



Board of Park Commissioners

335 South Broadway

Regular Meeting

De Pere, WI 54115
<http://www.de-pere.org>

Agenda

Thursday, May 15, 2014

6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a Regular Meeting of the **Board of Park Commissioners** of the City of De Pere will be held on **May 15, 2014** at **6:30 PM** in the **De Pere City Hall Council Chambers, 335 S. Broadway Street, De Pere, WI 54115.**

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

II. Items

1. Approve Minutes from Board of Park Commissioners Meeting 4-17-14.
2. Consider request for City of De Pere to become a "Bird City".
3. Review and approve direction of deer and deer hunting issue.*
4. Approve land purchase of property WD-1541 and WD-1542.*
5. Approve donation from WPS toward the purchase of the Zamboni.*
6. Approval to Accept Tree Donation from the GB Packers, WDNR, GB Packaging, SCA, WPS & US Forest Service.*
7. Approval to accept \$500 donation from De Pere Christian Outreach Corp to Recreation Scholarship Fund.*

III. Public Comment Period

IV. Future Agenda Items

V. Staff Updates

1. Humana Employees assistance in Tree Planting
2. Kiwanis Shelter Maintenance
3. Donation of Youth Tennis Racquets from the Pro Shop.
4. Discussion regarding Waiver of Fees.

VI. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of 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.

Committee Members
Alderpersons
Mayor Michael J. Walsh
Judy Schmidt-Lehman, City Attorney
Allyson Watson, Definitely De Pere
Marty Kosobucki

De Pere Youth Hockey
Tod Maki, De Pere Select Soccer
Larry Delo, City Administrator
City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor
De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce
TV & Radio Stations

Staff Members

Henry Kneiszel, Teen Advisor
De Pere Rapides Soccer
Ben Villarruel, Unified School District
Wisconsin Public Service, Ron Antonneau
Green Bay Packers, Aaron Popkey
Ryan Jennings

Abbey Barnes, Teen Advisor
De Pere Baseball
John Zegers, West De Pere School District
De Pere City Clerk
De Pere Christian Outreach
Wisconsin DNR, Tracy Salisbury

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Members of the Common Council of the City of De Pere may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject (s) over which they have decision making responsibility.

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Approve Minutes from Board of Park Commissioners Meeting 4-17-14.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Minutes 4-17-14(PDF)



Board of Park Commissioners

335 South Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

<http://www.de-pere.org>

Regular Meeting

Draft Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2014

6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member George Brown

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Present	
Bill Volpano	Board Member	Present	
George Brown	Board Member	Present	
Michael Donovan	Aldersperson	Present	
Rod Kowalczyk	Board Member	Excused	
Larry Lueck	Aldersperson	Present	
Lisa Rafferty	Aldersperson	Present	

II. Action Items

1. Approve Minutes from the Board of Park Commissioners 3-17-14.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER: Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES: Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

2. Request for Approval of Donation from De Pere Youth Hockey*

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael Donovan, Aldersperson
SECONDER: Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES: Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

3. Request for Approval of Donation from Green Bay Figure Skating Club*

Marty Kosobucki reviewed the contingencies in the Green Bay Figure Skating Club's donation with the board. Marty explained there will still have to be meetings with Green Bay Figure Skating Club and Wisconsin Public Service.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to accept the concept of the donation subject to discussion. This motion was amended.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to approve the donation in concept with the understanding that it would be brought back to Park Board after reviewing the contingencies with the donor. This motion was amended.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to approve the donation in concept with the understanding the donation would be referred to staff and staff would have discussion with Green Bay Figure Skating Club in reference to the contingencies, staff would then present the donation to Common Council, seconded by Bill Volpano. Motion passed.

Attachment: Draft Minutes 4-17-14 (2157 : Approve Minutes from Board of Park Commissioners Meeting 4-17-14)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

4. Review and Approve Community Center 1st Quarter Report - 2014

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Larry Lueck, Alderperson
AYES:	Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

5. Approval for Renewal of Time Warner Cable Agreement.*

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

6. Review and Approve Contract for Aquatic Facility Evaluation for Legion and VFW Pools.*

Marty Kosbucki and Stephanie Schlag took questions from the board in reference to the bids received. Marty explained the lowest bid was higher than the budgeted amount for the evaluation. Marty explained he checked with Joe Zegers from our Finance Department and the extra monies could be taken out of the capitol funds to offset the cost.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to approve the contract for Aquatic Facility Evaluation with MSA Professional Services and take the extra monies needed from the capitol fund, seconded by Bill Volpano. Motion passed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

7. Approve the cancelation of installing webcams at the Riverwalk
Marty Kosobucki explained to the board, after checking out more information on the Web Cams for the Riverwalk there is not enough data output to live stream the Webcams. He stated we may be able to look into the webcams at a later date when the price may come down.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Larry Lueck, Alderperson
AYES:	Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Lueck, Rafferty

8. Approve request from De Pere Baseball to recognize sponsors on scoreboards at Kelly Danen Park.

Larry Lueck took questions from the board in reference to the scoreboard signs. Larry Lueck abstained from voting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Schinkten, Volpano, Brown, Donovan, Rafferty
ABSTAIN:	Larry Lueck

III. Public Comment Period

None

IV. Future Agenda Items

George Brown stated the presentations for the Teen Advisor's, Abbey Barnes and Henry Kneiszel needed to be scheduled. The Teen Advisors will do their presentations at the June meeting.

V. Staff Updates

1. Humana
Marty Kosobucki reported he and George Brown met with Kevin Rosenthal from Humana. Marty felt it was a very positive meeting and felt an agreement could be reached. Marty will report back to the board in the near future.
2. Deer Population Review
Marty Kosobucki reported the results on the Open Forum meeting held on April 8, 2014. Marty reported there were about 25 people at the meeting. Marty told the board the issue of the deer problem will come to the Park Board in May, 2014.
3. Riverwalk Review
Marty Kosobucki reported the Walleye are in at Riverwalk. Marty reported there are many people at the Riverwalk and Voyageur Park. He stated all is going well with the Riverwalk.

Sue Schinkten asked about the Frisbee Golf course at Legion Park. Marty reported we cannot do anything until it dries up a little more.

George Brown asked about the progress at Optimist Park and the Dog Park. Marty reported when the Wetland Delineation study is done the work can begin.

VI. Adjournment

Sue Schinkten made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Bill Volpano.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Zierson

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Consider request for City of De Pere to become a "Bird City".

The City received a request from Ryan Jennings to consider becoming a "Bird City". I have printed off information from their website for your review. Being a "Bird City" is very similar to being a "Tree City", which currently the City of De Pere has this designation. In reviewing the requirements to become a Bird City, a drawback would be trying to run or coordinate volunteers to run a festival. I ask for input from the Park Board with regard to the importance and/or desire in pursuing this designation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bird City 2014 (PDF)

Criteria for Local Governments to be Recognized as a "Bird City"

Bird City Wisconsin seeks to encourage communities to implement sound bird conservation practices by offering high visibility public recognition to those that succeed in doing so.

To assist in achieving certification and public recognition as a community that is "bird-friendly" and protects and enhances habitat for birdlife, "Bird City Wisconsin" has worked with municipal officials and conservation organizations to compile a menu of best practices.

"Bird City Wisconsin" recognition is available to towns, villages, cities and counties and is provided at two achievement levels.

Basic Requirements

To achieve initial annual certification as a "Bird City," communities will need to demonstrate in a written application that they have met at least seven (7) of the following 22 criteria, including three (3) from Category 1 and one (1) from each of the other four categories:

1. Creation and Protection of Habitat

- A. The community is in compliance with Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" law for land use planning and resource management.
- B. The community has a park system with habitat for birds of a number of species. This is demonstrated by bird monitoring results and/or other data obtained from researchers or local volunteers.
- C. Existing bird habitat has legal protection.
- D. Park planning seeks to provide additional bird habitat.
- E. The community does not restrict "wild" or natural lawns and landscaping.
- F. The community offers the public information on control and removal of invasive species such as garlic mustard, buckthorn, and reed canary grass.
- G. The community contains a segment of the Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail or an IBA (Important Bird Area). Information on these programs is available at <http://www.wisconsinbirds.org>
- H. The local Chamber of Commerce (or similar group) takes an active role in the planning process for protecting and enlarging favorable bird habitat.
- I. OTHER: Demonstrate in a narrative account some other municipal action in furtherance of habitat creation or protection.

2. Participation in Programs Promoting Effective Community Forest Management

- A. The community participates in the "Tree City, USA," program, sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- B. OTHER: Demonstrate in a narrative account some other important municipal accomplishment in this area.

3. Limiting or Removing Hazards to Birds

- A. The community has an educational program in place to control free-roaming cats and/or actively publicizes the American Bird Conservancy "Cats Indoors!" program.
- B. The community provides easy-to-obtain information to property owners regarding protecting birds from window-strikes.
- C. OTHER: Demonstrate in a narrative account some other important municipal accomplishment in this area.

4. Public Education

- A. Schools in the community participate in Flying WILD, helping ensure that the nation's students are knowledgeable about the conservation needs of migratory and other birds.
- B. The community, through bulletin boards, community newsletters, city or county website, or other media, provides information to property owners on methods to create and enhance backyard habitat for birds.
- C. The community provides links to other organizations with information on backyard habitat programs such as Audubon at Home, the National Wildlife Federation, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, University of Wisconsin Extension, the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Humane Society of the U.S., and "Beyond the Birdfeeder: Creating a Bird-Friendly Yard with Native Wisconsin Plants," by Mariette Nowak.
- D. The community is represented in at least one bird monitoring program such as the Christmas Bird Count, the Great Backyard Bird Count, or Swift Night Out.
- E. The community sponsors an annual bird festival.
- F. The community has a program that involves schools, garden clubs or other organizations in bird conservation activities.
- G. OTHER: Demonstrate in a narrative account some other important municipal accomplishment in public education.

5. International Migratory Bird Day

The city council or village, town or county board adopts an official resolution and the community holds a celebration marking International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which generally has been observed on the second Saturday in May. *A sample resolution can be found at www.birdcitywisconsin.org/resolution. For ideas on public celebrations see www.birdday.org and www.birdcitywisconsin.org/celebrations*

Sustained Flight Awards

To achieve yearly recertification as a "Bird City" and "Sustained Flight" status, a community will need to demonstrate that it continues to meet at least seven (7) of the above criteria, including recognizing IMBD.

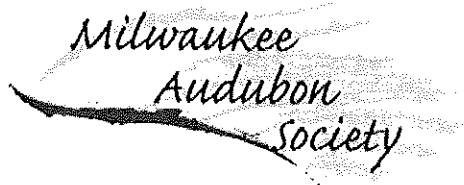


A Dozen Reasons to Become a Bird City

1. **Make a strong contribution to community pride.** Present the kind of image that most citizens want to have for the place they live or conduct business. Bird City provides a way to reach large numbers of people with important "green" information.
2. **Promote and grow your community's environmental reputation through a program that provides guidance, resources and recognition.** Bird City trumpets your current conservation successes while promoting strategies for coordinated, far-reaching, bird-centered conservation activities going forward.
3. **Sustain healthy, functioning natural systems in your community.** Wild birds are essential to pollinate flowers, disseminate seeds, and help keep insect populations under control.
4. **Sustain healthy, functioning natural systems worldwide.** Like the proverbial canaries in a coal mine, birds serve as indicators of the ecological health of our planet. Because of their rapid metabolism and wide geographic distribution, birds provide early warning to us of changes in the environment and potentially harmful biological conditions. Robust, diverse bird populations reflect the underlying health of the ecosystem in which they – and we – live. Since we share our planet with all other species, what happens to birds can happen to us.
5. **Save money.** Without the environmental assistance we get from birds, we would have to spend far more money on pest control and keeping natural systems in balance. Insect-eating birds reduce the need for chemical pest control. Birds also are voracious eaters of weed plants and rodents. They provide us with "free ecological services" and are unheralded assistants to farmers, foresters and gardeners.
6. **Make money.** Bird watching is one of the fastest growing forms of outdoor recreation in the United States. In 2006 more than 48 million Americans watched birds and spent more than \$32 billion on the pastime. People travel to see birds, buy backyard bird feeders and houses, landscape for birds, and spend money to support bird research and protect bird

habitat. In Wisconsin, the Department of Natural Resources estimates that wildlife watchers spent \$1.3 billion on their hobby in 2001.

7. **Have fun and relax.** In addition to being just plain fun, watching birds can help relieve stress. Watching birds at a feeder or birdbath can be a family experience, with kids, parents, and grandparents.
8. **Get outdoors!** Watching birds can often spark kids' interest in nature and the outdoors. More and more research is revealing the health benefits to kids who spend more time outdoors.
9. **Understand nature.** Birds pull so much together. Learning about birds is more than learning about a single season, type of animal, or habitat. Birds teach us about how we're all connected and how vulnerable our environment can become. Birds live among us and we among them.
10. **Build community spirit.** Bird-friendly actions by a community can build cooperation between public and private sectors to effectively manage many types of urban habitat, including forests, prairies and wetlands.
11. **Build beneficial networks.** Bird-friendly actions by a community put people in touch with other communities and resources that can result in mutually-beneficial outcomes
12. **Improve the local environment.** New wildlife habitat areas can offer aesthetic, social, economical and environmental benefits.



International Migratory Bird Day

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

TO BE ADOPTED ANNUALLY BY VILLAGE/TOWN/COUNTY BOARD, CITY COUNCIL

- **Whereas**, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, *and*
- **Whereas**, many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring, *and*
- **Whereas**, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide, *and*
- **Whereas**, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes, *and*
- **Whereas**, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation, *and*
- **Whereas**, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining health bird populations, *and*
- **Whereas**, since 1993 International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S., *and*
- **Whereas**, hundreds of thousands of people will observe IMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun, *and*
- **Whereas**, while IMBD officially is held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants, *and*
- **Whereas**, IMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action,

NOW THEREFORE I, _____, as _____ of the

Village/City/Town/County of _____, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim _____, 20__ as

International Migratory Bird Day

in the village/city/town/county of _____, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this observance and to support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats in our community and the world at large.

Dated this _____ day of _____ in the year _____

Signed _____
Title _____

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Review and approve direction of deer and deer hunting issue.*

History:

The issue was originally started from a request from Alderperson Bauer to consider hunting within the City limits. Upon reviewing this request, staff conducted a survey within the community related to hunting of deer within the city limits using a bow or cross bow. The survey clearly indicated that the community was in favor of allowing some type of hunt, provided it was directly related to mitigating deer problems. Upon obtaining this information, staff applied for and received a grant to conduct an aerial survey which would be helpful in determining numbers of deer within the City. The survey was conducted in February in cooperation with the Village of Allouez and Village of Ashwaubenon. The State of Wisconsin passed Act 71 which allows people to bow hunt or cross bow hunt within the municipal boundaries under certain contingencies. Upon reviewing the current information, the Board of Park Commissioners decided to conduct a listening session on the issue. The listening session was conducted in early April and hosted approximately 25 people.

Information:

I have included the following information in your packet.

- Aerial Survey of deer population in City of De Pere.
- Car/deer crash information
- Act 71 impact
- Comment summary from Listening Session
- Letter from WDNR Biologist

Staff Summary:

I believe the Park Board's first task in this issue, is to determine if the deer population within the City poses a problem to the City of De Pere and its residents. Once the Park Board makes that determination, I believe we can navigate to the next step.

In reviewing the comments and opinion from the WDNR Wildlife Biologist, it is apparent that determining if deer are a problem is not an easy question to answer. Much information should be obtained, but in the end, the determination if deer are a problem is based off of social acceptance of the deer. The only way to measure social acceptance of deer is to survey the residents. In an attempt to do this, we held and moderated a listening session. This listening session, in staff's opinion, did not provide conclusive evidence that deer were viewed as a problem from the majority.

At this point in time staff recommends that no action is taken other than considering a ban on feeding deer within the City limits. This recommendation is based on the following information:

- Act 71 has been put in place and will allow for bow and cross bow hunting within the City Limits.

- We have inconclusive evidence on car/deer crash numbers in the City of De Pere.
- We do have a high number of deer residing on the West Side of De Pere and in heavily populated areas, however it appears the majority of residents do not feel the high numbers of deer present a problem.
- Feeding of deer creates a high concentration of deer which can assist in spreading of CWD and other diseases, and also pose a risk to the animal and resident safety (ie. Car/deer crashes) based on where the deer are being fed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- DeerSurvey_Nav_Results (PDF)
- Comment Summary (DOCX)
- Act 71.Hunting impact (PDF)
- Deer Crash Summary (DOCX)
- WDNR.Letter (PDF)



Deer Block Survey

 Deer Population
 Deer Blocks
 1 in = 1 miles



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Deer and Deer Hunting Issue/Comments

Person	Address	Comment
Stan Kroll	2218 Samantha ST.	I enjoy De Pere having a modest deer population. I occasionally spot them especially in the evening. I do not believe the present population is a problem to date and unless that changes would not support reducing the population at this time. I bet with the very harsh winter mother nature has already reduced the herd? If it becomes a real problem someday then I would support managing the numbers to a reasonable urban population.
Gary Neville	St. Norbert Abbey	Indicated they have a lot of deer and feels they should be thinned.
Joe Fiel	3141 Lost Dauphin Rd.	Question if we saw deer yarded up and thought some of the areas were good spots for deer to yard up.
Judy Parins	1434 O'Keefe	Deer don't bother me at all. Part of problem is people are feeding the deer. Doesn't not feel safe with hunters in areas.
Connie Gusick	1531 Lost Dauphin Rd	Yes we have deer, but do not consider them a nuisance. Did have a problem with a young deer that ended up being a pet.
John Cordry	1985 French Road	Lives near Southbridge Road. The Preserve area is a perfect area for deer to congregate. Have twice as many deer as he has ever seen in last 40 years. Crops in middle of city is an issue. Can we give a tax break so people don't plant farm crops in the middle of city. Poachers are present in the City and is a concern.
Jeff Zepnick	221 E. River Dr.	Formerly lived in Green Bay by He Nis Ra park where deer were prevalent. From his perspective he does not see an issue/problem with deer. Has participated in GB hunt and thought it was successful. Don't think city should consider sharp shooters if they consider reducing the herd, use hunters within the City.
Jeff Martens	Driftwood	Have only seen one deer in his yard. Had question as to what would happen if a deer harvested a deer. These numbers are not going to stay stagnant. Problem is here and not going away.
Jerry Maleport	122 Red maple Rd.	Have seen a lot of deer over the years. Deer number changes over the years. Does not believe they are a nuisance...Pelicans are. Has concerns about hunting behind his house.
John Cordry	1985 French Road	Thinks sharp shooters are a waste of money. There are so many deer in the area and many people that

Attachment: Comment Summary (2100 : Review and approve direction of deer and deer hunting issue.*)

		would like to hunt. Have a lottery and charge. When the herd numbers are down, stop the hunt.
Jeff Deneys	746 Pine Street	Good idea to hunt, until you have activists coming onto public property to deter hunting. Thinks sharp shooters are a waste of money. Enough hunters around here to help.
Jeff Zepnick	221 E. River Drive	Stated he thought Act 71 might have an impact on deer population.
		Question asked if counting over 100 deer in the West Side is considered "overpopulated"? Bryan Woodbury from the WDNR answered indicated there is not an exact answer to that question. Answering that question lies with the jurisdiction in question.
		Question was if you had a "hunt" would you force private property to participate. Marty answered that the City would not likely force any private land owner to participate, however if they wanted to we would certainly entertain their involvement.
		Sharpshooters should be down the list of options.
		Question on Act 71 and is it going on now, and how long will it last. Marty responded that it was enacted in January and will last until legislation says otherwise. Brian Woodbury also stated that Act 71 would likely have some impact in periphery areas, but not have much of an impact at all in internal areas.
John Cordry		Would like to have City police their property for poachers/hunters.
		Seems like you have an overpopulation of deer on the west side, but have not really heard many people say it's a problem.
John Cordry		Said a lot of people couldn't make it and there are many people concerned with deer and feel it's a problem.
Jeff Zepnick		Suggested the City simply open up its land to general hunting. George Brown answered by saying its not that easy because of conflict of uses in some cases such as the Preserve.
Jeff Deneys		Agreed there would be a conflict of uses in some cases.
Vic Krcma	1993 Creamery Rd.	There a lot of deer out there. Being in metro 64 can people get more tags. Have to put fence or wire around your garden.
Dave Prost		Hunting in Preserve or Southwest Park would be a big safety concern.

Jerry Maleport		Having a late season hunt is not really a hunt, it's more to kill the herd. Marty responded that coordinating such an effort is not for "hunting" purposes, but for purposes of reducing the herd.
John Cordry		Don't think an after season hunt would be good at all...you have enough people in the City willing to hunt and help. Doesn't see a problem with hunting in the Preserve...it could be done safely.
		Duck Creek had an issue like this a few years ago and wondering how it turned out.
Dawn Deneys		Whether you have a managed hunt or not, people that poach are going to poach.
		How widespread is CWD in Wisconsin? Bryan Woodbury responded with known cases in the wild and in fenced in locations.
		Question on EHD. Bryan Woodbury responded that happened two years ago and could be a concern.
		Sue Schinkten questioned how many calls marty has received on issue. Marty responded that two people have called...one on each side of the issue.

Did a poll of people in audience to see who thought the deer were a problem. A couple hands went up indicating they thought deer were a problem, a couple hands went up that indicated people did not think they were a problem, most of the crowd raised their hand saying they just don't know.

Legend

City Boundary

100Yd. Building Buffer

1 inch = 350 yards

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Deer Crash Summary

Trying to accurately determine the number of car/deer crashes is a challenging task, because of three different policing jurisdictions participate. Below are the numbers that were obtained from the City of De Pere Police Department and Brown County Sherriff's Department. This number does not include the number of car/deer crashes reported from the State Patrol. Efforts to obtain car/deer crashes from the State Patrol have not been successful. The next piece of information we were able to attain was through the WDNR, identifying the number of car/deer crashes in Brown County.

City of De Pere – Car/Deer Crashes

Year	City of De Pere /Brown County
2011	2/NA
2012	12/2
2013	4/2

Brown County Car/Deer Crashes

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
267	408	424	493	541

When analyzing data, it can be concluded that car/deer crashes in Brown County are on an upswing over the last 5 years based on the last full reporting period (2012). However, without further information (detailed reports from State Patrol) it is not possible to conclude that car/deer crashes are on an upswing in the City of De Pere.

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March 3, 2014

Marty Kosobucki
City of Depere
Parks Recreation and Forestry

Subject: Depere Deer populations

Dear Marty:

I have taken some time to review the aerial deer survey for Depere, and discussed the results with a few people externally and internally. As we have never conducted an aerial survey previously, we are unable to determine a trend in population from this alone. However, here is what we do know:

- 1) The aerial survey did locate good numbers of deer calling Depere home during the winter season. This survey was a minimum number of deer present as sightability from a helicopter is greatly influenced by weather, sun angle, snow cover and presence of evergreens. The Deer are concentrated in habitat that includes conifer and thick understory cover.
- 2) Hunters in Brown County killed more bucks and more antlerless deer this past year than any season in the last 10 years. This has been a steady trend since the early 2004 peak.
- 3) In the most recent reporting year Car-deer accidents in Brown County were the highest recorded in the last 20 years.
- 4) Interest by municipalities in ways to control deer in Brown County is keen, as seen by Ashwaubenon and Allouez similarly aerially surveying their habitat for deer numbers. The City of Green Bay and UWGB has had a long term hunting control plan to alleviate deer issues in their jurisdictions.
- 5) Deer Damage complaints, browse observations and anecdotal reports of public managers and private landowners indicate a healthy herd albeit variable across the county.

All of these measures of deer population indicate a metro deer herd that is healthy and overall trending upward. In any individual year: weather, winter stress, farming practices, predators and hunter success all play a role in determining whether the population increases or decreases. However, the metro herd is clearly above goals and will likely be productive enough to stay that way for some time.

As for whether the number of deer in Depere constitute a nuisance that needs controlling is a more complex question. It is very individual to each jurisdiction and is heavily dependent on the arrangement of habitat areas, tolerance of citizens to damage, and how the growing and winters seasons play out. It can also be heavily influenced by media and local government reports.

To summarize your situation: There is a healthy number of deer located in Depere that is trending upward until reaching some maximum number that is not predictable. As this population increases, nuisance complaints, vegetation impacts, car accidents, and human- deer negative interactions will also increase. There are natural controls that will eventually kick in such as predators, food limitations, and accidents that will help limit the deer population. Social tolerance of these natural controls is usually much less than the public's appreciation of more humane hunting and sharp-shooting controlling the herd.

The WDNR looks forward to working with you as you make a decision on methods to manage the deer herd in Depere.

Sincerely,

James Robaidek
WDNR Wildlife Biologist.

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Approve land purchase of property WD-1541 and WD-1542.*

The City was approached by a land owner to purchase his property (WD-1541 and WD-1542) of approximately 5.7 acres, which runs along the Ashwaubenon Creek just north of Southwest Park. The land owner has proposed a sale price equivalent to the taxes/payments owed on the parcel. Our Finance Director researched the parcel and has indicated the outstanding taxes/payments on the parcel is equal to \$2720. If approved, the City would also need to cover closing costs which were estimated to be around \$500 from our Planning Director.

In looking at the location of the parcel, I believe it would be a good parcel to acquire. Acquiring this parcel would put us within one parcel from having Southwest Park connect to Creamery Road. Acquisition of the parcel is also consistent with our long range plan which describes an effort to have the trail system connect from The Preserve to Southwest Park.

Funding for this parcel is recommended to come from the General Fund. In checking with our Finance Director, we do not believe the Park Land Dedication Fund has enough to support the purchase.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SW Parcel Acquisition (PDF)

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Attachment: SW Parcel Acquisition (2126 : Approve land purchase of property WD-1541 and WD-1542.)

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City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

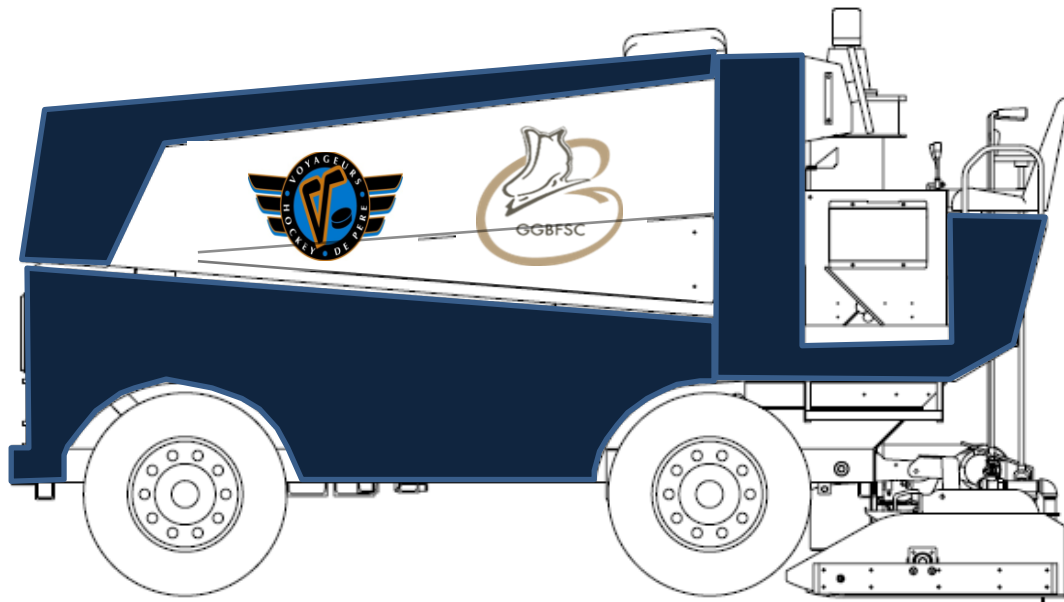
SUBJECT: Approve donation from WPS toward the purchase of the Zamboni.*

We have received a proposal from the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation to donate a total of \$21,000 toward the purchase of the Zamboni. The pledge is proposed to pay \$11,000 in May of 2014, and another \$10,000 in May of 2015. In lieu of the donation, WPS is requesting to be displayed on the Zamboni as depicted in the attachment. This display would be done through contracting a wrap of the Zamboni.

Staff recommends approving the donation and placing the funds back into the Ice Arena Fund.

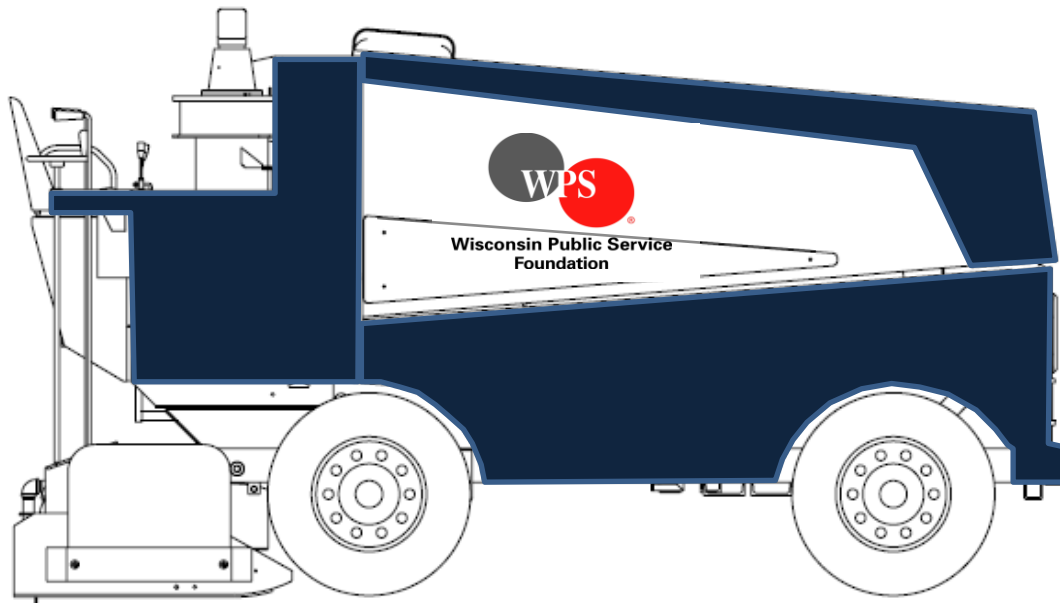
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- Zamboni.graphics (DOCX)



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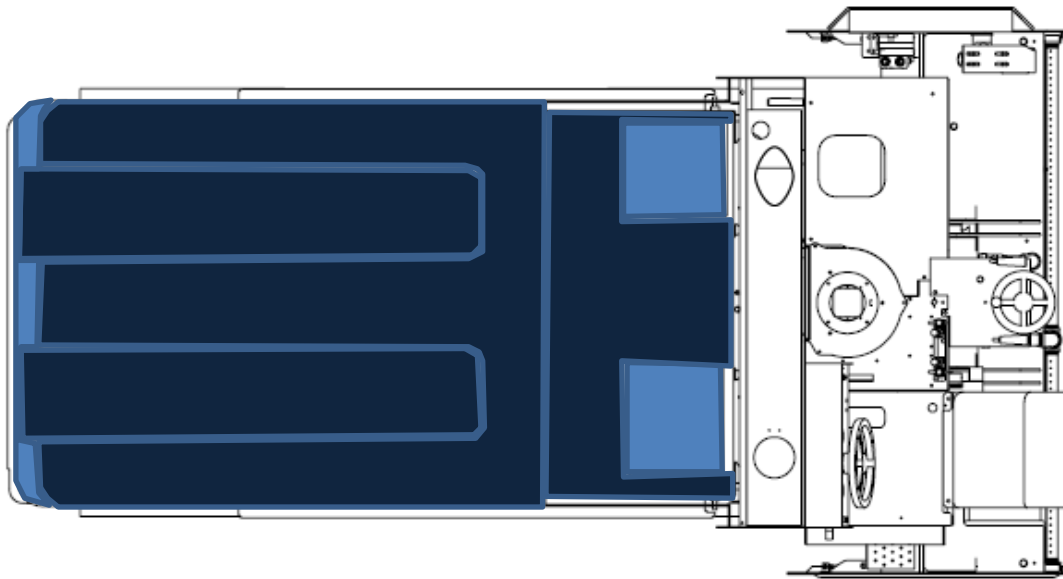
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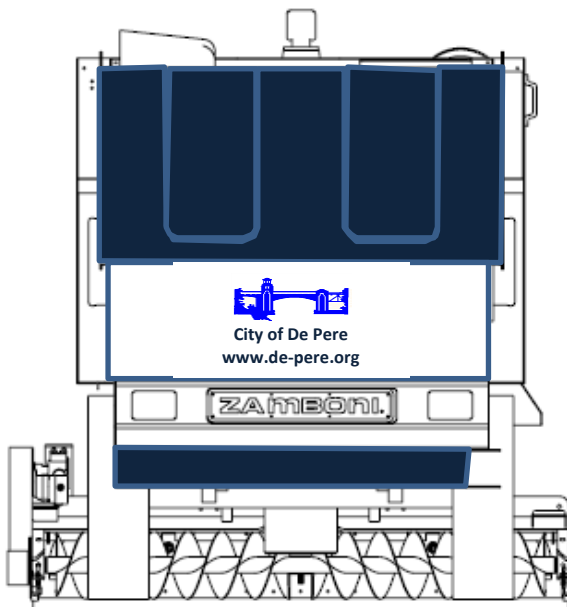
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Attachment: Zamboni-graphics (2106 : Approve donation from WPS toward the purchase of the Zamboni.*)



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City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Don Melichar

SUBJECT: Approval to Accept Tree Donation from the GB Packers, WDNR, GB Packaging, SCA, WPS & US Forest Service.*

Issue: This memo is to seek the Board of Park Commissioner's approval for the De Pere Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to accept a donation of 75 bare root trees from a cooperative effort between the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin DNR, Green Bay Packaging, SCA, WPS and the US Forest Service.

Summary: The Packers have been working on a way to reduce their carbon footprint in the area and one way is with a program called 'First Down for Trees'. What this program entails is that for every first down the Packers make they will donate a tree to a Brown County community. Using last year as a guide, the City has been chosen to receive 75 trees next spring. The trees will be between 1.25"-2.0" diameter and we are free to plant them anywhere within the community. Staff placed an order and the trees have been planted. The cost of the donation is approximately \$4900.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Approval to accept \$500 donation from De Pere Christian Outreach Corp to Recreation Scholarship Fund.*

Staff is seeking approval to accept a \$500 donation from the De Pere Christian Outreach Corporation to the Recreation Scholarship Fund. To date, this program has awarded 82 scholarships to youth/families in our community for participation in city sponsored recreation programs, co-sponsored sports programs or pool passes for families to enjoy!

Current balance in our account is \$17, 913.90.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Humana Employees assistance in Tree Planting

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Kiwanis Shelter Maintenance

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Donation of Youth Tennis Racquets from the Pro Shop.

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2014

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Discussion regarding Waiver of Fees.

Prior to drafting a new policy, I would like to have the Park Board discuss and provide some input with regard to fee waivers. The City currently handles waivers in the following manner.

- Community Center allows for waivers to groups that are non-profit, comprised of 50% City of De Pere residents or De Pere School groups, and can obtain a waiver Mon - Thur (one time a month). There have been approved exceptions to this policy.
- Other current policy related to park shelters or open space is as follows:
 1. Waiver of Fees
 - a. The Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has the ability to waive fees associated with renting park facilities, green space, and using the following considerations.
 - i. Previous approved events with no changes from prior year are eligible.
 - ii. De Pere based service, non-profit groups, or Youth Organizations (through High school) requesting to use Park Shelters or Community Center for meetings during Monday - Thursday. One rental per year per group is permitted.
 - iii. Non-Profit group requests to use park open space for community events that do not use a rentable shelter or facility, and does not impact the rentable areas in the park they are requesting.
 - b. The Park Board shall review requests for waiving of fees for shelter rentals, use of open space for community events, and community center in the following categories:
 - i. New proposed special events ran by public or private non-profit groups, or other municipal entities.
 - ii. Prior approved special events that have a proposed change in request.
 - iii. Any event or program that does not meet criteria in Policy #2 - 2(a) of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Policy Book, and is being requested a variance by the Park Board.

I would like to obtain input on what our main goal should be in revising the current policy (ie. Eliminate fee waivers all together, provide fee waivers in certain situations, etc...) While discussing this topic, we need to keep in mind the use and renting of the Community Center and the use of Park Shelters/Open spaces are very different uses.