



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

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

Revised Agenda

Thursday, November 21, 2019

6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 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 **November 21, 2019** at **6:30 PM** in the **De Pere City Hall Council Chambers, 335 S. Broadway Street, De Pere, WI 54115.**

This meeting can be viewed LIVE at www.depere.tv. This meeting is also rebroadcast on Spectrum Cable Channel 4 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99 throughout the week and available on demand at www.depere.tv.

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

II. Action Items

1. Approve Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the October 17, 2019 Meeting.
2. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Schematic and Technical Design of the VFW Aquatic Facility.
3. Consideration and Possible Action to Change Current Ordinance Related to Dogs in the Parks.
4. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Facility Cooperation Agreement with Syble Hopp.*
5. Consideration and Approval to Accept Donation of Toothbrushes/Water Bottles/Frisbees from Kids Dental Experts for Summer Carnival
6. Consideration and Approval to Accept Donation of 100 Coupons for a Free Blizzard with Purchase from Dairy Queen for Senior Picnic
7. Consideration and Approval to Accept \$250 from The Buggy to the Recreation Scholarship Fund
8. Consideration and Approval to Accept \$300 Donation from the VFW Post 2113 for the De Pere Community Center Flooring Project
9. Consideration and Approval to Accept \$2,600 Donation from Broadway Enterprises Incorporated for Upper Level Flooring Project & Tables*

III. Discussion Items

1. Update and Discussion on 2020 Proposed Beer Garden Plan.

IV. Staff Updates

1. Update on the status and first summer of the Community Garden

V. Future Agenda Items

VI. Public Comment Period

VII. 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.

Board Members
Alderspersons
Mayor Michael J. Walsh
Larry Delo, City Administrator
Judy Schmidt-Lehman, City Attorney
Marty Kosobucki
Carey Danen, City Clerk
City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor
Dennis Krueger, WDP High School
District
William Soquet, Teen Advisor
Jim Kneiszel, Brown County
Kids Dental Experts
VFW Post 2113
Kim Pahlow, Syble Hopp

De Pere Youth Hockey
Tod Maki, 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
Ben Villaruel, De Pere School District

Lydia McMorrow, Teen Advisor
The Buggy
Dairy Queen
Pat Skalecki, Graef
Broadway Enterprises

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.

***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: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Grace Lahtela

SUBJECT: Approve Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the October 17, 2019 Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Minutes (PDF)



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Draft Minutes

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6:30 PM

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I. Call to Order

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ryan Jennings	Aldersperson	Present	
Amy Chandik Kunding	Aldersperson	Excused	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
George Brown	Board Member	Present	
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Excused	
Bill Volpano	Board Member	Present	
Lydia McMorro	Teen Advisor	Excused	
William Soquet	Teen Advisor	Excused	

II. Action Items

1. Approve Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the September 19, 2019 Meeting.

Aldersperson Raasch moved to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners meeting, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

2. Consideration and Approval to accept \$500 donation from Nicolet National Bank for Community Center Flooring Project.*

Bill Volpano moved to approve the \$500 donation from Nicolet Bank for the Community Center flooring project, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

3. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Repair to the Dehumidification System Coil at De Pere Ice Arena.*

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that the dehumidification system at the ice arena was installed 13-14 years ago to help control the humidity problem. High humidity makes it difficult to make ice. During the regular ice center start up process, the cold coil failed and the dehumidification system does not work. Currently Brown County Ice Management is renting a portable unit so the chiller

system can operate. Don Chilson requested information on the cost to fix and to replace the system. The approximate cost to replace the dehumidification system with a new stand-alone system is \$123,000. The cost to repair the current system is \$24,000 - \$25,000, which include travel costs. Staff recommends getting quotes from local business to repair the current system which would eliminate the travel costs. Staff would also recommend that the \$11,000 from the cancelled Southwest Park paving project be reallocated to help cover the repair costs. The remaining balance would need to be requested from undesignated reserves from Common Council.

Alderson Raasch questioned the season for ice and the cost of renting the dehumidification system.

Bill Volpano questioned if the rental system is working.

Alderson Raasch moved to pursue the option of repairing the coil on the dehumidification system at the De Pere Ice Arena, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderson
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

4. Review and make recommendations to Aquatic Consultant on sustainable and energy efficient concepts.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that Pat Skalecki from Graef is here to discuss sustainable and energy efficiency concepts for the VFW aquatic facility.

Alderson Raasch question if the efficiency concepts presented are outside of the original project scope and that cost / benefits need to be considered.

Pat Skalecki from Graef, introduced the team that will be working on this project; Adam Pfister from Water Technologies and Jay Jensen Architectural Designer from Graef. He reviewed the concepts and explained that each was rated as recommended, not recommended or further study is needed. He explained that there is a big difference between sustainability and cost savings. Many of the sustainable concepts are really expensive, and therefore might not necessarily create a cost savings. One of these concepts is solar panels. Even though WPS is required to buy back any additional energy, the panels are very expensive and with this being a seasonal building a detailed cost analysis will need to be completed.

Discussion followed.

George Brown questioned the concept of solar panels and the ability to sell additional energy to WPS. He recommends that solar panels are kept in for further study.

Bill Volpano questioned if the recommendations are included in the cost estimates provided.

Alderson Raasch commented on the use of solar panels and water permeable bricks. He recommends staying away from the permeable bricks because of the cost and the city does well with stormwater management procedures.

Marty Kosobucki questioned if stormwater management needs to be done with the redevelopment.

Pat Skalecki explained that this site is considered a redevelopment site over an acre and code requires some type of stormwater management.

Marty Kosobucki suggested that the stormwater management features be reclassified from recommended to future study needed.

Adam Pfister explained all sustainable or cost savings items listed for the aquatics section would be included in the original cost estimates other than the pool cover. He explained the pros and cons of pool covers.

George Brown recommended that the pool cover be reclassified from owner option to future study needed.

George Brown moved to approve the recommendations of the aquatic consultant regarding sustainable and energy efficient concepts with the exception of solar panels, stormwater management and pool cover being reclassified as further study needed, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	George Brown, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

5. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Operating Dates for Legion Pool in 2020.

John McDonald, Recreation Supervisor explained that typical operational year for the pool is 72 days. With next year being a leap year, there are three different scenarios available for the pool calendar. Option 1 has an opening date of June 6th and closing date of August 16th for 72 possible operating days. Option 2 has an opening date of June 13th and closing date of August 16th for 65 possible operating days. Option 3 has an opening date of June 13th and closing date of August 23rd for 72 possible operating days. With option 3, staff recommends limited hours the last week, because getting staff at the end of August will be tough.

Discussion followed.

Sue Schinkten moved to approve option 3 with limited hours in the last week, with the limited hours to be determined, seconded by Alderperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ryan Jennings, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

6. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Change of Closing Policy and Procedure for Low Attendance at Pool

John McDonald, Recreation Supervisor explained that current policy states that if there is less than 15 people in the pool for an hour, then the pool could close. At the end of the pool season we ran into some days when the weather was not great, but the pool was open and swimmable. There were some complaints from season pass holders about the pool being closed when they arrived. Staff recommendation would be to add an additional half hour to current policy.

Discussion followed.

Bill Volpano moved to change the current closing policy for low attendance at the pool to state that if there are less than 15 people in the pool for 1 ½ hours then the pool could close, seconded by Alderperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

7. Consideration and Possible Action to Cancel Project with Definitely DePere to Install Historic Monument.*

Marty Kosobucki explained that previously Definitely De Pere requested and was approved permission to fundraise to construct a historical monument at the James Street Parkway. We have since received notification that this project has been cancelled. Staff recommends that the Park Board officially cancel the project.

George Brown moved to recommend cancelling the Definitely De Pere project to construct a historical monument at the James Street Parkway, seconded by Alderperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	George Brown, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

8. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Removing the Lighting of Soccer Field at Southwest Park from Capital Improvement Plan and Sell on Surplus.

Alderperson Raasch moved to approve removing the lighting of the soccer fields at Southwest Park from the Capital Improvement Plan and sell the lights on surplus, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

9. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Removing the Paving Project at Southwest Park from the Capital Improvement Plan and Consider Options for Reallocating Funds.*

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that with the cost of the project, staff recommends cancelling the paving project at Southwest Park; to officially remove the project from the Capital Improvement Plan; and to reallocate the funds to the Ice Arena repairs. Marty also stated that Alderperson Hansen requested the Park Board consider allocating the funds to the poured in place surfacing at Optimist playground.

Discussion followed.

Alderperson Raasch moved to approve removing the paving project at Southwest Park from the Capital Improvement Plan and to reallocate the funds to the Ice Arena repairs, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Raasch, Brown, Schinkten, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet

III. Discussion Items

1. Discussion regarding Bald Eagle Nest at Fairgrounds property.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained there have been concerns regarding rental activity and the impact on the eagles nest at the Brown County Fairgrounds property. With regards to the City of De Pere side of the property, any time we have a rental at the Fairgrounds, we require then to get approval from the WDNR. Brown County has recently added language to their rental agreement regarding the eagles nest and we will be adding additional language to our Park Use Agreement as well. Alderperson Jennings commented that he appreciated the information regarding what Brown County and the City is doing to make sure the eagles nest is safe.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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IV. Staff Updates

1. Update on Status of Bomier Boat Launch Construction.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry stated the boat launch at Bomier is open and usable, but the entire project is not done. The landscaping still needs to be completed.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. Report on Outcome of 2019 Beer Gardens and Planning for 2020.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks Recreation and Forestry commented that the Beer Gardens were a success with a net profit of around \$12,500. We will be asking the finance director to start a new account for the funds to be deposited into.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Update on Research Being Conducted Regarding Dogs in the Parks.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry explained that a survey on dogs in the park was done and the topic will be on the November Park Board agenda. On the questionnaire, there is overwhelming support for dogs to be allowed in the parks. However, when you look at the comments, there is an overwhelming concern from the people that do not want them.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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V. Future Agenda Items

None

VI. Public Comment Period

None

VII. Adjournment

Aldersperson Raasch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Sue Schinkten.
Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Schematic and Technical Design of the VFW Aquatic Facility.

At our Park Board meeting, Graef will have a 3D walk through of the planned VFW Aquatic Facility. The walk through has been developed based off of our meetings with Graef in selecting amenities, features, and designs. The walk through will show in relatively good detail what the facility will actually look like. We are looking for approval of the 3D layout and its design, layout, features, and amenities so that Graef can begin working on the bid documents and plans.

If the Park Board is looking to change any features, amenities, sizes, type of offerings, building layout, etc...this will be the key time in making those changes.



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MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

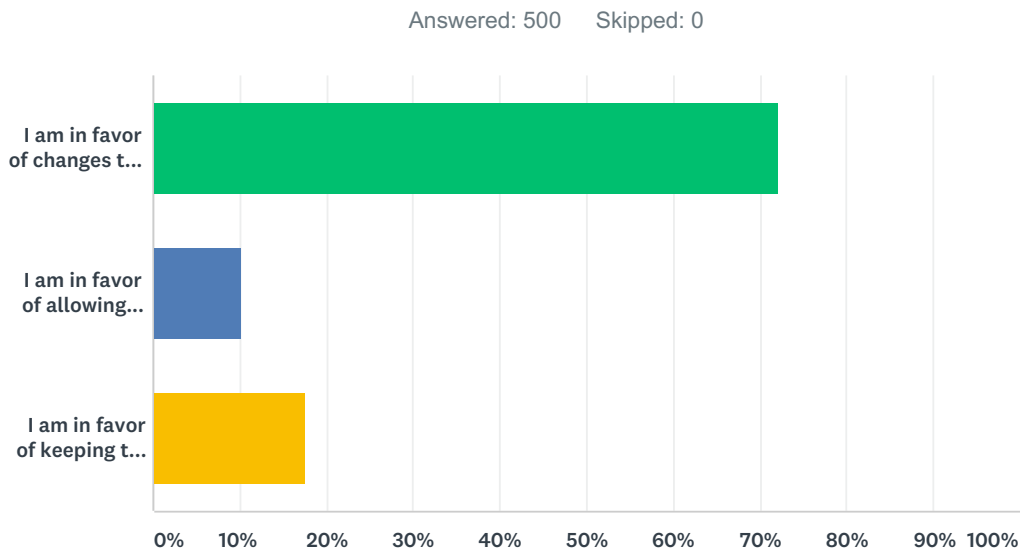
SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Change Current Ordinance
Related to Dogs in the Parks.

I have included in your packet two documents. The first document is a summary of information and research we compiled as it relates to dogs in our parks. Included in this document are some recommendations from staff. The second document is the summary of the survey put out to our City related to allowing dogs in our parks.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Dogs in Parks Survey 10.17.19 (PDF)
- DOGS IN THE PARK.summary (DOCX)

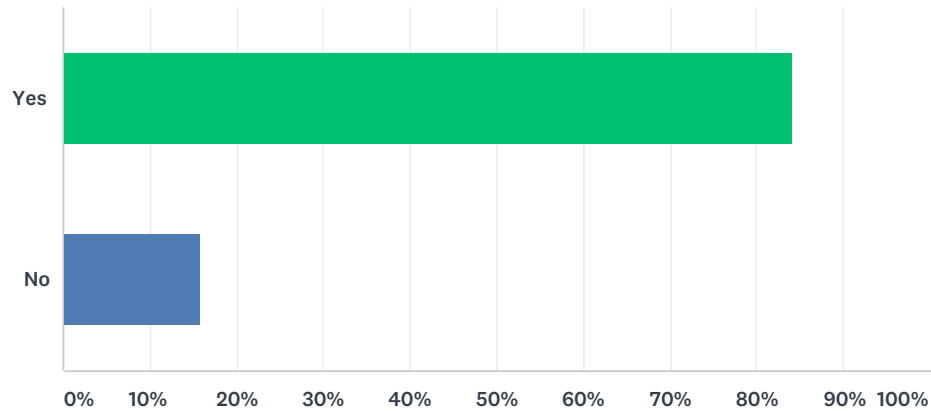
Q1 Please select ONLY ONE ANSWER that applies to you best:



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

DOGS IN THE PARK - ISSUE

Opening Statement:

This has the potential to be a very complex issue, so I would like to systematically go through a few things before you begin your discussion.

Summary:

We received a request by Brown County Supervisor Kneisel to consider changing our policy with regard to allowing dogs in our parks. Our current policy is to not allow dogs in any of our parks with the following exceptions: Dogs may be leashed on our Trail Systems and Voyageur Park, and unleashed in our Dog Park. Park Board asked that staff investigate options and bring back to another meeting. We have performed the following research...

- Reviewed neighboring community's policies.
- Obtained comment/feedback from youth user groups.
- Discussed current and potential policy with Police Department.
- Summarized current fines related to dogs.
- Put a community survey out for response.

Research

Neighboring Community's policies as it relates to Dogs:

Municipality	Summary of policy
Brown County	Dogs allowed in parks. Dogs must be leashed at all times, dogs not allowed in playgrounds, buildings and/or organized events, owner must clean up after dog.
Green Bay	Dogs not allowed in parks however they have the following exceptions: Dogs leashed may allowed to be walked in parks on designated perimeter or pass through walkways or pathways, parking lots serving the walkways or pathways, and designated trails. Dog owner shall not loiter, stop or stand in the park and/or trails. Dog owner must clean up after dog.
Allouez	Dogs allowed in parks on a leash, but prohibited from buildings, playgrounds, picnic areas, and/or sport fields.
Ashwaubenon	Pets are allowed on a "pass through" basis. Dogs must be leashed, owner must clean up after them and dogs are not permitted in the areas of playgrounds, buildings, and/or public/sporting events.
Howard	Dogs allowed in parks on a leash, but prohibited from buildings, playgrounds, picnic areas, sport or public event areas.
Bellevue	Dogs not allowed in parks. Allowed on East River Trail.

User Group Feedback:

User Group	General Comments
De Pere Baseball	They are ok with dogs in the parks, with the exception of dogs being prohibited on playing fields.
De Pere Rapides Soccer	Group did not have a strong opinion on the topic. It was felt that unless enforcement is emphasized, it would not matter what policy is in place.
De Pere Girls Softball	Not in favor of allowing dogs in parks.
De Pere Select Soccer	Not in favor of allowing dogs in parks.

Police Department Opinion:

In discussing the topic with our Chief of Police, the current policy would be easier to enforce as it is more clear-cut than allowing dogs in the parks. Currently, if an officer sees a dog in the park it is clearly a violation of our ordinance. If dogs were allowed in the park, our officers would have to interpret the situation and then determine if there is a violation. Our Chief of Police also indicated that most calls related to “dogs in a park” will be categorized as a low priority call. Being a low priority call, it is difficult to understand or predict the level of enforcement that can take place.

Fines:

In talking with our Assistant City Attorney, we currently have a system in place that would fine people \$100 for a first time violation. Second and third violations would increase by \$100 respectively.

Potential Budget Impact:

If dogs were allowed in parks there would be some level of budgetary impact. The amount of impact will depend on how convenient we want to make it for dog owners to clean up after their dog. This means the installation of a dog waste station(s). We have approximately 24 different locations of green space we would consider to be “Park”. Some parks are obviously bigger than others, and would require multiple dog waste stations. Further analysis would be needed, but we did a quick estimate of how many dog waste stations we would need if we installed them in all the parks that allowed dogs. We would anticipate about 25 dog waste stations. There is a financial and staffing impact that is tough to measure if we put these dog waste stations in, as we will need to require staff to maintain them.

25 dog waste stations x \$300/unit = \$7,500

However, you also have the option of not offering dog waste stations and requiring people still clean up after their dog.

Options:

1. No change.
2. Allow dogs in parks under the following conditions.
 - a. Dogs must be leashed on a non-retractable leash 6 feet or less.
 - b. Are not permitted on playing fields of any kind.
 - c. Are not permitted in playground area/zones.
 - d. Are not permitted in buildings (closed and or open).
 - e. Owner must keep control of animal at all times.
 - f. Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the park.
 - g. Owner must clean up after dog.
 - h. All violations are punishable at \$100 per violation for the first offense.
3. Create dog only parks
 - a. Dogs are allowed only in parks that are designated. These parks will typically be locations that do not have athletic fields. There are approximately 12 locations in our park system that do not have some type of athletic field. Keep in mind, our most used and parks all have athletic fields in them.
 - b. Same rules would apply as in Option #2.

Conclusion:

While it appears a vast majority of our community is in support of allowing dogs in our parks, the minority brings to light some valuable points (ie. Safety, allergies, fear, irresponsible dog owner, etc...) that should not be ignored.

If you choose the route of allowing dogs in the parks...

- I would recommend that you allow dogs in all parks as the confusion will cause various complications (ie. Enforcement, understanding, etc...)
- I would not recommend allowing dogs in parks, unless...
 - 1) You are confident there will be adequate enforcement, and you commit to funding a level of education to the community on our new policy. (ie. Signs, social media, potential stops at parks, handouts, etc...)
 - 2) Review and revise, as necessary, the ordinances to be as clear as possible.
 - 3) Ensure fines are appropriate for the offense.
 - 4) Establish guidelines that ensure a dog is controlled and not a threat and/or concern to other park users.

If you do not feel we can appropriately enforce the new ordinance, I would not recommend changing our current position on dogs in the parks. I would add however, that we investigate the creation of an education program about our current policy related to dogs in the parks.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: John McDonald

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Facility Cooperation Agreement with Syble Hopp.*

Staff is requesting the Board of Park Commissioners review and approval of the revised Facility Cooperation Agreement with Syble Hopp. This is a revision of the 2007 contract to better match our operational program use and cooperation to host water aerobic and parent-child swim lessons at their facility. Currently we host water aerobic classes year round and parent-child classes in the months of September - May.

Thank you for your time and considerations in this matter.

John McDonald
Recreation Supervisor

ATTACHMENTS:

- FACILITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT - Syble Hopp Final (PDF)

**FACILITY USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF DE PERE AND THE
BROWN COUNTY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
EDUCATION BOARD**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2019, by and between the City of De Pere, a municipal corporation ("City") and the Brown County Children with Disabilities Education Board, a Wisconsin School Board, ("Board"), collectively "the Parties."

WHEREAS, the City and Board are parties to a School Building Use Request and Contract allowing City use of the Board's indoor aquatic facility, that, over time, has become out of date and in need of revision; and

WHEREAS, City's use of the Board's aquatic facility has proven beneficial for the public and the parties and promotes the public interest in the effective and efficient use of limited public resources; and

WHEREAS, the City and Board wish to continue providing aquatic facility services to the public under the terms and conditions provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, together with such other consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is acknowledged, the Parties agree to the following:

**I
FACILITY**

The Board agrees to allow City use of the indoor aquatic facility and changing facilities ("Pool") located at Syble Hopp School, 755 Scheuring Road, De Pere, Wisconsin, 54115.

**II
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE**

- A. The Board allows City access to and use of the pool as conditioned and described herein in consideration of \$10.00 per class for each session. For example, if three (3) classes are held per week for a period of ten (10) weeks, the resulting fee shall be \$300.00 (3 classes x \$10.00/class x 10 weeks = \$300.00).
- B. The City may offer swim classes at the Syble Hopp pool only during non-school hours.
- C. The City shall provide Syble Hopp with a schedule of classes offered. Syble Hopp shall notify the City as soon as possible of any conflicts with other pool use posed by the City's scheduled class offerings.
- D. The City shall register all participants for classes at Syble Hopp through the City of De Pere Park and Recreation Department. Such registration, including collection of fees charged shall be done in like manner of other swim programs offered at the City of De Pere swimming facilities.

- E. The City shall provide all required personnel for swim class offerings at Syble Hopp. All instructors shall be employees of the City and shall meet the qualifications required by the City to be swimming instructors. City shall also provide any additional lifeguard personnel it deems necessary during the time the pool is in use for the City sponsored activities.
- F. The City shall perform all required water testing readings on the days of City-sponsored swim lessons. City shall report the readings to Syble Hopp which shall be responsible for any corrective measures or chemical administration to the pool water. If corrective measures are unable to be taken prior to the scheduled class, the class will be cancelled. Syble Hopp will contact the City as soon as possible if the pool is unable to be used for a City-sponsored scheduled lesson.
- G. Syble Hopp shall provide the Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry the means of accessing the Pool for the purpose of providing such lessons. City employees shall be responsible for opening and closing the Pool for such lessons.
- H. Syble Hopp shall be responsible for all maintenance of the Pool, including providing and administering all water chemicals, necessary repairs to the grounds and facilities, and other items of maintenance as they arise.
- I. On days Syble Hopp School is closed due to inclement weather, City sponsored classes for the evening will also be cancelled.

III MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

- A. **Fees.** The City is allowed to charge lesson fees to the swim class participants in order to offset direct program costs.
- B. **Allocation of Risks.**
 - 1. **Hold Harmless.** The City agrees that it shall at all times during the existence of this agreement indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Board, Brown County and its agents, officers, and employees, against any and all loss, damages, and costs or expenses which the Board and Brown County may sustain, incur, or be required to pay by reason of any participant's suffering, personal injury, death or property loss resulting from acts or omissions while any person is participating in or receiving services from the City under this agreement; however, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to liabilities, losses, charges, costs, or expenses caused by the Board or Brown County, notwithstanding, the City, Board and Brown County do not waive, and specifically reserve, their respective right to assert any and all affirmative defenses and limitations of liability as specifically set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 893 and related statutes.
 - 2. **Insurance.** The City agrees that it shall, at all times during the term of this Agreement, keep in force such insurance as specified in the attached document entitled "Insurance Requirements" issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin and licensed by the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. Failure to comply with the terms of the insurance requirements shall be considered a default of this Agreement.

- C. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year and may be renewed or amended only upon mutual written consent of the parties.

Termination. The Board shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement in the event of non-payment of fees by the City and provided that the Board provides the City with 30 days written notice of such failure to pay such fees and the opportunity to cure any non-payment. City shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement in the event of a breach of any obligation by the Board, Brown County or the respective officials, officers, employees or agents of either provided that the City provides the Board with 30 days written notice of such breach.

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City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval to Accept Donation of
Toothbrushes/Water Bottles/Frisbees from Kids Dental Experts for
Summer Carnival

Staff is seeking the Board of Park Commissioners approval to accept a past donation of 288 toothbrushes, 264 water bottles and 400 frisbees from Kids Dental Experts for our annual Summer Carnival which was held on August 7, 2019. This was a very generous donation worth a value of \$432. Staff was excited to receive very nice prizes for the carnival which had a great turnout!

Thank you for your time and consideration.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval to Accept Donation of 100 Coupons for a Free Blizzard with Purchase from Dairy Queen for Senior Picnic

Staff is seeking the Board of Park Commissioners approval to accept a past donation of 100 coupons for a free blizzard with purchase for our Senior Picnic. The total dollar value of this donation is approximately \$369. The Senior Picnic is held annually towards the end of August. This year the event was held on August 24 with approximately 145 seniors in attendance.

Thank you for your consideration.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval to Accept \$250 from The Buggy to the Recreation Scholarship Fund

The Buggy Softball Organization has generously donated \$250 to the Recreation Scholarship Fund. Staff is seeking approval from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept this charitable donation.

So far this year we have offered 68 scholarships ranging in value from \$16 (Playground Program) to \$100 (Family Swim Pass). Twenty-six (26) scholarships were given to children to partake in recreational/instructional based programs such as swim lessons, sports leagues, playground program, dance, summer day camp, tae kwon do and little ninjas classes. The remainder of the scholarships (42) were awarded as pool passes for families and caregivers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval to Accept \$300 Donation from the VFW Post 2113 for the De Pere Community Center Flooring Project

Staff is seeking approval to accept a \$300 donation from the VFW Post 2113 towards the flooring project for the upper level of the Community Center. This entire project is to be funded through private donations. Thus far we have raised \$12,000 with a balance of \$10,000 remaining to complete the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Paula Rahn

SUBJECT: Consideration and Approval to Accept \$2,600 Donation from Broadway Enterprises Incorporated for Upper Level Flooring Project & Tables*

Staff is seeking approval to accept a \$2,600 donation from Broadway Enterprises Incorporated towards the flooring project and tables for the upper level of the Community Center. This entire project is to be funded through private donations. Thus far we have raised \$12,000. Total projected cost of project is \$22,000.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2019

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Update and Discussion on 2020 Proposed Beer Garden Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Beer Garden 2020 Proposal (DOCX)

Beer Garden – 2020 Concept

Goal: The goal of the Beer Garden is to create a family style event and atmosphere, where unique and craft beers are offered for adult consumption and enjoyment. A family style event is accomplished in a variety of ways including the offering of food, entertainment, and games. All proceeds of the event go toward capital improvements within the Park Department.

Template/Ideas for 2020

Main Beer Garden:

This is the main event that we will run. It will be run by City staff and/or volunteers and will be held at Voyageur Park.

Date	Time	Location
Saturday, May 23 (tbd)	4-8 pm	Voyageur Park
Tuesday, June 30	4:30 – 9 pm	Voyageur Park
Tuesday, July 28	4:30 – 9 pm	Voyageur Park
Tuesday, August 25	4:30 – 8:30 pm	Voyageur Park
Saturday, September 26 (tbd)	12-5 pm	Voyageur Park

Music: For the Tuesday events, we will continue with a musician(s) that offer the feel of background music. Saturday events may include multiple musicians or enhanced music.

Staffing: Will be predicated on weather, expected attendance, etc... Will typically staff 4-6 employees. We will also be looking into the use of volunteers.

Entertainment: Entertainment will vary in an effort to not become stale. We will look to have the Henna artist, traveling magician/entertainer, face painting, and/or other family style acts present to entice and enhance the family atmosphere.

Lawn Games: We will look to add a few lawn games to grow the ability for more families to participate.

Tent: We will continue with having the tent and will also continue with bringing in the larger tent (40'x80') so that we place the musician under the big tent.

Food: Our plan is to have a variety of food offerings at the event, which helps in making it a family atmosphere. This past year we worked with the Food Truck Coalition mostly. Next year we will plan on having Food Trucks but we will be investigating other options such as possibly having Service Groups come in and run a food tent.

Beer: We will once again likely work with a beer distributor for the main events as it is very efficient and effective in working with them.

Sponsorship: Will be developing a sponsorship plan to assist in effectively communicating the opportunity of becoming involved with the event.

Traveling Beer Garden:

This is currently in a conceptual stage of planning and will need refinement. Further investigation is needed to determine if we should run these events directly with our own staff, or look to partner with an outside organization/business. This would be a very low key event, focused on visiting neighborhoods throughout the City.

- No music
- No tent.
- If we do not run ourselves, we would provide adequate supporting amenities to the location (ie. Garbage barrels, picnic tables, etc...)
- Would host based on the following schedule, although this could change/alter based on who we would come to an agreement with.

Date	Time	Location
? TBD	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Kiwanis Park
? TBD	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Legion Park
? TBD	5:30 – 7:30 pm	VFW Park

- Sponsorship: Will be developing a sponsorship plan to assist in effectively communicating the opportunity of becoming involved with this event.

So what is different from last year?

Last year, we operated three separate Beer Gardens. One in July, one in August and one in September. We learned that once school goes in session and the sun goes down, so does attendance and participation on a weekday. We will look to offer a total of 5 different beer gardens at Voyageur Park next year with date/times varying to take advantage of the season and variables. In addition to adding two events at Voyageur, our goal would be to offer and run a traveling beer garden that would focus on touching more neighborhoods.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Update on the status and first summer of the Community Garden

Margaret Franchino from the UW Extension Office has provided us with a summary of the evaluation that was done with the gardeners that used the Lions Trailside Community Garden. At our year end meeting with Margaret, the following points were brought up.

- Overall we consider the first year Community Garden a success.
- Growth was stunted due to soil conditions and weather.
- Soil improvement is a goal for next year.
- Not planning on implementing another site at this time. Focus is to be on Lions Trailside and improving the conditions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- De Pere Lions End-of-Season (DOCX)



BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM

2019 TECHNOLOGY WAY, ROOM 113
GREEN BAY, WI 54311

PHONE: (920) 391-4660 WEBSITE: browncountycommunitygardens.org

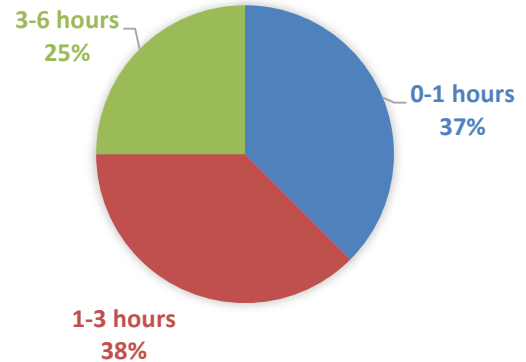


2019 Lions De Pere Garden Debriefing
October 30, 2019

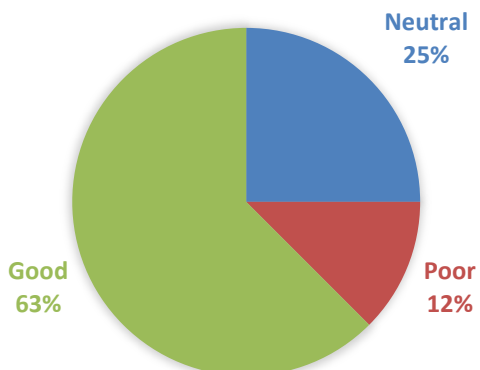
1. 2019 data

- 14 active gardeners, 4 abandoned
- 14 De Pere addresses
 - 10 East De Pere
 - Of survey respondents, 4 of 8 walked or biked to garden
- 8 survey respondents to date (57% response rate)

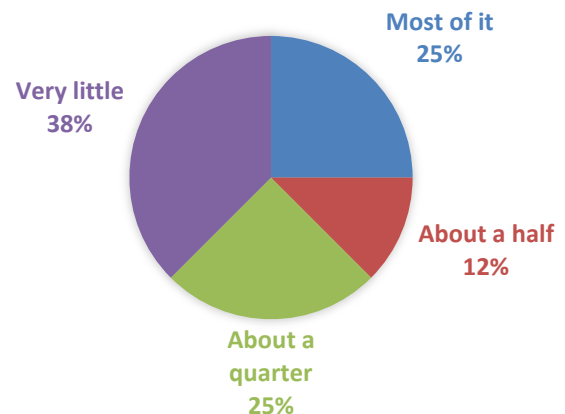
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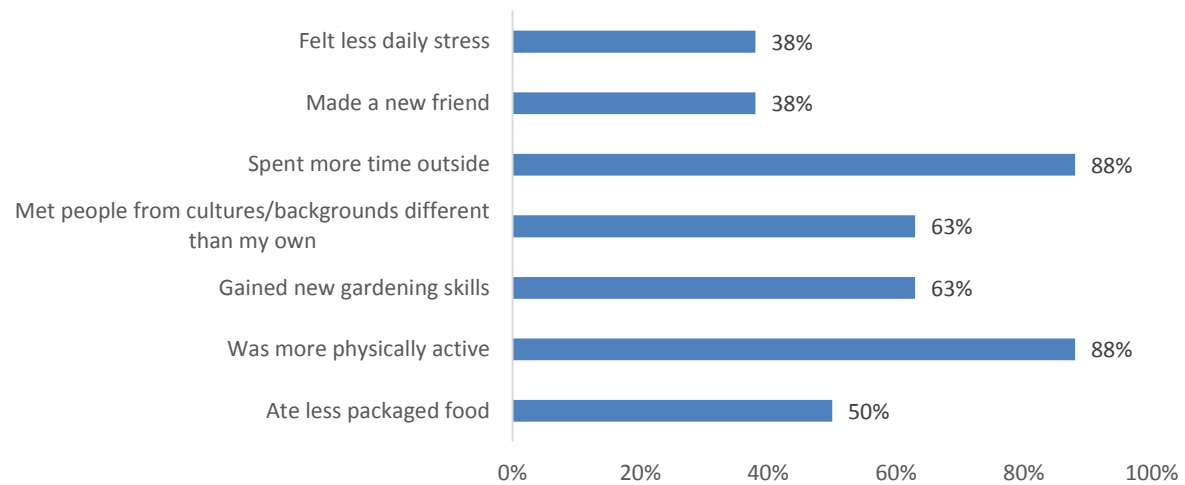
OVERALL RATING OF SEASON



PORTION OF PRODUCE EATEN SUMMER 2019 THAT CAME FROM GARDEN



Because I participated in the Community Gardens Program, I...



2. 2020 season

- Soil quality
 - Tilling
 - Compost
 - Requested by 4/8 survey respondents
 - \$1,000 for 25 yards (\$32/yard for 25 yards, \$200 delivery), to cover garden at 1''
 - Lions funding/December De Pere grant

