



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
www.deperewi.gov

Agenda

Thursday, November 20, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Board of Park Commissioners** of the City of De Pere will be held on **November 20, 2025** at **6:30 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET. DE PERE.**

The Public or Members of the Board of Park Commissioners, which may count toward an official quorum, may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or telephonically or electronically via video conferencing or other appropriate technological means. Telephonic or electronic access to the meeting is provided below:

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. §6-3(f) DPMC
- III. Items
 1. Welcome New Teen Advisor Olivia Alberson
 2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting.
 3. Consideration & possible action to accept a \$1000 donation from Hockers Home Services for the Holiday Lights Walking Event.
 4. Consideration and Possible action to accept a donation from Wisconsin United FC for improvements to the soccer fields at Southwest Park. *

5. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from VFW Post 2113 to improve the memorial at Bicentennial Park, valued at \$17,610. *

IV. Discussion Items

1. Discussion on the playground replacement at Carney Park.
2. Discussion on beer garden survey and potential changes.

V. Staff Updates

1. Staff update on Ice Arena
2. Staff update on donation — Life Jacket Grant from AOAP.

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Parks office at 920-339-4065 by Noon, the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

Board Members	De Pere Youth Hockey
Alderpersons	De Pere Select Soccer
Mayor James Boyd	De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce
Kim Flom, City Manager	Definitely De Pere
Joanne Bungert, City Attorney	Brown County Library – De Pere
Eric Erdman, Assistant City Attorney	TV & Radio Stations
Marty Kosobucki	De Pere Baseball
Carey Danen, City Clerk	De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer
City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor	Jason Lau, WDP School District
De Pere Girls Softball	Christopher Thompson, De Pere School Dist.
Connor Mason, Teen Advisor	Randy Hansen, VFW Post 2113
Olivia Alberson, Teen Advisor	Eric Gebhard, Wisconsin United FC
Hockers Home Services	

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



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.1

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Welcome New Teen Advisor Olivia Alberson
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussed

ATTACHMENTS:
None



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.2

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:
Draft Minutes 10-16-25



Board of Park Commissioners

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Regular Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers 335 S. Broadway

I. Call to Order

Present: Randy Soquet, Jim Kneiszel, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kundinger, Connor Mason

Absent:

Excused:

Others attending: Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry; Brian Christnovich, Park Superintendent (remote); Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor (remote); and Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant.

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

None

III. Items

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting.

James Kneiszel moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jim Kneiszel
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Jim Kneiszel, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kundinger

2. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation of \$1,680 from De Pere Baseball to repair the Gandrud Field outfield fence. *

Randy Soquet moved to accept a \$1,680 donation from De Pere Baseball to repair the Gandrud Field outfield fence, seconded by Alderperson Chandik Kundinger. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Randy Soquet
SECONDER:	Amy Kundinger
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Jim Kneiszel, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kundinger

3. Consideration and possible action on revisions to the employee discount on recreation programming, Community Center room rentals, and shelter rentals. *

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to approve the revisions to the employee discount regarding recreational programming, Community Center room rentals, and shelter rentals, seconded by Elizabeth McMasters. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Elizabeth McMasters
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Jim Kneiszel, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kunding

4. Consideration and possible action to approve the revised pool pass fee structure. *

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the current family fee structure leads to many issues for pool staff. Many municipalities are changing the way they charge for aquatic passes. Instead of having a family pass, many municipalities are charging for individual passes. The family fee structure leads to many arguments for staff over who should be allowed on a family pass, including grandparents taking kids to the pool, split families, and debates over who is family. These updates would eliminate these arguments for staff and make things much simpler. This pricing structure could have a negative impact on very large families, but the recreation scholarship is available for families in need. This structure is very different from our current fee structure, so there are bound to be people that are not in favor of the change. Marty Kosobucki stated that Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor, is available if there are any questions.

Aldersperson Eserkaln questioned the number of larger families that this would negatively affect. Chelsea Moberg stated she does not know the exact number of families, but would estimate it to be under 50.

Marty Kosobucki mentioned that the recommended change also includes not charging for infants. Currently, the City of De Pere is the one of the only municipalities that charges for infants.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina verified that, with the new fee structure, a family of 4 would be \$120 for both the VFW and Legion Pools, and currently it would be \$128 for a family up to 5 individuals.

Aldersperson Chandik Kunding stated that this streamlines the pool pass structure and some families will come ahead, especially adding the policy for allowing fee infants.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to approve the staff's recommended revised pool pass fee structure, seconded by Aldersperson Chandik Kunding. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Amy Kunding
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Jim Kneiszel, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kunding

5. Consideration and possible action to approve option for the ticket machine and services provided at the Perkofski Boat Launch.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that Brian Christnovich, Park Superintendent, is online. Marty gave a quick summary of the ticket machine, stating that the staff

recommendation goes against what has been done for the past 20 years at the boat launch. The current ticket machine can accept credit card and cash payments, as well as providing cash back. This type of machine has more components, is more costly, and has more maintenance issues. Staff reached out to other local municipalities to see what they are offering. Some are going to a smart app with payment being made on their phone; some are allowing the use of cash, but not providing any change; and some are just accepting cards. A lot of the after-hours call-ins and maintenance issues for the ticket machines are from the cash component of the machine. Staff also researched to see what the percentage of cash and card transactions are at the Perkofski Boat Launch, which is about 50/50. The card, cash, and change option for the new machine is the most costly option, and will eventually lead to more on-call charges. Staff feels the most cost-effective and efficient machine would be the credit card-only machine, but there will be some unhappy customers going to this type of machine.

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina questioned if this is for a leased machine. Marty Kosobucki explained that the machine would be purchased and owned by the city.

Elizabeth McMasters questioned the number of call-ins received. Brian Christnovich stated he does not have the exact number, but the majority of the calls are related to cash and coins in general.

James Kneiszel stated that he has a lot of experience at state parks recently, and he supports option 1, only accepting credit cards.

Alderperson Chandik Kundinger questioned if debit cards would be accepted and if there would be additional credit card fees for the transaction. Marty Kosobucki stated that debit cards would be accepted and that currently the city has been paying the associated credit card fees. The city has an agreement with other Brown County municipalities regarding the amount charged for the daily and annual boat launch passes, so the fee could not be added to the transaction. Staff is currently looking into different processing ways to keep those fees low.

James Kneiszel questioned if it is better financially to go with a credit card-only machine. Marty Kosobucki stated that there is much better accounting with a credit card-only machine.

James Kneiszel moved to approve option 1, credit card only payments, for the ticket machine at the Perkofski Boat Launch, seconded by Randy Soquet.

Marty Kosobucki explained that if customers wanted to pay cash, they could still do so at the Fox Point Boat Launch.

James Kneiszel questioned the option of going with a smart app only. Marty Kosobucki stated that this type of payment option would be something to look at long term. The City of Neenah is using this type of payment option. This would be an option in the future if the police department implements some type of parking app and then the boat launches could utilize the same app.

Upon vote, the above motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Jim Kneiszel
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Jim Kneiszel, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kundinger

IV. Discussion Items

1. Update from Brown County Extension on the Community Garden at Lions Trailside Park.

Brian Christnovich, Park Superintendent, explained that the Brown County Extension office provided an update on the Community Garden at Lion's Trailside Park. There were no complaints and it was an overall good year.

Randy Soquet questioned Rachel's comments regarding extending the open period of the garden. Brian Christnovich stated he will have the discussion with Rachel and see about extending it for next year.

V. Staff Updates

1. Staff update on allocation of beer garden revenues.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, explained that the Park Board had requested staff research the cost of adding on to a pickleball court as an option for the beer garden revenues. Marty stated that adding onto a pickleball court would be between \$80,000 and \$100,000. The revenue allocation was not brought back as an action item because staff wants to approve a policy on how to allocate these funds before moving forward.

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina questioned if the funds that were specifically allocated for the Legion disc golf course were approved. Marty Kosobucki stated yes, these funds were approved by council.

2. Staff update on beer garden survey.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that the beer garden survey has been released on social media. Staff has received around 105 responses, which provides good information. One issue that does stand out is the need for additional food options. Staff plans to leave the survey active a little longer and the survey results will be brought to the next Park Board meeting.

3. Staff update on budget workshop.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that there were two changes that happened during the budget workshop session. Council recommended putting the tree incentive program back into the budget, along with the funding for additional part-time hours to help staff run the beer gardens.

4. Staff update on holiday light event.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the Holiday Light Event information is out and sponsor tree registrations are beginning to come in. December 11th is the date for the lighting of the Christmas Lights by Mayor Boyd, followed by the walking event. The drive-through event will begin on December 12th. This year we hope that we will be able to provide the horse-drawn wagon rides during the walking event. Last year these rides had to be canceled because a tow ban was in effect for the night of the walking event.

5. Staff update on Legion Park disc golf course improvements.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that he met with the contractor today, and they are planning to start the project the last week of October. During the construction, the course will probably be closed for 2–3 days to allow the crews to complete the work.

VI. Future Agenda Items

None

VII. Adjournment

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm, seconded by James Kneiszel. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.3

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Paula Rahn, Recreation Superintendent
SUBJECT: Consideration & possible action to accept a \$1000 donation from Hockers Home Services for the Holiday Lights Walking Event.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

Holiday Light Show \$1000 Donation from Hockers Plumbing

ATTACHMENTS:
Holiday Light Show 2025 - Hockers Home Services

CITY OF DE PERE

Community Center | Recreation Department

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



Memorandum

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Mandi Baker, Recreation Coordinator

Date: April 15, 2025

Re: Approval to Accept Hockers Home Services Holiday Lights Walking Event Donation

This memo is to seek the Board of Park Commissioner's approval for the De Pere Community Center to accept a donation of \$1000 from Hockers Home Services for the City of De Pere 2025 Holiday Lights Show Walking Event. The funds from this donation will cover partial event costs including Christmas trees, decorations, activity supplies, hot chocolate, and candy canes.

Hockers Home Services would be recognized as the main event sponsor with their name on our social media posts and on day of event signage.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Donation Information:

From: Hockers Home Services

c/o Tanya Young, Community Engagement Manager

To: De Pere Parks & Recreation Department

For: Holiday Lights Walking Event

Amount: \$1000.00



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.4

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible action to accept a donation from Wisconsin United FC for improvements to the soccer fields at Southwest Park. *

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

Memo.Wisconsin United FC Donation, Southwest Park User Agreement Proposal

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: November 20, 2025

RE: Consideration and Possible action to accept a donation from Wisconsin United FC for improvements to the soccer fields at Southwest Park. *

Summary: Wisconsin United FC is making a proposal to the City to continue their agreement that provides them priority usage at Southwest Park for some of the soccer fields in lieu of a long-term donation.

Background: The City of De Pere entered into an agreement with De Pere Select Soccer and De Pere Rapides Soccer about 20 years ago and has recently expired. The agreement provided priority usage to both groups for the soccer fields, and in turn both groups made sizeable donations to the park. De Pere Select Soccer has since combined with other local select soccer programs to form Wisconsin United FC. The proposal would allow for Wisconsin United FC to have priority use of said fields. While not in use, the fields would be available for public use.

The value of the proposed donation includes four different components, which are:

- A) \$14,000 for goals that has already been donated,
- B) \$60,000 for development of ADA accessible route to southerly green space,
- C) The donation also includes intended in-kind labor to improve the southerly green space which would include top dressing and seeding,
- D) Lastly, the proposal indicates a donation to fund a regulator chemical to reduce growth of the green fields which would keep the grass full but reduce the effort in mowing. This amount is for \$2,950 for 2026. The continuation of this donation would be contingent on the chemical working as its stated.

The project they are identifying within the proposal is a worthwhile project and would provide better access to the southern side of the park which offers general green space and practice soccer fields.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff has reviewed the proposal and would recommend accepting and forwarding to council with the recommendation to accept. Prior to going to council, the topic would be forwarded to our Legal Office to draft an agreement outlining the various levels of the proposal.

Eric Gebhard
Executive Director
Wisconsin United FC
920-209-1722
execdirector@wiunitedfc.org

October 21, 2025

Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
City of De Pere
826 S 6th Street
De Pere, WI 54115

RE: Intent to Use Letter - Long-Term Agreement for Southwest Park Soccer Fields

Dear Mr. Kosobucki,

On behalf of Wisconsin United FC (WIUFC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, I am writing to express our intent to enter into a long-term, multi-year agreement with the City of De Pere for the use of soccer fields at Southwest Park for a seven-year period beginning in 2026 and continuing through 2032.

About Wisconsin United FC

Wisconsin United FC is a non-profit youth soccer club formed by the merger of four elite soccer clubs in Northeast Wisconsin: De Pere Select, NEW United, and the United Hurricanes. We partner with Minnesota United FC, an MLS club, to provide our players and coaches with the best soccer training in Wisconsin.

Our mission is to promote the love of the sport to the areas we serve, offering a place for a child to play soccer regardless of skill level or ability to pay. We are dedicated to providing the level of training and competition that each athlete deserves. The years players spend in the club will shape who they are as a person, teammate, and friend. Success for the club is a player finishing their youth career with the memories of challenges met, strong friendships, and a lifelong passion for the sport.

We embrace and uphold our four core values of Unity, Humility, Passion, and Respect in our everyday operations, reflecting our commitment to integrity and excellence.

Requested Field Usage

Wisconsin United FC requests use of the soccer fields at Southwest Park under the following terms:

- **Duration:** Seven years (2026-2032)
- **Seasonal Schedule:**
 - Spring Season: April 1 - June 30
 - Fall Season: August 1 - October 31
- **Days:** Seven days per week during the active seasons
- **Primary Use:** Soccer practices and training sessions
- **Secondary Use:** League games and tournaments
- **Additional Use:** Occasional meetings in the concession area

Partnership and Support Commitment

Wisconsin United FC is committed to being a strong partner with the City of De Pere. We would like to acknowledge our previous donation to the City of De Pere in 2022 of two Premium Kwik Goal Copa Portable Goals valued at \$14,000. Building on this partnership, we propose to support the City in four significant areas over the course of this agreement:

1. ADA Accessible Trail Project - 100% Financial Support

Wisconsin United FC commits to providing 100% financial support for the proposed \$60,000 ADA Accessible trail project at Southwest Park. Our commitment follows this payment schedule:

- July 31, 2026: \$5,500
- July 31, 2027: \$5,500
- July 31, 2028: \$7,500
- July 31, 2029: \$9,000
- July 31, 2030: \$10,500
- July 31, 2031: \$10,500
- July 31, 2032: \$11,500

Total: \$60,000

2. Field Improvements - In-Kind Labor and Materials

Wisconsin United FC will provide in-kind labor and materials to make topsoil improvements to the auxiliary area and fields 1-3, ensuring optimal playing conditions for all users of the park.

3. Plant Growth Regulator (PGR) Applications - Annual Financial Support

Wisconsin United FC commits to 100% financial support for five applications of Plant Growth Regulators to fields 1 and 2 as recommended by turf management professionals, at a total cost of \$2,950 per year. This commitment will be made on a year-to-year basis following an evaluation after the first two years to assess effectiveness and continued benefit.

4. Parking Lot Expansion - Partnership Exploration

Wisconsin United FC will work in good faith to support the City's effort to build a new parking lot south of the current lot. It is the club's hope to support this project with 25% of the needed funds. The target funding structure for this project would be:

- 25% Wisconsin United FC
- 50% Grants and Private Money
- 25% City of De Pere

We believe this partnership represents a significant investment in the community infrastructure while supporting youth athletics and recreational opportunities for De Pere residents.

Benefits to the Community

This long-term partnership will provide numerous benefits to the City of De Pere and its residents:

- Significant infrastructure improvements totaling over \$60,000 in guaranteed funding
- Enhanced park accessibility through the ADA trail project
- Improved field conditions benefiting all park users
- Expanded parking to accommodate increased park usage
- Continued youth development opportunities for hundreds of area children
- Economic impact from events bringing visitors to De Pere

Next Steps

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other City officials to discuss this proposal in detail and work collaboratively to develop a formal agreement that serves the interests of both Wisconsin United FC and the City of De Pere.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We look forward to continuing and expanding our partnership with the City of De Pere for years to come.

Sincerely,

Eric Gebhard
Executive Director
Wisconsin United FC



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.5

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from VFW Post 2113 to improve the memorial at Bicentennial Park, valued at \$17,610. *

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

Memo.Cover memo Bicentennial, Email - Bicentennial Park, existing park, existing park-plan, existing park-plaque, existing park-sign

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: November 20, 2025

RE: Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from VFW Post 2113 to improve the memorial at Bicentennial Park valued at \$17,610. *

Summary: We have received a proposal from the VFW Post 2113 to fundraise and replace/repair the stonework and plaques at the memorial in Bicentennial Park, valued at \$17,610. As part of the project, the VFW is asking the City to use our resources to remove all the necessary stone, etc. and prepare the site. In addition, after this is completed, they are proposing trying to either raise money for find a volunteer that is willing to replace or revitalize the original sign.

One thing that would have to be clarified before it goes to council for approval is for the VFW to explain how they will fundraise and how donors will be recognized.

Staff Recommendation: As long as staff can have some advanced notice, we should be able to coordinate staffing and resources to take out the stone that is required. Staff would recommend accepting the donation from the VFW Post 2113.

Grace Lahtela

From: R - D <rdhansen@mindspring.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 8, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Marty Kosobucki
Cc: VFW Post 2113 - Pat & Linda Moran; VFW Post 2113 - Joe Roffers; VFW Post 2113 - Dan Ammerman
Subject: Fw: Re: Community Foundation - Nelson Family Foundation
Attachments: existing park.pdf; existing park-plan.pdf; existing park-plaque.pdf; existing park-sign.pdf

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Marty, here is the information you requested regarding our De Pere VFW Post 2113 community service project - refreshing the City of De Pere's Bicentennial Park.

With this submission, we will be seeking approval from you, the parks commission/committee and then the City of De Pere Council for the overall plan and the donation of the work. Because of the large scope of this project we will start fundraising only after receiving approval to proceed with the project and the City of De Pere approval that they will accept this large project donation.

I'll be the primary contact (information below) and our Post Commander Pat Moran would be the alternate contact (920-639-0922, email in cc:line)

The concept and purpose of this project - on May 31, 1976 the City of De Pere in partnership with our De Pere VFW Post 2113 and the De Pere American Legion Post 230 dedicated Bicentennial Park to honor all our forefather community members for establishing and maintaining our great City of De Pere. Fast forward to September 2025 we (Post 2113) noticed that the centerpiece of the dedication that surrounds the flagpole has suffered badly over the years due to frost heave, animal activity, and simple wear and tear. The purpose of the project is to restore "make better" the stone area around the flagpole

The project - It is our desire to restore this centerpiece of the park (the flagpole area) to its original status - and that can only be completed by tearing down and then rebuilding this area. The plan would be to tear out the existing stone area and rebuild it with modern pavers (completion date no later than May 31, 2026), then have a rededication ceremony the morning of July 4, 2026, the same day that all of America celebrates our 250th birthday.

Bicentennial Park is a very small green area located at the corner of Main Ave and Reid St. in the City of De Pere. The only public access to this park is by foot.

The attachments:

1st attached .pdf - pictures of the existing stone centerpiece around the flagpole. You'll see from the pictures that it is in dire need of work. As note, the center/main plaque fell off the stone work 2 weeks ago - a member of the public was able to save it and I now have it.

2nd attached .pdf - new proposed paver area to replace the existing stone work = Lizer Landscaping estimate for this is \$16,376.04 (that includes a 10% discount). What is not included in this estimate is the \$3,500 projected cost to remove and dispose of the existing stone work - the hope is that we can get the City of De Pere to remove the old stone work, thus saving us that cost. There is no plan to put flowers/plants or lights in this area - there is no water or trash cans in the park to maintain plants and no electricity that is available to us to install lights.

3rd attached .pdf - new bronze plaques to replace the existing plaque (now sitting on my desk) = Creative Signs (De Pere) estimate for these 5 plaques is \$7,240.00, which includes installation of the signs. The signs are: 1 larger one the same size as the existing center plaque with wording and the city emblem; then 4 additional plaques 1/2 the size of the larger one and there will be a single year on each - 1776, 1876, 1976, and 2026. These will be placed by Creative Sign personnel as shown on the Lizer plan.

4th attached .pdf - is the existing park sign. The plan would be to find a local Boy or Girl Scout would be willing to tackle the sign area as his/her Eagle Scout award project. We're projecting the only requirement for this area is to remove the existing overgrown bushes and then put down new mulch to simply refresh this sign area. If we're unable to do that, then we'll consider tackling that issue as well.

Total cost:

\$16,376.04 - new paver area (per 2nd attachment information)

\$7,240.00 - 5 new bronze plaques (per 3rd attachment information)

\$3,500.00 - tear our and dispose the old stone area (per 2nd attachment information)

\$27,116.04 = total cost estimate

Key action items needed with this submission:

1. To save us the additional cost of the \$3,500 (noted above) tear out and disposal of the old stone area, we're requesting the City of De Pere (at their cost) accomplish this portion of the project and have it completed no later than April 30, 2026. This would include the removal of the overgrown bushes on this site. By completing the tearout of the existing stone area by April 30, 2026 it will allow us to start and finish the rebuilding part of this project by May 31, 2026.
2. Prior to tearing out the old stone area, please contact myself or Pat Moran so that we can coordinate with Amanda Reif, Director & Curator of the De Pere Historical Society and White Pillars Museum (920-336-3877) so that she can be on hand to ensure the safe recovery of the buried documents as noted on the plaque. Those items will be stored in the museum for display and will not be returned to the site.
3. Creative Signs will be preparing and installing the new bronze plaques, replacing the old. It needs to be confirmed that to install these new replacement plaques, Creative Signs does not need to obtain any City of De Pere signage permits to complete the installation. We consider the installation of these plaques to be a simple replacement act and not the creation or installation of new signage.
4. As you can see from the existing center plaque (1st attachment) it has the City of De Pere seal in the center of it. The specific request here is that the City provide Creative Signs the appropriate approvals and seals in order that it can be reprinted on the new center plaque. This approval would be for a one-time use.
5. We are keenly aware that the Bicentennial Park does not have any on-site parking, as such we are requesting specific City of De Pere guidance on where Lizer Lanscaping and Creative Signs can park their vehicles and how to safely access the park for this project.

We can provide any additional information you may need.

Randy

Randy Hansen

QM, De Pere VFW Post 2113

920-639-6996





De Pere Bicentennial Memorial Park
Dedicated May 31, 1976

In appreciation for all the efforts of our forefathers
in establishing and maintaining a community of which
we are proud to be a part.

1776



1976

Flag pole setting sponsored by the
De Pere Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion

Documents under the bicentennial brick in the flagstone area
may be removed and examined at the discretion of the



Re: Re: De Pere VFW Post 2113's potential De Pere Bicentennial Park project

From: Randy Hill Jr <randy@lizer.net>
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Subject: Re: Re: De Pere VFW Post 2113's potential De Pere Bicentennial Park project
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Hi Randy,

Here are the updated viewports for the project without the plantings. Please let me know if there are any other changes needed.

We appreciate your time and service and would like to offer 10% off the Total Project Estimate for the project. The total after would be \$16,376.04.

Thank you,

Kindly review us at <https://hibu.us/e4ci>

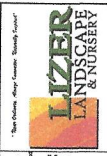
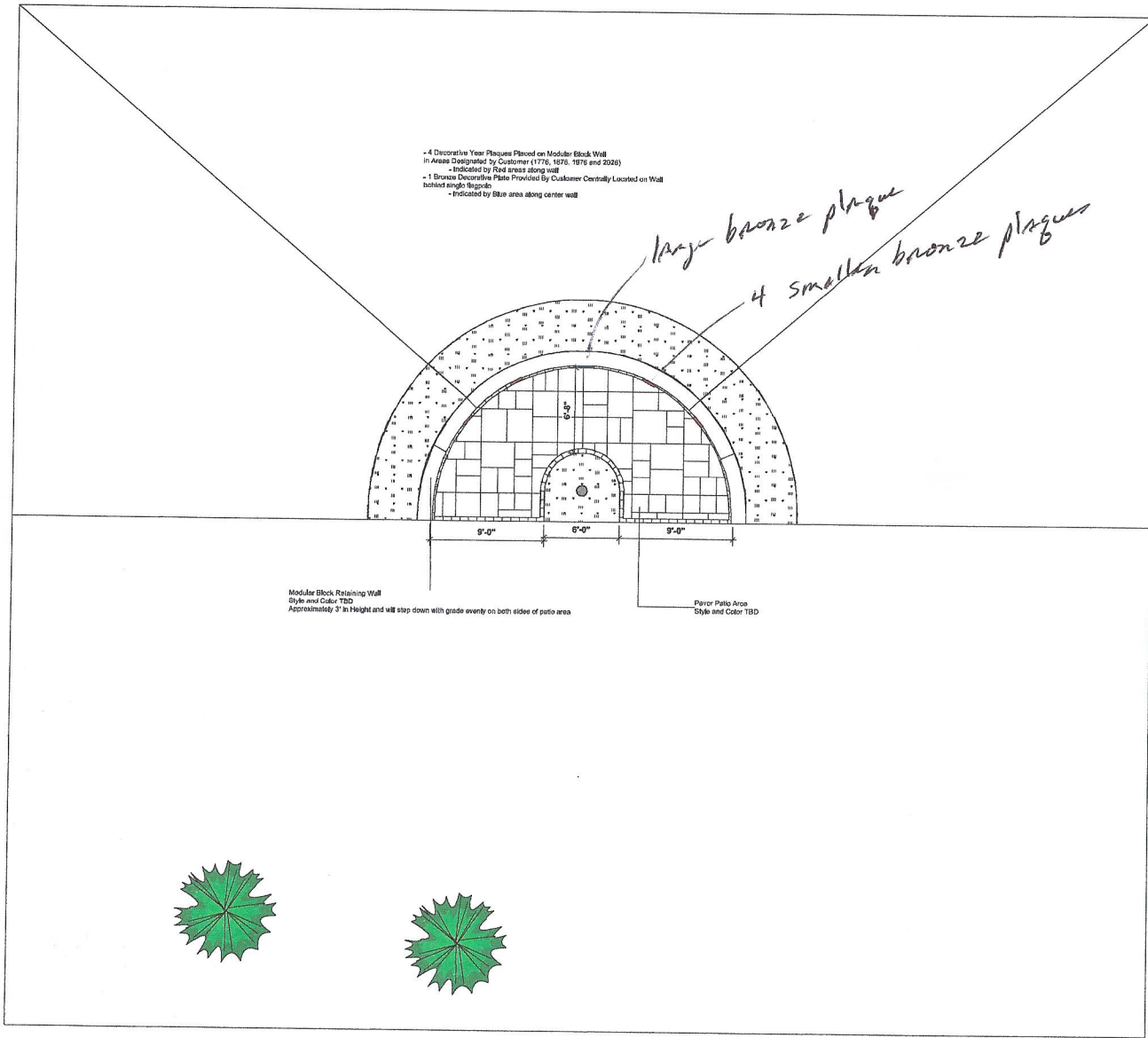
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 Drawing: Landscape Concept

Revisions	
No.	Description

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Bicentennial Project

PROJECT BID DATE:	September 2, 2025
PLAN DATE:	September 2, 2025
LAST REVISION:	October 6, 2025
PROJECT DESIGNER:	Hill
ESTIMATOR INITIALS:	RMH
REVIEWED BY:	
CLIENT:	Randy Hansen
	Bicentennial Park De Pere
PROJECT ADDRESS:	615 Main Avenue
	De Pere, WI
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LANDSCAPE SERVICES SPREADSHEET

LAWN INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS

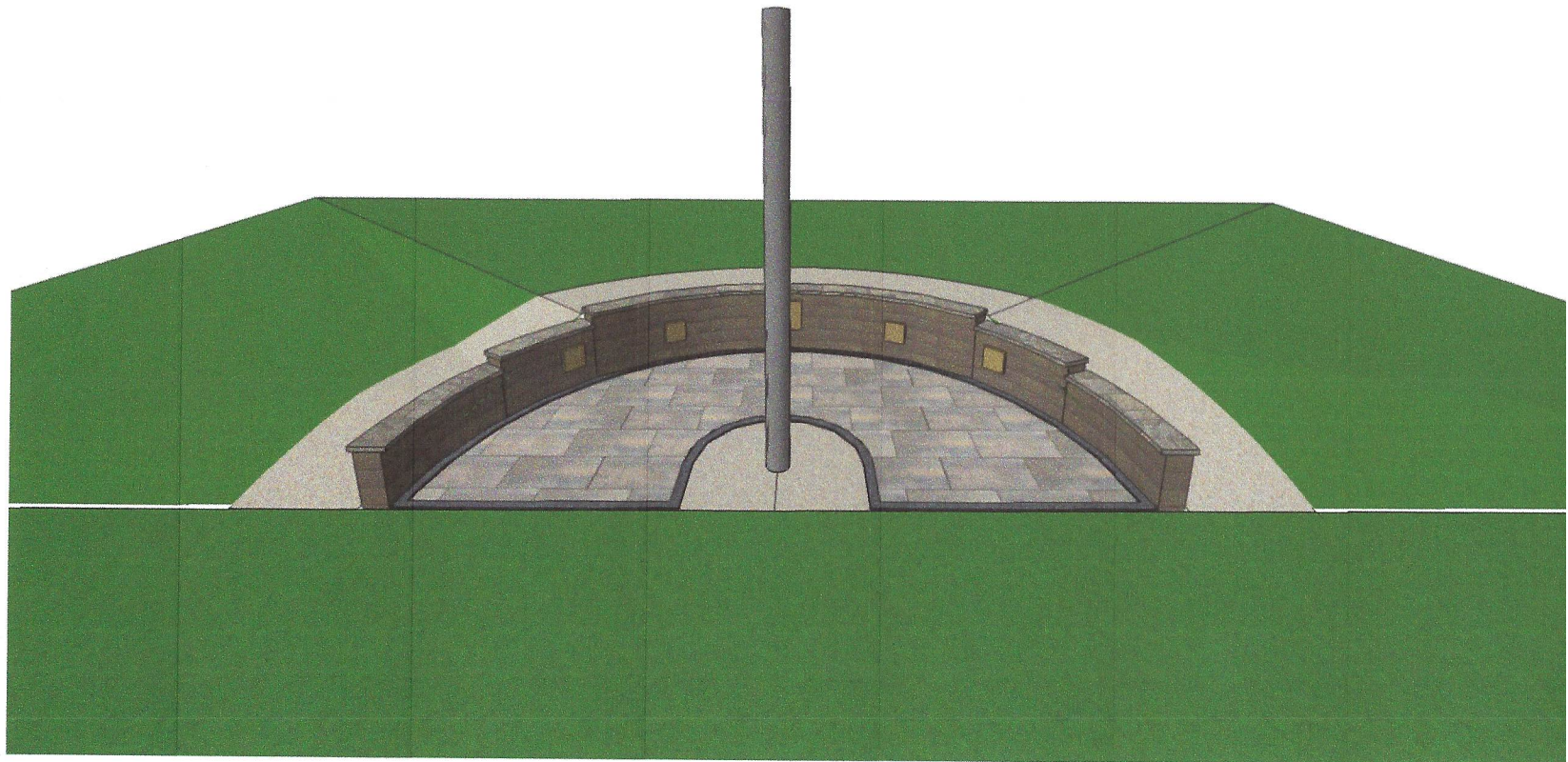
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EDGING SPECIFICATIONS

	LN.FT.	QTY.	SQ. FT.	TYPE OF EDGING	PRODUCT SPECIFICATION
BLACK	70	4	N/A	1" Beaded Poly Edging (20")	Valley View - Ace of Diamond

MULCH SPECIFICATIONS

INCHES	TONS	CU.YD.	SQ. FT.	TYPE OF MULCH	SURFACE AREA TREATMENT
2-3	4.50	3.0	300	American Heritage Stone - 1"-1/2"	2-3 Inch Average Depth
	ROLLS		SURFACE		
STAPLES	NEEDED	TOTAL SQ.FT.	SQ.FT.	GEO/TEXTILES	
		330.0	300	Typar Fabric Weed Barrier (6'x 300' roll)	Reinders



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Valid Until	11/15/2025	Revision Date	10/16/2025	Lead Time	2 - 3 weeks	SR	Bailey Schulte
F.O.B.	N/A	Revision No		Ship Method	Install	PM	Bailey Schulte
Terms	Down Payment Required						

No.	Item	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extension
1.	Bronze Plaques	1) Large 18" Plaque:\$ 2165 4) Small 12" Plaques:\$4025	1	Set	6,190.00	6,190.00
2.	Installation - Exterior	Installation of plaques	1	Each	1,050.00	1,050.00

The Quote amount may NOT include sales tax, permits, obtainment fees, parking, warning lights, engineering, primary wiring, or final electrical connection unless specifically stated. Engineering cost if required to be paid by customer. Unforeseen/difficult digging conditions will be billed to customer. If pre wiring is required additional charges may apply. All signs are wired at 120 volts unless otherwise specified in writing.

Subtotal 7,240.00

Payment Terms: 75% down payment is required, balance due upon completion. 1.5% interest on all balances over 30 days. Client agrees to reimburse Creative Sign Co. for the reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and necessary disbursements incurred by Creative Sign Co. to collect any amount client fails to pay to Creative Sign Co. Credit Cards are accepted and a 3% convenience fee will be charged for all credit card transactions.

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satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Creative Sign Co. is authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made in accordance with the terms above.

Sales Tax (0 %)	0.00
Total (USD)	7,240.00

Quote Valid Until: November 15, 2025

By signing below, I approve and authorize this quote and acknowledge that I have read and agree to the attached terms and conditions.

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 Print Name _____





City of De Pere, Wisconsin

IV.1

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Discussion on the playground replacement at Carney Park.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion

ATTACHMENTS:
Memo.Carney Playground

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: November 20, 2025

RE: Discussion on the playground replacement at Carney Park

Summary: We would like to get input from the Park Board before going out to bid on Carney Park playground. Carney Park is a small park located on the west side of De Pere. It is in close proximity to Willems Park. The playground currently is a small playground with a two-bay swing (see pic below). We budgeted \$125,000 for the project and would like to get your insight into how to maximize the budget. We could go in a couple different directions with our budget allotment.

All the options below, assume we will pour an accessible sidewalk to the playground, and then pour a sidewalk border for the playground.

- Option 1 – 5-12 structure, Double bay swing set, and wood fiber for fall surface
- Option 2 – 5-12 structure, no swing set, poured in place or turf fall surface
- Option 3 – downsized 5-12 structure, single bay swing set, poured in place or turf fall surface

Current Playground



Background: There are several variables when considering the future of the Carney Park playground. First, the Park Board has indicated poured in place surfacing is a priority during our last couple playground installs. Poured in Place fall surfacing is approximately \$25/square foot installed. Second, the budget for this playground is smaller than normal because it is a mini-park and there is another playground within 1,200 ft (Willems Park/Playground). To get the most bang for our dollar and include poured in place (or similar) fall surfacing we would recommend Option 3 as it gives a blend of play experience and is close to what is currently there now.

Staff Recommendation:

With poured in place (or similar) fall surface a priority, we would recommend Option 3.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

IV.2

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Discussion on beer garden survey and potential changes.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion

ATTACHMENTS:

Memo.Beer Garden Survey Summary, Beer Garden Survey Results, Beer Garden Survey Results Summary

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: November 20, 2025

RE: Discussion on beer garden survey and potential changes.

Included in this packet is the summary of our survey we sent out to the community regarding our Beer Gardens. While we encourage you to read through and enjoy the comments, I have provided some takeaways that staff have identified.

- The time frame of the event was in favor with the majority. There were comments about extending the time. We would not recommend extending the time as it causes complications and (at times) significant extra work due to the sun setting.
- People were very happy with the time frame of the musician. However, in looking at comments we think starting the musician at 5:00 pm would be a good idea.
- A significant majority of people like the niche of featuring local micro-breweries. Some comments received about expanding options to micro-breweries from Wisconsin a little more.
- As we expected, the survey showed that we did not have enough food trucks to satisfy the audience. This has been discussed already, and our plan is to bring in additional food trucks and/or options.
- We asked participants about the location of our food trucks. The responses did not really show a majority opinion. Some prefer where they are, some prefer the bowl, and an equal amount did not really care. This is an important topic because depending how many additional food trucks we bring in and what kind of food trucks...there may or may not be room in its current location.
- A significant majority of people were happy with the quality of our musicians. Regarding musicians, we typically take the approach to not have the same musicians repeatedly so that we maintain variety. In some instances, we bring back a musician or two if they received a lot of positive comments.
- The top three things people liked most about the Beer Gardens was its 1) Location, 2) Family Friendly Atmosphere, and 3) Music
 - o I think this is a very important question because it provides guidance on why people come. If we start to add and/or change things that go away from these priorities, then we start to stray away from what makes the event successful.
- Misc Points or takeaways from the Survey
 - o We feel we should offer water at the beer station.
 - o Need more seating options.
 - o People would like to see more of them.
 - o Set up of the musician was not ideal.
 - o Many other comments, please see survey for full slate of comments.

2025 Beer Garden Survey Summary

General Beer Garden Event Details		Yes	No
The beer gardens ran from 4:30-8:30 pm. Do you feel this is a good time span for the event?		111	5
Comments:			
Good time, but could you do a different days of the week. When my kids sports land on that one day all summer we could not attend.			
5:40 - 9:30, allows people to get to it after work. This is also an adult event so I feel it should be able to go longer.			
4:30 - 7:30 pm			
3-9, some people work until 7			
4:30 - 9			
Maybe 5-9			
I would love to see a youth sport of something happening. A flag football game, a pickup ball game. Something like that. I think it would help bring people to the area, but also would be fun if you could just sign up with a survey moneyky or something like that and have pickup games like that for different age groups starting at like 10:00 going to adult.			
The musician was scheduled for 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Was this an acceptable time frame?		108	8
Comments:			
Maybe 5-8:00			
Move up the musician - we have small children, so arrived when it started at 4:30, but not offering music during the start mad it pretty unenjoyable.			
you have time to expand it.			
Start at 4:30			
It would be nice if the music also started at 4:30			
5:00 - 8:30			
5-7 pm			
Maybe 5pm?			
Bands start at 4:30			
One objective of the beer garden has been to support local breweries. Do you like this feature?		115	1
I want Hinterland Cherry Wheat back though!			
Please offer dirinks for kids. We typically don't vist the food trucks so it was inconvenient to grab a beer then go to the food truck for a water or soda for children.			
It would be great if you had wine available.			
I liked that the choices were different every week. You need more Stillmank Guava IPA			

2025 Beer Garden Survey Summary

I do not drink beer so I'd prefer more wine or hard alcohol options but I'm used to that in our area and it didn't deter me from attending.		
I like that you support local, but why not local WI beers. There are breweries that are in Appleton that could have been featured.		
NA, water and soda		
Maybe try and add a local winery a few times.		
Excellent!		
More non-beer options.		
Maybe some wine options		
More n/a options		
I think it would be neat to also have wineries that are local.		
Food Trucks	Yes	No
For this year's beer garden we had two food trucks and one dessert truck at each event. Is this sufficient?	63	53
Comments:		
At least one more food truck would be nice.		
Need at least one more...maybe two		
The number should be zero. The cost to startup, maintain and sell product from a food truck has gone up exponentially in the past two years due to increases in all expenses - this passes onto the consumer of course. Perhaps, we need to partner with specific nearby businesses (La Catrina, Voyageur's Bakehouse, etc..) to be on-site vendors here would add more value to the local De Pere community as opposed to a truck from Green Bay, Door County etc.. keeping money more local		
3-4 food trucks, skip the dessert truck. One truck should have "easy" food for kids or picky eaters.		
The lines were really long and it took a long time to get food. At least one more food truck would help a lot		
I would collect data to determine how many people on average were attending, then talk with the current food truck vendors to see if they were overwhelmed/having a hard time keeping up with orders. Maybe get beer garden attendees in line for the food trucks feedback on this.		
The wait lines for food were very long due to the limited options.		
I wouldn't consider the popcorn truck a secondary food truck option. We waited in line for almost an hour for the taco truck.		
4-6 trucks		
Looking for more of a variety of food.		
I would have more variety than what you had.		
Please vary the food trucks. One cannot be just popcorn.		
Having more food would be good. Some of the food trucks had limited choices or were more snacks.		

2025 Beer Garden Survey Summary

It got really busy at the food trucks and the lines ended up taking really long. Adding a 3rd food truck would help or replacing the dessert truck with a food truck might help.		
It would be nice to have one or two more food trucks. There were a few times where the lines were extremely long and one time a truck ran out of food.		
Quality of food trucks seemed low and small. I was there 2-3 times.		
Took a long time to get food at one and the other didn't have ice for their drinks.		
crowds. Was frustrating waiting so long when having children with.		
One more food truck would be nice.		
My kids usually didn't like the trucks. We liked it better when there were fewer gardens and more trucks.		
One more food truck. One taco and one BBQ or burger truck each time would be nice. Have menu's on the beer garden site.		
Very disappointing to only see 2 dinner options. We never ate.		
then waited 1/2 hour to get the food. By then it was after 8:00 so we took it to go. I guess I'd have more food truck if possible.		
Food options were not great.		
It would be great to have one more food truck, in my opinion, to offer a greater variety. It can be hard for folks with dietary restrictions to find something at a lot of food trucks, so bringing in a third increases their odds.		
Wait was often long and lines were discouraging. One on the lower level by open area would be appreciated.		
More food variety.		
ran out of food.		
More variety than two choices for dinner would be nice.		
Moor food		
I think one more food truck. Just the amount of people to get through just two is just a little to much.		
I think if there are other vendors who want to come you should allow them to. The lines were long to get food.		
Should have more food trucks for more variety for the customers.		
Two food trucks would give a good variety.		
Maybe 2 food and one dessert		
One more food truck. Long lines and wait times for food.		
More would be better		
The one I went to the line was so long for the food truck that we just left. So having more than two food trucks might be a good idea.		
At least one additional food truck.		
The wait times at the food trucks were rather long...perhaps it would help to have more available.		
I think it's sufficient for this year, but if this event is going to grow, may need more.		

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I would add a couple more choices.		
3-4 food trucks would help with long lines.		
More variety.		
More choices, since it is the "dinner" hour.		
More food truck options to lessen the wait time for food.		
More food trucks.		
More variety would be nice. Always seems it's Mexican or BBQ.		
Do you have any suggestions on new food trucks?		
No new suggestions, but maybe have a few more options? The night we went one of the two food trucks ran out of a lot of things since they seemed to be the popular food truck. We got there later in the evening.		
Rustique		
None, but it was expensive		
Main two food trucks should be meals, with a third as a dessert or snack. Or maybe you could invite area non-profits to serve food to raise funds for their programs.		
More food vendors. Long lines support more vendors.		
More mexican taco trucks, BBQ trucks		
Perhaps vegetarian? Do the food trucks like this location?		
Asian Fusion		
Blue Suede Foods		
Lokum, just had and it was excellent.		
More variety		
At least tow "more adult gearded" good trucks and 1 more child food.		
Mexican		
Multiple cuisines, we are more interested in entrees than desserts.		
More variety		
Pizza truck		
Maybe adding a third "basic option", such as burgers or hot dogs. Some of the food trucks are a bit too pricey and "fancy" for littles who do not like that.		
Mexican, burger, BBQ, asian		
Diablos Tacos, boba		
There are soo many good ones!		
Oley's Pizza		
Not local, but the attendance volume seemed to outpace what the 2 food trucks could adequately keep up with.		

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Meow Meow Sushi		
Paco Tacos		
Did you like the location of the food trucks this year (on top of the hill overlooking the river), or would you prefer them down n the bowl area?		
Top of the hill overlooking the river	38	
Bowl area	20	
No preference	56	
Musicians	Yes	No
Regarding the music, were you happy with the musicians?	114	2
Comments:		
More up beat music and some didn't play much or on time.		
Which musicians would you recommend bringing back?		
American Honey, Him and Her, Olivia		
Had trouble hearing some over the loud talking. Were the musicians happy with the location? Maybe have them face the bowl area.		
They were all good		
Logan Spicer		
Kurt Gunn and the Girl		
I think it was Him & Her? She & I?		
Jackson Mankowski		
All were good		
Liked them all.		
Ben Boncher		
Girl and the Gunn		
More variety. Not the same.		
Darren and Shelly Johnson, American Honey		
Cheese Doodlers, Him and Her		
I loved all of them but I would love to see more of a local younger band like wet possum or something like that. Even just a high school throw together band. I'm sure there's some out there.		
Frank		
That Seth guy is good. Jackson is good..		
All were good		
Which musicians did you not care for?		

2025 Beer Garden Survey Summary

Comments:		
Brent Bel		
Do you have any suggestions on new musicians?		
Comments:		
there.		
Nick Gonnering		
Dylan Martinson		
Adam Lee (Icons), Logan Spicer		
Cat Plan		
Acoustic Endorphins		
Logan Spicer		
I like keeping it small.		
1-2 person. Keep budget down. Singer songwriter. Originals.		
Los locales		
Dani Maus		
Gentleman Grifters		
Homegrown JT2		
Again, I would love to see some high school bankds that kids have put together. I am sure they would have fun with that too.		
Sweet acoustic is good, maybe I missed them.		
General Comments Regarding the Beer Gardens		
What did you like best about the beer garden? Please check all that apply.		
Location	95	
Family friendly atmosphere	80	
Music	79	
Food trucks	64	
Craft beer and other beverages	70	
Kid friendly activities	51	
Yard games	44	
Other:	5	
Came for food, unimpressed		
Community organizations..Health Department, bike helmets, games		

2025 Beer Garden Survey Summary

	Voyageur Park		
	Dog friendly!	2	
How many De Pere beer garden events did you attend this year?			
	1-3	74	
	4-7	35	
	8-11	6	
Additional comments:			
	I did enjoy it a lot more on Sunday's rather than Tuesdays!		
	I thought it was a nice event. It would be great if they extended into the fall as well.		
	Love the new layout with the pavilion. My only issue was went there later in the evening (around 6:30 ish) and the line was really long for the popular food truck and by the time we ordered they were out of most things. Maybe have an additional food truck (3 food, 1 dessert), or stagger when they get there so there are options for the people who arrive later in the evening.		
	Themes were a good twist. Liked the door prizes as well. Have more throughout the events, not just the last ones.		
	Let's have more of our food vendors (whether it be the trucks or pop up sale setups), be local De Pere.		
	More tables/seating options in the bowl. It felt secluded if you had to sit down there.		
	It would be nice if they were on different nights. Change it up for schedules.		
	We really enjoy this event. It would be nice to have a few larger tents to put chairs under. It can get very hot and the table on the patio fill up quickly making sitting directly in the sun the only option. We probably would have stayed longer for a few of the events if we weren't in the sun.		
	Rethink the setup of the location of the musician. We could not sit on the pavilion patio because the music was too loud and we couldn't have a conversation.		
	Every other week would be enough. And continue into September		
	Spread them out and move some into spring and fall. There are so many offerings in the summer but not much in the spring and fall.		
	Great event overall! I wish there was some shade in the bowl area but I'm not sure how that would be accomplished. Either way thanks for the weekly event, and looking forward to next year.		
	The set up for the musicians is terrible. We go all around the area to venues and while the setting is beautiful the set up and proximity of the musicians is horrible compared to others. There really isn't a lot of good spots to sit and listen when the band or musician is facing the pavilion and the majority of the crowd is either behind them or down the hill. Could be set up nicer.		
	Send out the food truck list 24 hours in advance. It was hard to plan around with only a few hours.		

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I'm so glad this was a weekly event this year. We looked forward to it as part of our summer schedule. I liked the special beer glasses and felt those were a good deal.		
We love that it's weekly and the entire event is great. We look forward to it next summer!		
Our kids love the beer garden events! Thanks for a fun family event :)		
It's the same night as Knights on the Fox, would love to see this on Monday's or Thursday's so we can enjoy everything our city has to offer.		
Thanks!		
More IPA variety.		
I attended two events. Great to have these activities in De Pere!! Thanks.		
I attended less beer gardens this year. The reason was you had too many. When you had only three the past years, I marked it on my calendar to attend as they were only a few. Now having them every week, I feel like we'll go to the next one and we don't plan around it like in past years.		
It was great. Keep it up! No suggestions to improve. Just appreciate the effort to make this a pleasurable experience.		
Not very handicap friendly. Prior years the food trucks were along the sidewalk and near a lot of parking. Also, with the band at the top of the hill and confined to the pavilion area, it feels very limiting for seating and access to hearing and seeing the band.		
We love the beer garden! I would love to see the city offer a few into September! :)		
The beer garden needs more variety of beer. There should be beer available from all the Green Bay breweries (especially since there are non in De Pere itself); Badger State, Stillmank, Anahpee, Cocoon, Station 1, Titledown, Noble Roots, Zambaldi, Gnarly Cedar. I would like to see an IPA option other than Grassy Place.		
Every week is a lot. Wednesday would be better. Monthly June - August,		
It's a pain to bring a cup all the time for a discount.		
Maybe do it every other week. I think having it every week takes away from it being something special.		
I love the idea and hope this event grows!		
Have more craft show things for vendors. Sunday farmers market, ski shows.		
Loved that you made it a weekly event! Such a great family-friendly option...especially with kids' sports on both sides of the river. Was a great quick dinner after ball games.		
Overall they are a terrific event for De Pere. Thank You!		
We loved that it switched to every Tuesday! We can't make a ton of them but it makes it more available.		
Many local and Wisconsin brewers have non-beer options. Would be great to see those.		

2025 Beer Garden Survey Summary

	<p>Might be worthwhile depending on budget to have one bigger band for the first beer garden. That way it draws a bigger crowd and more momentum for the following beer gardens. A lot of good local options but I personally like Wet Possum.</p>		
	<p>We experienced one beer garden while visiting my son, who moved to Green Bay last year. We stayed at Nuk's Suites, so the location was wonderful for us. Our entire family - young and old - had such an amazing time. The only hiccup we had was a long wait for food. The games, adult beverages, the wonderful space at the park - we really had a fantastic time.</p>		
	<p>It would be nice to have more seating, picnic tables for eating and just sitting and enjoying the music.</p>		
	<p>Love these! I have recommended to many. And I love that organizations serve and earn \$\$ for community efforts.</p>		
	<p>Love this event! The new pavilion with family-friendly bathrooms is amazing and really makes this event easy for families with young children:) Thank you for doing this event!</p>		
	<p>It's a very nice area. I would add more picnic tables.</p>		
	<p>It would be nice to post what food trucks will be at the beer garden for each night. It helps plan with picky kid eaters that may not like the food truck cuisines so we can pack something instead. A few more picnic tables would be nice. There was often out of places left to sit.</p>		
	<p>Maybe a local winery. Beer and wine garden gives you more options. I'd love a theme night or two where you dress a certain theme.</p>		

General Beer Garden Event Details		Yes	No
The beer gardens ran from 4:30-8:30 pm. Do you feel this is a good time span for the event?		111	5
The musician was scheduled for 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Was this an acceptable time frame?		108	8
One objective of the beer garden has been to support local breweries. Do you like this feature?		115	1
Food Trucks		Yes	No
For this year's beer garden we had two food trucks and one dessert truck at each event. Is this sufficient?		63	53
Did you like the location of the food trucks this year (on top of the hill overlooking the river), or would you prefer them down n the bowl area?			
	Top of the hill overlooking the river	38	
	Bowl area	20	
	No preference	56	
Musicians		Yes	No
Regarding the music, were you happy with the musicians?		114	2
General Comments Regarding the Beer Gardens			
What did you like best about the beer garden? Please check all that apply.			
	Location	95	
	Family friendly atmosphere	80	
	Music	79	
	Food trucks	64	
	Craft beer and other beverages	70	
	Kid friendly activities	51	
	Yard games	44	
	Other:	5	
	Came for food, unimpressed		
	Community organizations..Health Department, bike helmets, games		
	Voyageur Park		
	Dog friendly!	2	
How many De Pere beer garden events did you attend this year?			
	1-3	74	
	4-7	35	
	8-11	6	



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

V.1

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Staff update on Ice Arena
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff update

ATTACHMENTS:
Memo.Ice Arena Update

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: November 20, 2025

RE: Staff update on Ice Arena

The Mayor, City Manager and I have been meeting with user groups from the ice arena over the last several months and collecting data. On November 11th, we met with the user groups to include them in the information and synopsis that we will share with the Council. We hope to share the information with council soon and work toward a decision on how to proceed with the ice arena.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

V.2

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor
SUBJECT: Staff update on donation — Life Jacket Grant from AOAP.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff update

ATTACHMENTS:
Park Board Memo - Staff Update on Donation - Life Jacket Grant from AOAP

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Community Center



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

TO: Board of Park Commissioners
FROM: Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor
DATE: November 20, 2025
RE: Staff Update on donation - Life Jacket Grant from AOAP

The Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a generous grant of 25 life jackets from the Association of Aquatics Professionals. The estimated value of the life jacket grant is \$500.

Specific use requirements apply as part of the grant:

- Life jackets must be used as part of our swim lesson programs.
- Life jackets must be offered to the public for use during open swim hours.

Grant/Donation Information:

From: Association of Aquatics Professionals

Primary Contact: Juliene Hefter

701 Glasscock Rd, Liberty Hill TX 78642

To: De Pere Parks & Recreation Department

For: Life Jacket Grant

Grant: 25 Life Jackets (valued at approximately \$500)