or its agent and shall store and maintain said articles or things only in the location and in the manner designated by the Board or its agents.

The Board shall not be liable for any damage occasioned by failure to keep said facility/premises in repair and shall not be liable for any damage done or occasioned by or from plumbing, gas, water, steam, or other pipes, or sewerage, or the bursting, leaking, or running or any cistern, tank, wash-stand, water-closet, or waste-pipe in, above, upon, or about said facility/premises, nor for damage occasioned by water, snow, or ice being upon or coming through the roof, sky light, trap door, or otherwise, or for any occupants, agents of the Board or users of the facility/premises.

That the Lessee shall make no alterations in or to said facility/premises under penalty of forfeiture of this Lease and damages.

That the Lessee shall keep the said facility/premises in as good repair as the same are in at the commencement of said term, reasonable use and wear thereof and damage by accidental fire or other accident, not happening through the neglect of Lessee, only accepted.

That during said term the Lessee shall pay the following utility bills arising through the Lessee's use of said facility/premises: **(none)**

That the Lessee shall be liable for repairs to the water pipes, sewer pipes, drain, and plumbing in said facility/premises, which are required through negligent acts of the Lessee.

That the Lessee shall keep said facility/premises in a clean and tenantable condition.

That the Lessee shall obey all lawful orders, rules, and regulations of the health officers, and all the health ordinances of the City of De Pere.

That the Lessee shall not keep in or about the facility/premises any live animals, fowl, or birds. **(none expected)**

That the Lessee will not, during the period of their occupancy of said facility/premises, drive nails, tacks, screws, or other fasteners or attach same to any walls, ceilings, floors, or woodwork of said facility/premises, or allow same to be done without written consent of the Board or its agents, and in any case, the Lessee agrees to be responsible for any damage done and will pay for same.

That the Lessee shall not paint upon, attach, exhibit, or display in or about the said facility/premises, any sign or placards, without the written consent of the Board.

The Board or its agents may at anytime enter and view the leased facility/premises and make such alterations or repairs as the Board or its agents may deem necessary.

That the Lessee will not assign this Lease nor let or under-let said facility/premises, or any part thereof.

That in case said premises should be partially damaged by fire, the same shall be repaired as speedily as possible by and at the expense of the Board. In case the damage is so extensive as to render the premises un-tenantable, the rent shall cease until the same is repaired. If the

facility/premises is so damaged that the Board shall decide not to rebuild, said term shall cease, however, the premises shall be surrendered and the accrued rent be paid up until the time of the fire.

That the Lessee shall hold the Board harmless of any injury or damages, costs, expenses, or liabilities or other claims against said Board or its agents in any way connected with the existence of this Lease, including, but not necessarily limited to judgments, awards, and attorney's fees, also including the cost of defending actions against the Board which actions seek to recover costs, expenses, damages, etc.

That the Lessee has obtained property and liability insurance coverage in the amount of **\$1,000,000.00 per occurrence**; said insurance policy naming the Board as an additional insured under that policy and that the Lessee has provided proof of such insurance and the Lessee shall pay all premiums and take whatever actions necessary to maintain said insurance policy during the term of this Agreement and shall actually maintain said policy.

That should the Lessee or any of its servants or guests become intoxicated, disorderly, or permit unnecessary noise in or about the within described facility/premises, it shall be the option of the Board or its agents to declare this Agreement null and void.

That any disputes which shall arise between the Lessee and any other occupants of the same facility/premises shall be submitted to the arbitration of the Board whose decision shall be final between the parties.

That the Lessee shall reimburse the District for the cost of District custodian(s); for such time and work of its custodians necessitated by the use of the facility/premises by the Lessee.

That individual participants in the Lessee's activities to be conducted at the facility/premises, with exception of instructors, shall not arrive on any day earlier than fifteen (15) minutes to the scheduled classroom lease time. De Pere School District pupils who are participating in Lessee's activities who are present in the facility/premises at the completion of the school day shall not be permitted to remain in said building, but must vacate the premises and return not earlier than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled Lessee's activities.

That the Lessee shall be responsible for the supervision of all participants of its activities and hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District against any and all claims made against the District or arising in any manner out of the activities to be conducted by the Lessee on School District property.

That the Lessee will not leave any religious objects in any of the facility/premises following its daily use of those facility/premises: religious objects include, but not limited to, such items as crosses, crucifix, religious pictures, etc.

That Lessee's activities shall be limited to the types of activities in the areas of District facility/premises as approved by the Board of Education or its designee or agent.

- C. **Provided Always**: The Lessee shall not neglect or fail to perform and observe any of the conditions herein before contained. The Board lawfully may, immediately or at anytime thereafter, and while such neglect or default continues, and without further notice or demand, enter into or upon said facility/premises and repossess the same and expel the said Lessee and those claiming under him and remove their effects (forcibly if necessary) without prejudice to any remedies which might otherwise be used for arrears of rent or proceeding breach of covenant; and such expulsion and removal, whether by the direct of the Board or its agents or through the medium of legal proceedings for the purpose instituted, shall not affect the liability of Lessee or its representatives for the past rent due or for future rent to accrue, under this Lease, but the same shall continue as if such removal or expulsion had not taken place.

And the Lessee further covenants and agrees to pay and discharge all reasonable costs, attorney fees, and expenses that shall be made and incurred by the Board in enforcing the covenants and agreements of this Lease, provided the District is the prevailing party.

It is mutually agreed and understood that this Lease may terminate upon written notice by either party to the other, but in all circumstances shall terminate not later than the last date of the term as expressed herein above in Section "A". There shall be no automatic renewal of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict with a school activity, notice of termination of the Lease Agreement for the date in conflict will be given as soon as feasibly possible. In the event of an act of God that requires the closing of the facilities/premises herein leased, De Pere High School, the administration reserves the right to cancel any rental agreement affected by said act of God.

In the event of a cancellation an attempt will be made to notify **Marty Kosobucki** at **Cell 920-639-1015** ONLY. We will assume the event is canceled when the attempt to notify the above listed person has been completed.

The term "Lessee" when used herein shall be taken in either singular or plural, masculine or feminine, as the case may be, and the provisions of this instrument shall bind the parties mutually and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action for On-Line Survey Related to the Comprehensive Outdoor Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.Comp Study Survey (DOCX)
- Draft Survey_DePere CORP_2023 06 06 (PDF)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Marty Kosobucki

Date: June 15, 2023

RE: Comprehensive Plan – Community Survey

I have included a draft survey our consultant (Mead and Hunt) plans to use in reaching out to our community. This information will be important for gaining valuable insight into our parks, future of parks and core services. The Board of Park Commissioners should recommend any changes and approve the survey prior to being released to the public for responses.



De Pere Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update

Thank you for joining us!

The City of De Pere is working to update its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Over the next five years (2024 - 2029), this plan will be used to guide improvements to the city's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and city services.

Thank you for your time and interest in completing this survey! Public input is an important part of knowing how to best serve you.

This survey has 31 questions and should take about 10 minutes to complete. *All responses will remain anonymous.*

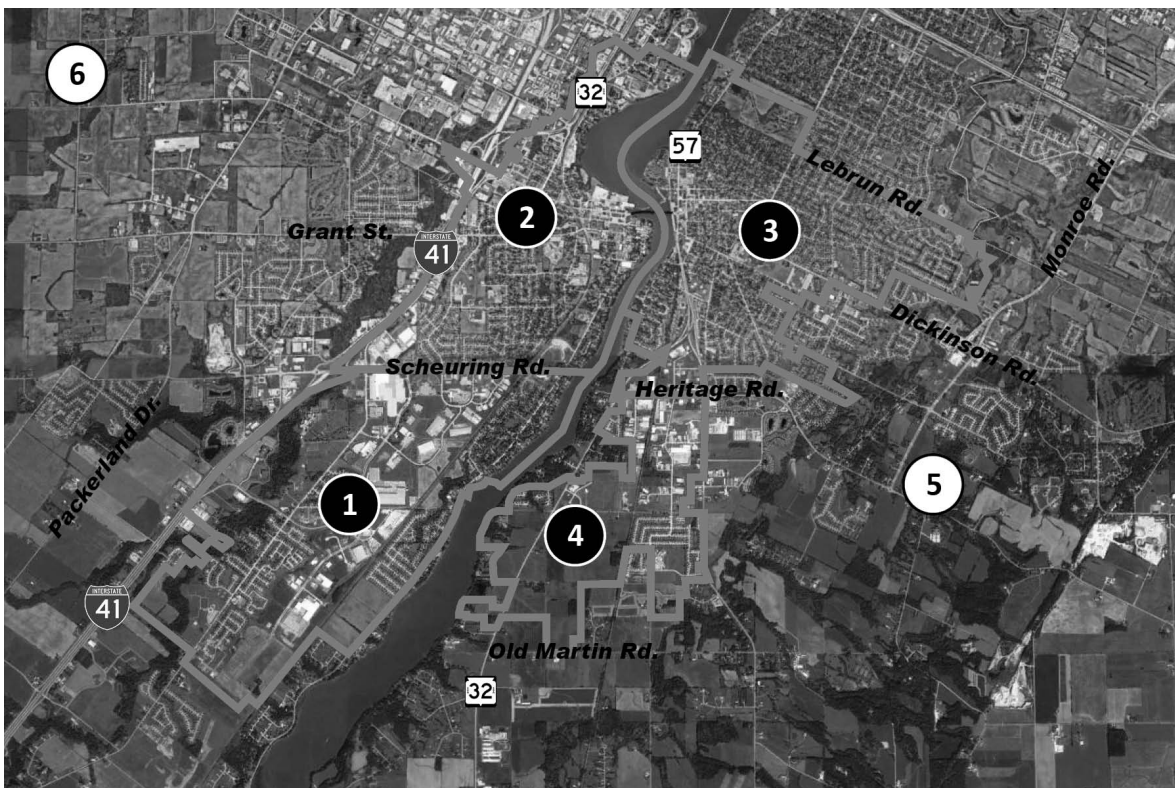


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In this first part, please help us understand a little about you.

* 1. Where do you currently live? (Select the numbered area from the graphic below. If you live outside of De Pere, please select 5 or 6, accordingly)

- ☐ 1 - Southwest De Pere (South of Scheuring Road and west of the Fox River)
- ☐ 2 - Northwest De Pere (North of Scheuring Road and west of the Fox River)
- ☐ 3 - Northeast De Pere (North of Heritage Road and east of the Fox River)
- ☐ 4 - Southeast De Pere (South of Heritage Road and east of the Fox River)
- ☐ 5 - I'm not a resident of De Pere but live in Brown County
- ☐ 6 - Outside Brown County



* 2. How long have you lived in the community/region?

- ☐ Less than a year
- ☐ 1-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

* 3. How many people in your household fall into each age group?

Under 5 years	
5-11 years	
12-18 years	
19-24 years	
25-49 years	
50-65 years	
65 and over	

* 4. What is your age?

5. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

6. How do you stay informed about the activities and updates from the De Pere Parks & Recreation Department? Please select all that apply or add to the list:

- ☐ Parks Department website
- ☐ Email newsletters
- ☐ Social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- ☐ Local newspapers or magazines
- ☐ Word-of-mouth from friends or neighbors
- ☐ Flyers or brochures
- ☐ Other (please specify):

7. Do you use the city's park web mapping application to explore parks and their features?

City of De Pere Park Amenities

- ☐ Yes, I find it useful and user-friendly
- ☐ I have used it in the past, but not frequently
- ☐ No, I've never heard of it
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Please tell us a little about how you use the park and recreation facilities in De Pere.

* 8. Which of the following parks or recreational facilities do you visit most frequently? Select all that apply.

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| ☐ Bicentennial Park | ☐ De Pere Community Center | ☐ Fox Point Boat Launch |
| ☐ Carney Park | ☐ Jim Martin Park | ☐ Fox River Trail |
| ☐ George Park | ☐ Legion Park | ☐ James Street Walkway |
| ☐ Lawton Park | ☐ Optimist Park | ☐ Nature Center |
| ☐ Rainbow Park | ☐ VFW Park | ☐ Riverwalk & Wildlife Viewing Area |
| ☐ Rusk Park | ☐ Southwest Park | ☐ St Norbert - Cloud Family Fields |
| ☐ Wells Park | ☐ Voyageur Park | ☐ St Norbert - Mel Nicks Complex |
| ☐ Willems Park | ☐ East Side Nature Park | ☐ St Norbert - Schneider Stadium |
| ☐ Wilson Park | ☐ The Preserve | ☐ Altmayer Elementary School |
| ☐ Braisher Park | ☐ Bomier Boat Launch | ☐ Dickinson Elementary School |
| ☐ Kelly Danen Park | ☐ Brown County Fairgrounds | ☐ De Pere High School |
| ☐ Kiwanis Park | ☐ De Pere Dog Park | ☐ Foxview Intermediate School |
| ☐ Lions Trailside Estates Park | ☐ De Pere Ice Arena (De Pere Fairgrounds) | ☐ West De Pere High School |
| ☐ Patriot Park | ☐ Perkofski Boat Launch (De Pere Fairgrounds) | ☐ West De Pere Middle School |
| ☐ Samantha Park | ☐ East River Trail | ☐ Westwood Elementary School |

☐ Other (please specify)

9. Why do you visit this area most frequently? (location, amenities like playground equipment, good spot for fishing, etc.)

10. Which park or outdoor area in De Pere is your favorite to visit?

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| ☐ Bicentennial Park | ☐ De Pere Community Center | ☐ Fox Point Boat Launch |
| ☐ Carney Park | ☐ Jim Martin Park | ☐ Fox River Trail |
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| ☐ Other (please specify) | | |

11. What specific features or qualities of this park make it your favorite to visit?

12. Please indicate which of the following activities you have engaged in at a De Pere park or facility in the past year:

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| ☐ I don't use the city's park's | ☐ Disc Golf |
| ☐ Walk | ☐ Nature or wildlife observation |
| ☐ Use playground equipment | ☐ Yoga or meditation |
| ☐ Athletics (soccer, baseball, tennis, etc.) | ☐ Read or study |
| ☐ Run / Jog | ☐ Picnic |
| ☐ Exercise | ☐ Boat/kayak/canoe |
| ☐ Exercise a pet | ☐ Fish |
| ☐ Hike | ☐ Sled |
| ☐ Bicycle | ☐ Ice Skate |
| ☐ Frisbee | |
| ☐ Other (please specify) | |

13. Have you visited any of the following regional recreational facilities in the past year?

Please select all that apply or specify any regional facility not listed:

- | | |
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| ☐ I did not visit any regional recreational facility in the past year | ☐ Fonferek's Glen |
| ☐ Baird Creek Parkway | ☐ Green Bay Botanical Garden |
| ☐ Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve/Ft. Howard Wildlife Area | ☐ Greater Green Bay YMCA |
| ☐ Bay Shore Park | ☐ Pamperin Park (Largest developed park in Brown County) |
| ☐ Bay Beach Amusement Park & Soccer Fields | ☐ Reforestation Camp |
| ☐ Brown County Golf Course | ☐ Suamico Boat Launch |
| ☐ Brown County Fairgrounds | ☐ St. Francis Park |
| ☐ Brown County Rifle Range | |
| ☐ Other regional facility not operated by the City of De Pere: | |

14. If you did visit a regional recreational facility, what reasons led you to visit? Please check all that apply and specify any other reasons not listed:

- | | |
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| ☐ Large natural area not available within the city | ☐ Enjoyable hiking/walking trails |
| ☐ Peaceful and quiet environment | ☐ Access to picnic facilities |
| ☐ Special event or occasion | ☐ Availability of athletic fields |
| ☐ Wildlife or bird watching opportunities | ☐ Boating and fishing opportunities |
| ☐ Engaging programs (classes, workshops, camps, etc.) | ☐ Playground equipment for recreation |

* 15. Are there any reason's you don't use parks in De Pere? Please choose all the reasons that apply or tell us if there are any other reasons not listed here.

- ☐ Nope, I love De Pere parks and already use them!
- ☐ Not enough time
- ☐ Parks are too far away
- ☐ I can't walk/bicycle to the parks
- ☐ Parks are not accessible for people with disabilities
- ☐ Parks are in bad condition
- ☐ I do not know the park locations
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. Are there any parks in De Pere that you dislike or think could be improved? If so, please explain why:

17. During the winter months, where do you participate in recreational activities? Please select from the options below or write your own:

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| ☐ I don't engage in winter recreation. | ☐ Community Center Sledding Hill |
| ☐ VFW Ice Rink | ☐ Lions Trailside Park Sledding Hill |
| ☐ Legion Park Ice Rink | ☐ Kiwanis Park Sledding Hill |
| ☐ De Pere Ice Arena (indoors) | ☐ East River Trail (Snowshoeing, cross country skiing) |
| ☐ Community Center (indoors) | ☐ Voyageur Park (Snowshoeing, cross country skiing) |
| ☐ Other (please specify) | |

18. Are there any specific age groups that you feel are not adequately served with the existing parks and recreation programming? Please explain:

19. Do you have any safety concerns about the parks in De Pere? Please share any concerns you have:



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Next, we're going to ask for some feedback on the services provided by the city.

20. How important are street trees for your neighborhood? *(Street trees are typically found between the street and sidewalk and are maintained by the city)*

- ☐ Very important, I love having street trees.
- ☐ They're not essential, but it's nice to have them.
- ☐ Not important, I don't see the value of street trees.

Is there anything you'd like to add about the importance of street trees in your neighborhood? Please feel free to add any additional comments or feedback:

21. Do you believe De Pere needs more trees in general?

- ☐ Yes! I'd love to see more street trees.
- ☐ No. I think we have enough trees.

Other (please specify)

22. How well do you think the street trees are maintained?

- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Could use improvement

* 23. Please rank the following Forestry Department Core Services in terms of importance to you, with 1 being the highest priority and 7 being the lowest priority:

-  Tree removal
-  Tree pruning
-  Decorations - Flags/Banners/decorations
-  Tree planting
-  Community beautification (flower baskets, pots, etc.)
-  Resident education/assistance
-  Stump removal

* 24. Please rank the following Parks Department core services in terms of importance to you, with 1 being the most important and 12 being the least important:

-  Lawn mowing
-  Line trimming
-  Diamond/Field preparation
-  Ice/Hockey Rinks
-  Snow removal (sidewalk/parking lots)
-  Flower/Mulch bed maintenance
-  Garbage collection
-  Shelter cleaning/maintenance
-  Special event assistance
-  Playground inspection/maintenance
-  Hardscape projects and maintenance (memorial benches/swing, beds, etc.)
-  Boat Launch/Dock maintenance (installation, repair, removal)

25. Are you familiar with the following Parks & Forestry programs or resources? Please select the option that best describes your level of familiarity:

- Goose Patrol Program
- Memorial Bench & Tree Program
- Jerry Hasenberg Jr. Memorial Tree Fund
- Parkway Tree Planting Program
- Requested a tree pruning or removal for a tree in the City right-of-way
- Compost Facility
- Tree care manual

- ☐ I am familiar with and have used some of these programs in the past
- ☐ I have heard of them, but have never used them
- ☐ I've never heard of these programs



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Finally, just a few more questions before you go.

26. Generally, how would you rate the ability to access and use parks in De Pere?

- ☐ Excellent, they are easy to reach and use.
- ☐ Average, some of them are easy to reach and use.
- ☐ Poor, many of them are difficult to reach and use.

If you selected "Poor", please specify which park(s) have accessibility issues and describe the main difficulties you encounter:

27. Is there one thing that would encourage you to visit De Pere parks more often?

28. Which of the following park amenities would you like to see in De Pere parks? Please check all that apply. If there are any other amenities or features not listed that you would like to suggest, please write them in the "Other" option.

- ☐ Nature based Playground equipment
- ☐ Interpretive signage along Walking/hiking trails/ biking trails
- ☐ Dog-friendly areas / accommodations (i.e., off-leash areas, leashed dogs on trails, etc.)
- ☐ Wildlife viewing opportunities
- ☐ Outdoor fitness equipment
- ☐ Public art or sculptures
- ☐ Natural habitats or conservation areas
- ☐ Public/ Community Garden plots
- ☐ Sports fields or courts for emerging sports (e.g., pickleball, disc-golf)
- ☐ Skate parks or BMX tracks
- ☐ Outdoor performance spaces or stages
- ☐ Access to water sports activities (e.g., kayaking or paddleboarding)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 29. Should the City of De Pere allow licensed dogs in parks? You may select multiple options:

- ☐ Yes, dogs should be allowed when attended by the owner.
- ☐ Yes, dogs should be allowed on a leash and attended by the owner.
- ☐ Yes, dogs should be allowed in designated areas.
- ☐ Yes, dogs should be allowed in designated parks.
- ☐ No, dogs should not be allowed.
- ☐ I was unaware that dogs were not allowed in City Parks.

30. Do you have any interest in volunteering with De Pere Parks, Recreation, & Forestry?

- ☐ Yes, I would be interested in volunteering.
- ☐ No, I am not interested in volunteering.

If you selected "Yes", do you have a particular program or project you would like to help with? It's OK if you don't have a specific program in mind.

31. Please use this space to provide any additional comments regarding the parks & recreational facilities in the City of De Pere:





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That's it, you did it!

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. Your feedback helps us shape the plan for the continued improvement of the City of De Pere Parks. Get outdoors!



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Discussion On Considering Changes to Ordinance Pertaining to Dogs in the Parks.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.dogs in parks (DOCX)
- Ordinance Related to Dogs in the Park 11-21-19 (PDF)
- Attachment-15690 (PDF)
- Memo.Dogs.Neighboring Communities (DOCX)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: June 15, 2023

RE: Ordinance pertaining to Dogs in Parks

It has been requested the Park Board discuss their position and viewpoints on allowing dogs in parks. Back in 2019, the Board of Park Commissioners reviewed this topic and eventually upheld the current ordinance related to allowing dogs in the parks. I have included the minutes from that meeting, and a copy of the survey results at that time.

Currently, dogs are allowed on our trail systems and Voyageur Park. We have received a small handful of complaints over the years regarding dogs on the East River Trail, however for the most part we have not received many complaints and concerns over dogs on our other trails and/or Voyageur Park.


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**City of De Pere
Wisconsin**

**Action Item
8861**

Adopted
Nov 21, 2019 6:30 PM

Consideration and Possible Action to Change Current Ordinance Related to Dogs in the Parks.

Information

Department:	Parks, Recreation & Forestry	Sponsors:
Category:	Approval	

Attachments

Printout
[Dogs in Parks Survey 10.17.19](#)
[DOGS IN THE PARK.summary](#) (This file has not yet been converted to a viewable format)

Meeting History

Nov 21, 2019 6:30 PM Video **Board of Park Commissioners** **Regular Meeting** **Draft**

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that former Alderperson and Brown County Supervisor Knizel requested City Council to consider changing the policy in regards to dogs in parks to be similar to other municipalities and Brown County. City Council deferred the recommendation to the Park Board. Marty stated he spoke with neighboring municipalities, the assistant city attorney, police department, the different user groups, and put a survey online to help provide guidance to the Park Board.

Alderperson Chandik Kundinger thanked Marty for putting the survey online. She stated the comments were really eye opening. At first it appeared there was an overwhelming support of the change, however after reading the comments, there is an overwhelming support of enforcement of the current policy and enforcement appears to be an issue.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that there are signs up in most parks. There can be more of a social media presence, which will have no cost, but will be temporary. Waste stations could be installed in the parks at a cost of approximately \$300 per unit, plus additional costs incurred by the parks for wages and supplies. Enforcement is almost impossible because most violations occur after 5:00 pm. In order to enforce the ordinance, there would need to be police presence in the parks, which the police department does not have the staff. The only way the park department could have true enforcement would be to hire someone to be a park patrol to monitor the parks in the evening hours.

Sue Schinkten questioned if there is a problem with dogs in Voyageur Park.

Bill Volpano stated that it appears there isn't an ordinance problem, but there is a policing problem.

Alderperson Jennings commented on the survey results which show residents are overwhelmingly against dogs being allowed in parks. There are over 150 miles of sidewalk in De Pere where people can walk their dog. Alderperson Jennings feels the ordinance should not be expanded, when we cannot enforce what we have now. However, he also mentioned that Green Bay has a small micro dog park, Whitney Park and would like to know if De Pere would have any land available to discuss the possibility of having micro dog parks within the city.

Alderperson Raasch commented that being a dog owner, he felt this would be a good idea, however everyone is not a responsible dog owner. He feels the ordinance we have now should continue and there are more important things for the police to deal with than to monitor dogs in parks.

Sue Schinkten commented that she likes the idea of micro dog parks within the city.

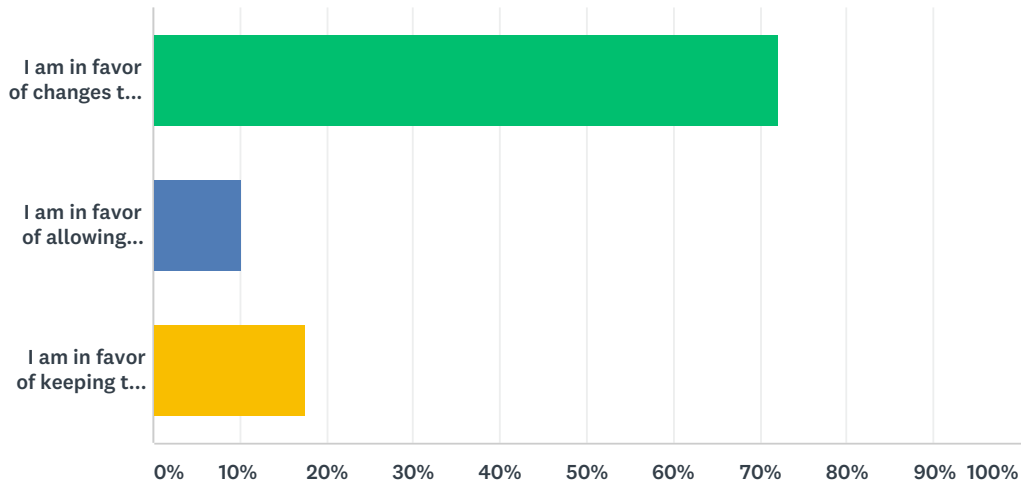
Randy Soquet recommends gathering data regarding dogs in parks and look into the possibility of expanding the ordinance in a responsible way in the future.

Sue Schinkten moved to continue the current ordinance related to dogs in the parks as is, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER: Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES: Ryan Jennings, Amy Chandik Kundinger, Dean Raasch, George Brown, Sue Schinkten, Randy Soquet, Bill Volpano

Q1 Please select ONLY ONE ANSWER that applies to you best:

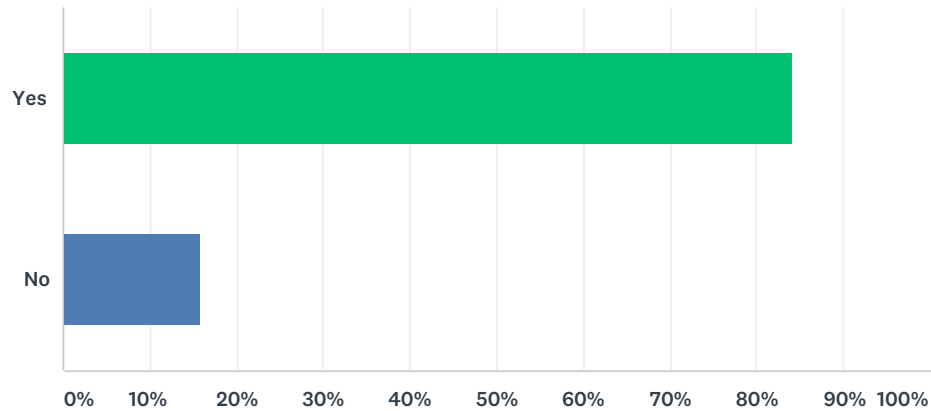
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am in favor of changes that allow dogs to enter City of De Pere parks provided they are leashed, the owner is required to pick up after the dog, and would not be permitted on sport fields, playgrounds, and/or buildings.	72.20%	361
I am in favor of allowing dogs to enter City of De Pere parks provided they are leashed, the owner is required to pick up after the dog, and only in parks that do not have any sport fields and/or diamonds.	10.20%	51
I am in favor of keeping the existing policy unchanged, which allows leashed dogs only at Voyaguer Park, the Preserve and East River Trail; and the De Pere Dog Park (off leash).	17.60%	88
TOTAL		500

Q2 Are you a City of De Pere resident?

Answered: 500 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		84.20%	421
No		15.80%	79
TOTAL			500

Q3 General comments or feedback regarding this issue.

Answered: 162 Skipped: 338

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As long as there is no dog poop found around play areas for children, dogs should be allowed everywhere. They are an important part of the family dynamic	10/16/2019 10:19 PM
2	Dogs make for a good natured community.	10/16/2019 10:00 PM
3	I think this change would be a good idea and a positive action for De Pere. Please consider it.	10/15/2019 9:35 PM
4	I've seen dogs in these parks for years. Make it legal and trust that dog owners will do what is expected of them.	10/15/2019 9:27 PM
5	I've seen dogs in these parks for years. Obviously, it's not that big of a deal. Make it legal and trust dog owners will do what is expected of them.	10/15/2019 9:23 PM
6	I have two small children who are scared of dogs due to bad experiences with poorly trained and controlled dogs. I would strongly prefer to keep the current policy.	10/14/2019 9:10 PM
7	I believe many families would use the parks more often if dogs were allowed in.	10/14/2019 8:37 PM
8	As more dogs are allowed in everyday activities with families they will socialize and it won't be a big issue. May need to offer a place to get water in case the dogs are sick so owners can rinse it off the grass. And we could put out dog bowls for water like the dog park has. Thanks for asking and surveying. We technically live in Ashwaubenon but are in W DePere SD.	10/14/2019 5:56 PM
9	My kids play at the depere parks and I appreciate that dogs are kept to a limit.	10/14/2019 5:05 PM
10	My husband is allergic to dogs - badly enough that if a dog licks him or touches him he can have a severe reaction. Even if dogs are friendly and leashed, he will react if they get close. Many people - even responsible pet owners - don't realize this could happen and don't stop their dogs from approaching people. For him and others like him having dog-free environments is a safety issue and limits where he can safely be in public. Please keep the existing policy in place.	10/14/2019 4:36 PM
11	The geese make more mess than my dog would...and I clean up after her!	10/14/2019 4:34 PM
12	Some people will never pick up after their dogs and ruins it for everyone. I ride a bike and hate to run over dog crap.	10/14/2019 4:28 PM
13	I would also suggest that sports teams using the fields/diamonds are required to inform their player's family and guests that those parks are dog free. (Cleaning dog poop out of cleats is the worst)	10/14/2019 4:21 PM
14	I frequent the trails & voyeager Park often and clearly there are enough pet owners that do not clean up after their pets. I've also seen owners leave their shit filled bags on the trail.....seriously?!? What's the point!! It only takes a few bad apples to ruin it for everyone else.	10/14/2019 4:20 PM
15	People that pay taxes and have dogs should be able to bring them to the parks.	10/14/2019 4:19 PM
16	Many communities are becoming more dog friendly, however this area is very slow. It would benefit the City and attract new residents if most public facilities were dog friendly.	10/14/2019 3:37 PM
17	no dog owner 'cleans up' after their dog, so this should not be allowed. Parts of Voyager park are nothing more than an open pit toilet for dogs.	10/14/2019 11:49 AM
18	Allouez resident	10/13/2019 3:34 PM
19	city parks are for kids and families to play and have picnic lunches and not have to worry about irresponsible pets owners that allow their dogs unleashed or don't pick up after them. Dog owners have other places to bring their pets, dog parks or walking any streets. Keep our city parks safe and clean for all children and families to enjoy without worrying about animals.	10/12/2019 11:46 PM
20	As a single woman, having my dog with me provides a sense of security and not feeling alone. I would be more willing to explore the park systems if I were able to bring my dog along with me.	10/12/2019 6:41 PM

21	I don't know if there is a "fine" involved in a pet owner not picking up after their dog, but would like to ensure that the "fine" is such that it will deter the pet owner from not taking care of doing so. I love dogs and have owned one for many years. I find it very disturbing when during our walks on city sidewalks that some dog owner has not picked up after their dog. The city needs to establish a dollar value "fine" which will ensure that it does discourage any and all dog owners from not picking up after their pet!! Thank you and have a great day.	10/12/2019 4:36 PM
22	I believe there are people who will not clean up after their dogs and this will create an issue in the parks. I see people not cleaning up after their dogs when out walking them and I think it will be no different in the parks. I also believe, based on what I have witnessed in neighborhood parks, people will not follow rules about keeping dogs off of playgrounds.	10/12/2019 2:29 PM
23	I have lived in a number of states and Northeast WI has, sadly, been one of the least dog friendly. This is absolutely a consideration when I am looking for a place to live and visit.	10/12/2019 1:08 PM
24	Responsible pet owners will appreciate the opportunity and follow the rules. Impose fines for those who don't. Provide waste stations with bags to incentivize responsible behavior.	10/12/2019 12:43 PM
25	Make the fines stiffer for intentionally leaving feces behind or dogs that are not socialized. They are in my neighborhood too. I am a responsible dog owner and resent not being able to take my dog to these places because of the conduct of a few dog owners who don't seem to care. Maybe stiffer enforcement and fines would help get those dog owners to comply. ?	10/12/2019 10:43 AM
26	I work in DP and like when my family can meet me after work with the dog to take a walk. However, we the fact we can't let our son play at your parks because of our deters me from spending time (and money) in De Pere.	10/12/2019 10:24 AM
27	If they allow drunks why not dogs I pick up beer cans every year off of my lawn after the pink flamingo and that doesn't seem to bother any city officials	10/12/2019 10:00 AM
28	Our family would use the De Pere parks much more often if we could bring our dog with us. As long as people leash their dogs and clean up after them, this would be a great addition to the community.	10/12/2019 9:26 AM
29	The De Pere dog park is virtually unusable May-September due to being built on swamp land. Many dogs get sick due to the huge amounts of standing water and extremely high amount of mosquitoes. The grass gets so long that most don't pick up after their dogs, which adds to dogs getting sick.	10/12/2019 8:35 AM
30	I feel there are enough choices for dog owners to have unleashed dogs available in the area. The parks are for families with children and also adults who there to relax and not have to be concerned about unleashed dogs.	10/11/2019 11:07 PM
31	I've been bitten in the past, and now have a fear of dogs. My experience is that people are unreliable; they do not always follow rules of keeping their dogs leashed, and picking up after their dogs. Dogs currently have parks where they are allowed, and there are parks where people can go without having to be concerned about dogs, feels like a fair balance.	10/11/2019 10:30 PM
32	There are children who are deathly afraid of dogs / have legitimate phobias and they shouldnt be put in the possible situation they have to leave what is supposed to be a fun time for them	10/11/2019 10:10 PM
33	I do not know why they would not be allowed in parks currently. Most cities allow this	10/11/2019 8:45 PM
34	Let them go anywhere as long As they are leashed- not just parks.	10/11/2019 8:23 PM
35	Although I am not a resident, I live one block from the Abbey in Allouez and am a regular user of the Dog Park but it is a long drive.	10/11/2019 7:42 PM
36	There are too many loose dogs in city parks. If you make a regulation someone needs to enforce it.	10/11/2019 7:33 PM
37	why is it necessary to allow dogs in parks? Parks are for people and children. Dog owners have places they can walk their dogs, in their own neighborhoods, dog parks, etc. Leave the city parks for children please.	10/11/2019 5:23 PM
38	Perfectly good dog park in de pere for them to take their dog!!! parks are for children to play on play grounds, disc golf , softball soccer , etc .	10/11/2019 5:17 PM
39	If all dog owners were responsible and picked up their dog's excrements my opinion might be different. I worked for a local school in De Pere and people walked their dogs on our playgrounds and didn't clean up after their dogs. Why would it be any different in the parks.	10/11/2019 5:14 PM

40	This is long overdue. It is unfair to preemptively punish responsible dog owners.	10/11/2019 5:11 PM
41	I live near the East River Trail in DePere and frequently use the trail. There are a number of owners who do not keep their dogs leashed on the trail and frequently walk by my house on Tenmile Drive with their dogs not leashed. I would like the leash law enforced or amend the law to NOT allow dogs on the East River Trail. As a senior citizen I have had near falls as unleashed dogs approach my bike. Also I frequent the trail with my wheel chair bound grandson who is afraid of unleashed dogs who approach him.	10/11/2019 5:02 PM
42	I love walking my dog in voyageur park, however, voyageur becomes "unwalkable" in spring and fall due to the huge amounts of goose poop. It would be so nice to be able to walk in parks without goose poop. PLUS in summer its too hot to walk dogs on the city streets during the day. It is nice to be able to walk them in the shade during summer days	10/11/2019 4:12 PM
43	Many dog owners do not clean up after their dogs, even when "required" to. We love the De Pere parks because of the policies it has regarding dogs.	10/10/2019 10:02 AM
44	Allowing them in outdoor seating at restaurants would be great as well	10/10/2019 8:04 AM
45	Please enforce keeping them out of farmers market. I'm not a dog owner or fan. I was bit as a child and I saw a kid get bit in the FACE by a leashed dog after the Christy's Race outside Shopko a few years ago. I'm all for dogs keeping the geese away...but I don't need a dog in my life—especially someone else's dog.	10/9/2019 9:20 PM
46	Our dog is like another child and we bring her anywhere we can, even intentionally seeking out businesses that are dog friendly. More and more people are looking for dog friendly places, so why not at least allow them in parks as long as they're leashed and cleaned up after?	10/9/2019 9:00 PM
47	There are too many people out there that are not responsible (don't pick up after dogs, don't keep control of wild/more aggressive dogs, etc) it's better to keep them limited to certain parks.	10/9/2019 8:54 PM
48	Thanks for considering the change to become pet-friendly!	10/9/2019 8:46 PM
49	Let the doggos free!!!!	10/9/2019 8:29 PM
50	We love to include our furry family members in family activities, being able to go to more parks would open up our family adventures	10/9/2019 8:24 PM
51	My husband plays in a softball league at legion and I would love to be able to bring our doggo!	10/9/2019 8:24 PM
52	I am a dog lover and owner. My vote is simply because humans can't be responsible.	10/9/2019 8:23 PM
53	Dogs do not belong in parks.even older people are afraid of dogs from youth experiences.	10/9/2019 6:23 PM
54	We have dog parks . If you want a dog keep it home . Other people don't enjoy them and are afraid of them	10/9/2019 5:47 PM
55	Dogs generally do not inhibit the safety of other residents and as long as rules are followed should not be a problem.	10/9/2019 4:12 PM
56	Even now, dogs scare and run up to little kids. I am very much against this. As a homeowner on Jim Martian Park, we already have people's dogs coming on our property and going after our kids. We need to keep the parks safe and welcoming to our little people as a priority and safety measure.	10/9/2019 3:09 PM
57	I use DP parks often. leashed dogs are often more protective and territorial. How many dog bites have happened at the dog park where all dogs are unleashed? This data may help make an informed policy change. As a responsible owner I would keep my dog leashed if others were around but would like the option of letting them run if I was the only one around. Maybe have leash times during peak park populations (i.e. 10am-5pm dogs must be leashed..)?	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
58	Allow dogs in parks with diamonds and sports fields when games are not being being played	10/9/2019 2:09 PM
59	I often walk my dog with my kids in a stroller and would love to be able to stop at parks along the way with my dog instead of dropping him off at home and making our way out again. He'd always be leashed and I always pick up after him. This getting passed would be great for our family and I'm sure many others as well!	10/9/2019 1:38 PM
60	Love taking my small dog to the parks to watch my grandsons play baseball. He enjoys it too & gets a lot of good interaction with other people & dogs.	10/9/2019 12:59 PM
61	If they are allowed in some parks why not all parks, less confusion. Thanks	10/9/2019 12:51 PM

62	thank you	10/9/2019 12:02 PM
63	Provided there are disposal stations.	10/9/2019 11:20 AM
64	We currently are not a De Pere Citizen, but used to live there...we move about 25 minutes away, but still drive into De Pere we walk on the East River and Fox River trails with our dogs. Beautiful area and great socialization experience for our pups. Would love to be able to take the dogs to more parks. I absolutely think dogs should be allowed to attend child ball games and also be allowed near playgrounds as well. :)	10/9/2019 11:01 AM
65	I would be in favor of building additional fenced-in dog facilities at the various public parks with doggie obstacle courses and off leash running areas. I also would not be adverse to allowing dogs in some buildings under some circumstances (like if a building is being used for a private event, why not allow those running the event to decide?)	10/9/2019 10:49 AM
66	I'd like to see De Pere become more dog friendly as long as dog owners act responsibly and follow the rules.	10/9/2019 10:21 AM
67	No one actually cleans up the dogs fecal matter as it is. I'd rather not worry about it at the other parks when I am there with my kids.	10/9/2019 10:16 AM
68	Cities across the country are moving to more dog friendly policies. I'm happy to see De Pete interested in doing the same.	10/9/2019 10:01 AM
69	Dogs scare my kids and I already see too many unleashed dogs in De Pere parks as it is, so don't need to make the policy any less restrictive.	10/9/2019 9:58 AM
70	It would be nice if the current laws were enforced. There are dogs at most kids sporting events. Not sure if there are even signs at the parks stating no dogs allowed.	10/9/2019 9:44 AM
71	There are many people who are allergic of dogs and/or afraid of dogs.	10/9/2019 9:26 AM
72	No dogs in parks! I don't feel like getting rabies! Terrible plan! Will cost more in maintenance!	10/9/2019 8:38 AM
73	Is the city setting aside additional dollars for dog waste clean up, damage to parks, and potential lawsuits when dogs that are off leash attack kids in a park? If so, where is that money coming from? People are already bringing dogs to parks (which is against policy) and they are not picking up their dog waste, etc. My child was chased down by a dog at a local park, and I'm not comfortable with my tax dollars going to a park that my kids can't enjoy because dogs are running around it. Slippery slope, this is a terrible idea.	10/9/2019 8:35 AM
74	There are many little kids who use the parks that are terrified of dogs. They need to feel safe when they go to a park.	10/9/2019 8:30 AM
75	Dogs should be allowed in so many more places as long as the owner is held responsible for them.	10/9/2019 7:41 AM
76	If there were stiff penalties for people that unleash their dogs, I might be willing to consider it. I've seen so many people in other parts of the state that think their dog is the exception because it comes when it is called. That only works until it doesn't.	10/9/2019 5:30 AM
77	I would like to see larger or more signage at the parks on weather dogs are allowed or not.	10/9/2019 2:20 AM
78	This is a no brainer.. everyone has dogs!	10/8/2019 1:33 PM
79	Dogs should be allowed on sports fields like soccer fields and outfields as long as they are cleaned up after	10/7/2019 6:41 PM
80	People already exploit the rules at Southwest Park, habitually there are animals running loose there. Leashed animals are at sporting events there and even ON THE FRIGGIN PLAYGROUND! I'm allergic and want to have my kids at the park and people are stupid and don't follow rules--they exist for reasons like allergies etc..	10/7/2019 2:10 PM
81	Thanks for considering this!	10/7/2019 3:03 AM
82	I do not live in DePere, but have worked here and participated in this community for over 7 years. Having dogs at the Market on Thursday's has been a great addition, would love to see more pet friendly businesses all over this area! When you go to larger cities, it is a non issue, pets go everywhere with their owners . It brings me joy to see animals.	10/6/2019 8:18 PM
83	Please make this area much more dog friendly!	10/6/2019 10:52 AM

84	We need go somehow monitor the owners' participation in cleaning up after their dogs. Volunteers?	10/5/2019 11:45 PM
85	dogs are an amazing part of the family and should be included in out door recreational activities. thanks for your consideration.	10/5/2019 1:28 PM
86	Common Sense rules that are enforced coupled with increased access for dogs is a winning strategy.	10/5/2019 12:40 PM
87	I'm in favor of leashed dogs outside of baseball diamonds as well. Meaning of course not let into the diamond area.	10/5/2019 11:17 AM
88	Being dog-friendly is very important to the health of the city. Allowing dogs helps people by encouraging them to walk and get exercise, as well as socialize with other dog-lovers. Responsible dog etiquette is equally important to avoid annoying non-dog people, but I believe the wave of our society is much more toward allowing dogs almost anywhere. I love going to an outdoor cafe and seeing dogs with their owners, enjoying time together. I wish De Pere would move in that direction even further. Most big cities have already done this.	10/5/2019 10:33 AM
89	Dogs and children are unpredictable. I also have observed that where dogs are allowed, leashing is not consistent.	10/5/2019 7:52 AM
90	I had no idea dogs were "not" allowed! I think this definitely needs to be changed. Thanks for looking into getting this updated.	10/5/2019 7:38 AM
91	Please give dogs more places to go! The geese make way more of a mess and never clean up!	10/5/2019 7:13 AM
92	Our dog is our family and we love taking him with us! It always helps to have trash cans readily available so folks can easily throw away waste.	10/5/2019 7:04 AM
93	My first thought is that people have been bringing their dogs to parks where they are not allowed anyway - we spent the entire summer at Optimist Park summer lunch program with several dogs there every day. Dog owners seem to forget that many people are allergic to dogs or just plain afraid or uncomfortable around dogs! I'd like to say "let the well-behaved and leashed dogs in the parks" but I know that's not possible.	10/5/2019 6:47 AM
94	Dogs are family/friends for many people and I think there are far more responsible owners than not. I am a Ledgeview resident.	10/5/2019 6:19 AM
95	DOG FRIENDLY DE PERE!	10/5/2019 12:54 AM
96	May as well open it up because existing rules aren't enforced anyway.	10/4/2019 9:46 PM
97	Would love to be able to take our dog on more walks to the park with our kids.	10/4/2019 8:30 PM
98	I would like dogs to be allowed in parks on leashes and owners picking up after them because it would be nice to be able to take the dog and kids for a walk and let the kids play at the park.	10/4/2019 8:28 PM
99	Include a fine of \$50-\$100 for owners not intentionally picking up after their dog.	10/4/2019 8:01 PM
100	Nice if all people remember to keep dogs on leashes where ever they are.	10/4/2019 7:23 PM
101	De Pere is way too far behind in embracing four legged family members. Dogs should be allowed to attend sporting events as well.	10/4/2019 7:19 PM
102	Dogs should be allowed at sporting events like soccer and baseball provided they aren't distracting families and of coarse picking up after your dog	10/4/2019 6:30 PM
103	I love seeing dogs in the park! They are part of the family ♥	10/4/2019 6:02 PM
104	We need more dog parks. One on the east side of town would be great.	10/4/2019 5:36 PM
105	The problem I see is that people do not clean up after their dog and they are not considerate of field setups on the ball diamonds. I am a Town of Lawrence resident but I am at a city park throughout much of the spring and summer.	10/4/2019 5:27 PM
106	I'm in favor of having dog owners have access to walk dogs thru a park	10/4/2019 5:18 PM
107	I have a dog and he likes to go for walks. Only make a sense to walk him while walking my kids to the park.	10/4/2019 5:12 PM
108	I have a dog and love them but unfortunately some dog owners will ruin it for all by not picking up after their dog or thinking everyone loves their dog as much as they do. There are plenty of places in de pere for dogs. Parks is not one of them.	10/4/2019 5:09 PM

109	I am town of lawrence resident and use depere parks regularly.	10/4/2019 5:06 PM
110	So glad to see you revisiting this policy.	10/4/2019 4:42 PM
111	Even if you require the owner pick up or not bring the dog near sports fields or playgrounds, would they listen?	10/4/2019 4:27 PM
112	I don't have a dog, but this wouldn't bother me one bit!	10/4/2019 3:37 PM
113	De Pere has the potential to become a dog friendly city	10/4/2019 2:47 PM
114	Would love to see De Pere become more dog friendly - thank you for considering!	10/4/2019 2:43 PM
115	People are always bringing their dogs to Optimist Park during softball games. They don't pay attention to the posted signs, and I've never seen anyone enforce it and make them leave anyway.	10/4/2019 2:32 PM
116	I did not like the change of allowing dogs in Voyager Park. I used to go there often, but now do not due to the dogs. I have a son who is afraid of dogs, and I don't trust them. Not all owners keep their dogs on leashes at Voyageur Park or on De Pere streets. I walk down Ridgeway and have to walk off the sidewalk to avoid an oncoming walker with a dog so it doesn't come up to me. Dog owners seem to think that everyone likes dogs and want them to come up to them. I have owned my home in De Pere for over 13 years.	10/4/2019 2:23 PM
117	There is no reason to restrict owners from parks along with their dog . Dog owners generally clean up after their dog. At times people toss more debris in the park than what is created by dogs.	10/4/2019 2:16 PM
118	I personally am afraid of dogs and would rather keep the current policy in place. I would also like to know if dogs that are on private residents lawns/driveways must be on a leash? I often walk and frequently a dog will run out at me when I am on the sidewalk. I also live behind Patriot Park and frequently see dogs running around near the shelter.	10/4/2019 2:16 PM
119	Our city is way behind many other cities when it comes to being dog friendly. It would also be nice If there were more garbage cans available in spots where people walk dogs, and that they be available even in the winter	10/4/2019 2:05 PM
120	Discourage barking, too.	10/4/2019 1:44 PM
121	The dogs also should NOT be on extendable leashes. We have dogs and don't feel comfortable walking our dogs. ALL dogs should be on leashes at all times when walking anywhere in De Pere. It is a big problem.	10/4/2019 1:43 PM
122	I have a dog who behaves extremely well on leash and off leash. I am a responsible dog owner and love visiting places that are dog friendly. I live in Ashwaubenon. Dog owners who don't pick up after their dog should be punished individually vs all dog owners.	10/4/2019 1:43 PM
123	Makes parks family friendly	10/4/2019 1:39 PM
124	Dogs should be allowed in all outdoor facilities as long as the owners pick up after them and they are leashed. Most families will say that their dog is part of their family and when that part of their family isn't allowed certain places, i.e sports fields, they are forced to leave them behind at home or find a different place. Also I think a lot of people would agree that having dogs around just makes everyone happier and creates a better environment.	10/4/2019 1:37 PM
125	I think we need to be more aware that individuals do have fears against dogs and allowing them in the parks takes enjoyment away from non dog owners.	10/4/2019 1:33 PM
126	I would like to see a 5 ft lease law on the Fox River Trail...and that would include "No Retractable Leashes". Too many dog walkers abuse this rule as they let their dogs out to the extent of the leash and don't retract them as bikers/skaters pass them. Some dogs are unpredictable. Hate to see injuries to ppl or pets.	10/4/2019 1:30 PM
127	I used to live in a big city where I could bring my dog everywhere. It was wonderful. It was a rude awakening to move to De Pere and find that my dog was allowed nowhere. It seems counter intuitive that small town living would be so anti-dog and big city living would be the opposite. Feels mixed up.	10/4/2019 1:30 PM
128	Given the track record of people picking up after their dogs in the city, I am not in favor of dogs in parks at all.	10/4/2019 1:10 PM
129	Promote responsible dog ownership as opposed to banning all dogs	10/4/2019 1:04 PM

130	I believe this would be a worthwhile venture and as long as owners are responsible and keeps dogs leashed and picking up after them, it should be fine. The city would have difficulty with enforcement. Adopt the least restrictive ordinance. If there are persistent violations the policy/ordinance can be repealed	10/4/2019 12:59 PM
131	As a family with a dog we like to be active and go for walks when nice and we love to bring our dog along however with the current laws we cannot bring her with us and have her sit by us on a bench while our children play on the playground which decreases how many times we visit the park with our children because of it.	10/4/2019 12:53 PM
132	I'm a Ledgeview resident. It's nice that dogs are now allowed at Voyager park. Would be nice to allow at the boat launch are behind Dairy Queen as well. I appreciate that bags are supplied on Fox River trail. Nice to have for back up. Thank you.	10/4/2019 12:53 PM
133	My parents are residents of de pere amd have a dog. I also have 2 dogs and spend a large amount of time at their house.	10/4/2019 12:45 PM
134	For this to work, it has to be enforced. Owners cannot allow their dogs off leash or leave feces in the parks.	10/4/2019 12:30 PM
135	In general, as a dog owner, I find it very frustrating that many other dog owners either do not leash or leash with extendable leashes. It makes me not able to bring my leashed dog to all places. Regardless of any changes, it would be nice to see more education around having dogs leashes properly.	10/4/2019 12:28 PM
136	Over 54 million US homes have a dog. Dogs need to get out and run. If the plan is ever to further limit places you can bring your dog then more dog parks with better facilities (adequate water, shade, bathrooms, and space) as well as city maintained experiences (splash pad/pool for summer, groomed trails in winter) are a must.	10/4/2019 12:19 PM
137	People should not be restricted on where to walk their dogs if they are leashed and cared for properly. Dogs are not just dogs to some people... they are children and are part of the family.	10/4/2019 12:18 PM
138	I've have had a couple of dog bites in the past. My concern is this will lead to dogs off the leash in the future.	10/4/2019 12:16 PM
139	I am not in favor of changing the policy because there are too many individuals who don't follow the rules. As an example, I repeatedly see owners with unleashed dogs on the east river trail. They know better, usually have a leash with them, and often (but not always) stop to put the leash on when they spot someone coming. Clearly they know the rules but choose not to follow them. I expect this same type of behavior would happen in other areas if dogs are allowed - individuals would choose not to follow the rules. I like dogs, I don't like uncontrolled dogs and owners who don't follow the rules.	10/4/2019 12:08 PM
140	I think it would be good to have dogs. I've lived in other parts of the country and they are generally more dog-friendly. I would suggest that the city encourage owners to be courteous by ample signage, dog bag dispensers, and poop receptacles.	10/4/2019 12:07 PM
141	I am from Green Bay and would like to be able to bring my dog more places.	10/4/2019 12:04 PM
142	I've seen too many dogs around parks where there are young children and even when on a leash owners aren't always paying attention closely and a young child get just close enough for the dog to jump in them or anything else. There is so little time to react even when you think "your dog won't hurt anyone." You never know what might happen with even the most well trained dog- they are a wild animal .	10/4/2019 12:04 PM
143	I'm an Appleton resident, and we recently passed a similar ordinance to allow dogs in our city parks. It's been great! We have seen very few problems, as most of the pet owners pushing for this were responsible to begin with! Yes there are always folks who break the rules, but they break the rules regardless so very little has changed in that regard. I hope DePere can welcome its 4-legged friends like so many communities across the country have!	10/4/2019 11:55 AM
144	Although dogs are required to be on a leash that is often not the case. Is this ordinance ever enforced?	10/4/2019 11:47 AM
145	Definitely leashed! I'm not even a dog owner, but dogs are such an important part of families these days. As long as they are leashed, owners clean up their mess and are off the playgrounds and sport fields I have no problem with it.	10/4/2019 11:46 AM
146	I would like to be able to see leashed dogs at ball games. Understanding of course that the dogs temperament in crowds must be considered.	10/4/2019 11:44 AM

147	Would like to see more enforcement of this code. My four year old was chased down by a large dog and Jim Martin and she was absolutely terrified, as was I!	10/4/2019 11:36 AM
148	To many do not pick up after their dogs.	10/4/2019 11:33 AM
149	Depere should make it easier for its residents to be pet owners and facilitate with a cost free stroke of the pen what would give dogs a better life. Most dogs are shut in doors all day while their owners are at work and if their owner is too tired to drive them to a dog park they could go days without walking on grass for a purpose other than to relieve themselves. To me that's wrong.	10/4/2019 11:33 AM
150	This would be so nice to be able to bring my dogs on a walk with me to the park while my kids play at the park.	10/4/2019 11:31 AM
151	Please do all you can to make De Pere a pet-friendly community! Dogs are family! <3	10/4/2019 11:28 AM
152	Maybe if the City of DePere makes some changes, some of the businesses will follow suit. When you go into larger cities around the country dogs are allowed to go to a lot more places. I think that is wonderful!!!!	10/4/2019 11:26 AM
153	Dogs are family and should be allowed at all parks.	10/4/2019 11:21 AM
154	So few locations to take the dog, this change would be great for everyone not just dog owners. Very disheartening to see "no dogs allowed" signs in almost every park. This will bring many more people to these Parks!	10/4/2019 11:12 AM
155	I'm in favor of the change only if the rules are upheld. I love dogs, but with a small child I want to make sure she continues (and more likely me) to feel safe while in the parks.	10/4/2019 11:09 AM
156	More bag and disposal receptacles that make it easier to clean up after their dog. More dog parks would be great too!	10/4/2019 11:03 AM
157	People leave more of a mess in parks than dogs do.	10/4/2019 10:59 AM
158	It's impossible to and is not enforced as it is now . Dogs are in all the parks, and I feel like at least if they are allowed and maybe you could put out doggie bags people may do a better job cleaning up after their dog.	10/4/2019 10:54 AM
159	Not a de pere resident but live in Ledgeview and utilize the De Pere parks.	10/4/2019 10:53 AM
160	yes to dogs in parks !	10/4/2019 10:49 AM
161	I hope this only includes licensed dogs. I know this also assumes that dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs (as stated above), but currently there are a few in the neighborhood who do not follow this. Without cameras it is difficult to monitor.	10/4/2019 10:49 AM
162	This is long over due. Yes there will be a small few that will not pick up their dog droppings but that is far out weight by the joy it will bring to other. Also if this goes through make sure the DPPD has an offense or ordinance in place to charge those that don't pick up after their dogs	10/4/2019 10:47 AM

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: June 15, 2023

RE: Dogs in Parks – Other Communities

I did a quick poll of a couple of neighboring communities on how they handle dogs in parks. Here is there information.

Allouez – Allows dogs in general park areas on a leash 6 ft or less. They have a few issues revolving around people violating the leash requirement and picking up after their dog.

Ledgeview – Allows dogs in general park areas on a leash 6 ft or less. They have on going issues with dogs going on sport/athletic fields.

Ashwaubenon - Domestic pets are only allowed in parks for the purpose of being walked, on pass-through walkways or pathways, parking lots serving the walkways or pathways, and village trails. Owners are required to clean up any waste deposited by said pet, and properly dispose of off-site. Pets must be on a leash a maximum of 8ft. Have not had many complaints/concerns.



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