



Board of Park Commissioners

335 South Broadway

Regular Meeting

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

Revised Agenda

Thursday, October 17, 2013

6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a Regular Meeting of the **Board of Park Commissioners** of the City of De Pere will be held on **October 17, 2013** at **6:30 PM** in the **De Pere City Hall Council Chambers, 335 S. Broadway Street, De Pere, WI 54115**.

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

II. Action Items

1. Acceptance of Board of Park Commissioners Minutes 9-19-13.
2. Approval from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept \$500 donation from SAY Soccer.
3. Approval from Board of Park Commissioners to accept donation from Eagle Scout for improvements around two Service Club signs in De Pere.
4. Consider donation from Jim Kneiszel to construct Junior Disc Golf Course in Legion Park.

III. Public Comment Period

IV. Future Agenda Items

V. Staff Updates

1. Riverwalk
2. Southwest Park
3. Braisher Playground

VI. Adjournment

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

Committee Members

Alderpersons

Mayor Michael J. Walsh

Larry Delo, City Administrator

Judy Schmidt-Lehman, City Attorney

Allyson Watson, Definitely De Pere

Marty Kosobucki

Lori Tonn

Scott Thoresen

De Pere Youth Hockey

Tod Maki, De Pere Select Soccer

Shana Defnet, City Clerk

City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor

De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce

Brown County Library De Pere

TV & Radio Stations

Stephanie Aerts

Abbey Barnes, Teen Advisor

Henry Kneiszel, Teen Advisor
De Pere Rapides Soccer
Ben Villaruel, Unified School District
Nancy Kolb
John & Deborah Kleuskens
Kevin Hockers
Richard & Betty Susens
Jon Wistenberg
Roger & Bonnie Jensen
Lisa M. Otto
Jane Patzke
Jeremy Boileau

De Pere Baseball
John Zegers, WDP High School District
William Delwiche
Kurt & Laura Goomey
Dennis & Judy Rhodes
Michelle Ratchman
Polly Jo Worthington
Kent & Sharon Plautz
Residents of 1107 Chicago St.
James Brooks
David Gagnon
Dr. Debra Gagnon

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

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2013

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Board of Park Commissioners Minutes 9-19-13.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Minutes 9-19-13 (PDF)



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Regular Meeting

Draft Minutes

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6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

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

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

II. Action Items

1. Acceptance of Board of Park Commissioners Minutes 8-29-13

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

2. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept \$250 donation from Celebrate De Pere for De Pere Dog Park.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
SECONDER: Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES: Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED: Larry Lueck

3. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept \$250 Donation from Celebrate De Pere Committee for the Recreation Department.

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

4. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept \$250 donation from The Celebrate Committee, Inc. to The Recreation Scholarship Fund.

Attachment: Minutes 9-19-13 (1474 : Acceptance of Board of Park Commissioners Minutes 9-19-13)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

5. Approve donation proposal from Jim Kneiszel to construct a family style disc golf course in Legion Park.
Sue Schinkten made a motion to open the meeting at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Rod Kowalczyk.

Jim Kneiszel spoke with the board about the Disc Golf Course at Legion Park. Jim reviewed the map with the board members. Jim stated he was at the board meeting as a citizen and not an alderperson.

George Brown asked if anyone from the board or the audience had questions for the Jim Kneiszel in regard to the Disc Golf Course.

Several members from the board asked Jim Kneiszel questions in reference to the golf course.

Polly Worthington, Dennis Rhodes, Gavin Merable, Danielle Gagney and John Kleuskens had concerns about the Disc Golf Course at Legion Park and spoke against the item.

Mike Fleck, Dan VanStraten, Bob Heuvelmans and Corey Schebring spoke in favor of the Disc Golf Course at Legion Park.

Robert Brennan from the Green Bay Disc Golf Association, who would possibly be helping with the installation of the Disc Golf Course spoke with the members and parties attending the meeting about the course, concerns and the construction.

Bill Volpano made a motion to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

George Brown asked for questions from the board. Marty Kosobucki answered questions from the board.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to open the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Lisa Rafferty.

Robert Brennnan brought in a basket that would be used for the Disc Golf Course and displayed it for the board. Robert also took questions from the board and any parties attending the meeting.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Rod Kowalczyk.

Mike Donovan made a motion to send the Disc Golf Course at Legion Park back to staff, seconded by Lisa Rafferty. Motion passed.

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

6. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the donation from SEEDS to place interpretive sign next to Native Plant Garden in Voyageur Park.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lisa Rafferty, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

7. Approval for Revision of Computer/Internet Use Policy Guidelines for Public Computer Workstations at De Pere Community Center
Sue Schinkten made a motion to approve the revision of the Computer/Internet Use Policy Guidelines for Public Computer Workstations at De Pere Community Center with the changes to wording under printers to state any valid form of issued Identification, seconded by Rod Kowalczyk. Motion passed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

8. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve \$4300 from the Parkland Dedication Fund to fund wetland delineation and land transfer for Dog Park. Jeff Bahling from the Rettler Corporation spoke with the board and took questions from the board in reference to the Dog Park Master Plan.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to open the meeting at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Rod Kowalczyk.

Mike Stumpf from the Dog Park Committee spoke with the board about the master plan and took questions from the board members in reference to the Dog Park.

Rod Kowalczyk made a motion to close the meeting at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

Sue Schinkten made a motion to request \$4300 from the Parkland Dedication Fund to fund the wetland delineation study and land transfer fee, seconded by Rod Kowalczyk. Motion passed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sue Schinkten, George Brown
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

9. Review Master Plan options for Optimist Park and make recommendations for one plan. Jeff Bahling from the Rettler Corporation spoke with the board reference to the Optimist Park Master Plan. Jeff took questions from the board members.

Rod Kowalczyk made a motion to open the meeting at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

Jim Westerman of De Pere Rapides Soccer spoke to the board about his concerns in reference to the Optimist Park Master Plan.

Jeff Bahling answered questions in reference to the study.

Bill Volpano made a motion to close the meeting at 9:04 p.m., seconded by Sue Schinkten.

George Brown made a motion to refer the options for Optimist Park Master Plan back to staff, seconded by Sue Schinkten. Motion passed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	George Brown, Board Member
SECONDER:	Sue Schinkten, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

10. Resolution #13-123, Authorizing Fifth Amendment to Lease Agreement Between the City of De Pere and Humana Insurance Company.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Donovan, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Rod Kowalczyk, Board Member
AYES:	Donovan, Rafferty, Schinkten, Volpano, Kowalczyk, Brown
EXCUSED:	Larry Lueck

III. Public Comment Period

None

IV. Future Agenda Items

None

V. Staff Updates

1. Braisher Park Playground
Construction of the Braisher Park Playground will begin on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. The construction will be done by Humana and the Green Bay Packers.
2. Southwest Park
Southwest Park will begin construction as soon as the required insurance certificates are received from the contractor.
3. Pony League Baseball Diamond
Marty Kosobucki reported the council backed the Park Board's recommendation to go with Southwest Park as the additional Pony League Diamond.

VI. Adjournment

Sue Schinkten made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Rod Kowalczyk.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Zierson

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2013

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Don Melichar

SUBJECT: Approval from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept \$500 donation from SAY Soccer.

This memo is to seek the Park Board's approval to accept a donation of \$500 from SAY Soccer. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 339-8362

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2013

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Don Melichar

SUBJECT: Approval from Board of Park Commissioners to accept donation from Eagle Scout for improvements around two Service Club signs in De Pere.

Issue: This memo is to seek the Board of Park Commissioner's approval for the De Pere Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to accept a Project Proposal from an Eagle Scout for the cleanup of Service Club Signs at Bicentennial Park and the corner of Bomier and Broadway.

Summary: The Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal from Scout Sam Bald details plans to fund raise and acquire materials to cleanup and paint/stain the sign posts and redo the plantings in front of the signs. The approximate value of the donation will be \$800. I have spoken to Sam and he will be recruiting volunteers to help him in his quest. He is specifically looking at painting/staining the posts and letters; replacing the screen with the signs on it; cleaning/replacing the signs; and re-landscaping the beds around the signs.

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

City of De Pere, Wisconsin

**Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2013

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Consider donation from Jim Kneiszel to construct Junior Disc Golf Course in Legion Park.

The issue of considering a donation from Jim Kneiszel is coming back to the Park Board for consideration. At last month's meeting, it was suggested to run a test day for others to see and view the potential course. On October 5, from 10 am - 4 pm members of the Green Bay Disc Golf Association set up a potential course and invited members of the Park Board, City Council, property owners abutting the park and other interested people to try the course and provide input. Although the day was filled with poor weather, we had a fair number of people visit the proposed project. Included in the packet of information are the following;

New Proposal from Jim Kneiszel - This document is similar to the last proposal, however provides greater detail to recognizing sponsors.

Basket Sponsor Detail - This file shows the design of a sign that would be placed on top of the basket identifying the hole sponsor as well as the hole number.

Legion Park Proposed Map - This file shows the proposed layout after taking into account various concerns and suggestions. I have identified the approximate location of the parcel lines from the homes abutting the park to the south.

Frisbee Golf Concerns - I have listed several of the consistent concerns identified by neighbors and/or staff, and provided insight into what was done to remedy the concern.

Letters - These are a list of letters/e-mails that the department has received with regard to the proposed project.

Staff Recommendation: Staff has reviewed many variables related to the project and is in support of placing a Junior Style Disc Golf Course in the proposed location at Legion Park. Staff also recommends the various contingencies; baskets shall be removable, basket and sign colors shall attempt to blend in with the surrounding area and be approved by City Staff, donor shall consider and strive for noise reducing technology in the baskets, baskets shall be of industrial/commercial strength, and installation method shall be approved and inspected by City Staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

- basket_r01 (PDF)
- Legion Park.DGC Map.II (PDF)
- Legion Park Disc Golf Proposal2 (DOCX)
- Letters (PDF)
- Frisbee Golf Course.concerns (DOCX)



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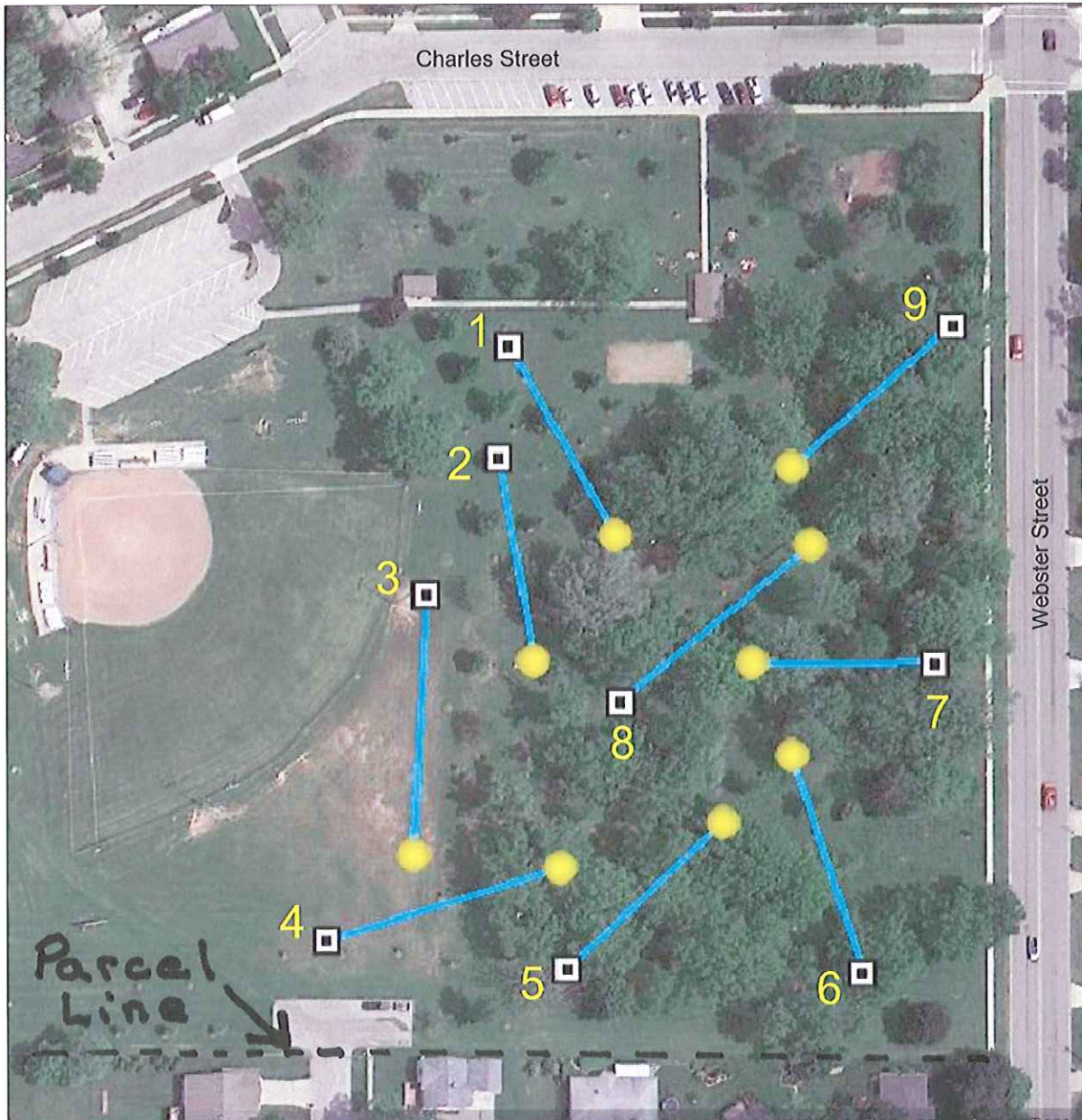
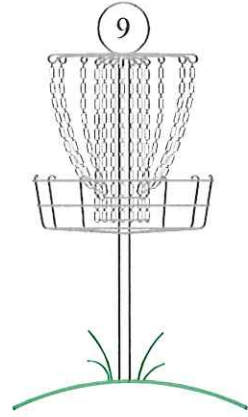


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PROPOSED

Oct. 5, 2013

De Pere Legion Park



Disc Golf Course

From Jim Kneiszel

To: De Pere Board of Park Commissioners

Proposal: Legion Park Kids & Family Junior Disc Golf Course

Rationale: Disc golf is growing in popularity nationally as an inexpensive sport accessible to anyone. It promotes exercise, social interaction in the community and greater utilization of parks and natural areas. A disc golf opportunity would add another great feature to a park that is a walkable destination for many city residents.

Scope of proposal: The 9-hole junior disc golf course will be designed specifically for kids and families to use, with short holes to introduce youngsters and families to this popular form of recreation. This will be an informal course, with beginner's holes of about 100 to 200 feet and minimal infrastructure. A concrete sidewalk would provide ADA access to the first tee area.

This would be the first junior-level course in the greater Green Bay area. The purpose of a junior course is to teach youngsters the fundamentals of the sport and ensure they have some success, which will encourage them to continue.

The starting point for the holes would be marked with a sign on a post and no concrete tee pads would be installed. The baskets would be installed in concrete, but would be of a removable design in the event of occasional conflicting park activities.

Partners: I will work with De Pere High School and Dickinson School physical education teachers to promote student utilization of the course. Teachers from the high school have indicated they would include the course in their curriculum. Students could walk to Legion, eliminating an annual bussed field trip to a Green Bay course. The Dickinson Elementary physical education teacher has also said he will utilize the course for student walking field trips and in classes if it's possible. The De Pere Schools superintendent and Dickinson Elementary principal have also voiced support for the plan.

Design: I will work members of the Green Bay Area Disc Golf Association and the De Pere Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department on the course design for the best utilization of available space. Organizers of a similar junior community/school course in Kaukauna have also offered their expertise for this project.

Ongoing usage: Once the course is installed, I would work with the schools, De Pere parks and other interested parties to promote family outings and learning opportunities at Legion Park. An example might be tournaments involving the Parkee program.

Funding: Projected cost for the materials is estimated at \$4,000. I would contribute the first \$1,000 toward the project, and then raise remaining funds necessary through basket sponsorships. I would like to recognize hole sponsors with a name and/or company logo on a hole marker plate at the top of each basket. Members of the Green Bay Disc Golf

Association have volunteered to install the course following the specifications of the parks department.

Timeline: Fundraising would begin as soon as the project is approved. The goal would be to complete fundraising over the winter and install the course in spring 2014 in time for use late in the school year.

September 16, 2013

Dear De Pere Board of Park Commissioners,

My name is Lisa Otto and I'm a Physical Education Teacher at Tanner Elementary School in Kaukauna, WI. I was also our school district's PEP Grant Project Director from 2007-2010 during which I led the efforts to create a Junior Disc Golf Course on property between two of our elementary buildings.

I'm writing to share the success we've had with our Kaukauna Junior Disc Golf Course in our community and lend support in Mr. Kneiszel's efforts to bring a junior course to your community.

The goal for our junior disc golf course was to be the first of its kind in our area. We wanted a course that would lend itself to our young student population and our neighborhood students and families. We also wanted to make it beginner friendly, a place for disc golfers to learn and practice. I worked closely with Gary Landreman from Kaukauna Recreation Department, Rich Martin our course designer and many partners such as our Kaukauna City Streets Department; that donated the manpower to pour our tee pads, set our baskets and tee signs and our Kaukauna Schools maintenance department. We asked for donors to sponsor each hole to help defray the cost of the project. It was amazing to see the show of support and people willing to lend a hand to bring this vision forward.

As physical educators our goal was to use the course to tie this lifetime activity into our curriculum and teach our students basic skill development, course etiquette and game play. Our vision was that by introducing this lifetime activity to our students in class we would help create an interest that would carry through to home and family.

In May of 2008 our goals and hard work were complete when we hosted our Disc Golf Course dedication. As part of the dedication we also hosted a "Learn from the Pros, Family Fun Night" and followed that up with an Inaugural Disc Golf Tournament the next day. All activities at the course encouraged adults and children to play and learn together and the response was great!

In the years that have followed I think the course is one of greatest accomplishments through the grant. It continues to be used by neighborhood children and families. It's so rewarding to see the students, past and present, playing the course with their friends and families. Summer school also hosts their beginner classes at this course as well.

I hope that you will see that Jim's proposed course project can bring many positive additions and benefits to your schools, students, families and community members. In my profession anytime we can encourage children and their families to be active it is a plus! The fact that disc golf is a very affordable activity (just the cost of a disc or two) makes it even more appealing to families. For neighborhood kids to be able walk or ride their bikes to the park also makes it much more appealing for families.

Wishing you success in your pursuit Jim!

Thanks Board of Park Commissioners for your consideration,

Lisa M. Otto

Physical Education Teacher - Tanner Elementary School

2500 Fieldcrest Drive

Kaukauna, WI 54130

920-766-6150

September 17, 2013

Dear De Pere Board of Park Commissioners:

My name is James Brooks, a physical education teacher in the Unified School District of De Pere. I have been teaching physical education for 16 years, have a Master's degree in physical education with an adventure education emphasis. Over the past four years I have been an enthusiastic advocate for our disc golf curriculum, and am thoroughly excited about the possible opportunity for a junior-level course in our beautiful Legion Park.

Disc golf is a low-impact exercise for all ages that is growing in popularity worldwide. It provides a healthy outdoor activity that is inexpensive with minimal maintenance. The prime location of the park would provide a recreational resource for schools, as well as attracting new users to the area.

Currently, the physical education classes at De Pere High School teach units in disc golf. We are able to teach the basic skills to our students on campus with portable disc catchers. To culminate the unit, the staff provides an opportunity for students to participate in a half-day field trip to Baird's Creek. This is a free trip for the students, however, the school does pay for bussing to this facility. At this time, the cost for bussing comes out of the physical education budget. During a time of budget cuts, we realize that this type of field trip may no longer be provided for our students.

The physical education staff strongly believes that the building of this course at Legion Park would give the students an enriching experience similar to the less cost-effective trip to Baird's Creek. Classes will be able to walk to the Legion Park course instead of having the expense of bussing. Because of this, classes will have the opportunity to use the facility more often and therefore providing our students with the skills to improve their overall health.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this exciting opportunity.

James Brooks
Physical Educator
De Pere High School

Marty Kosobucki

From: jpatzke22@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 8:08 PM
To: Marty Kosobucki
Subject: Board of Parks Meeting/Frisbee Golf

Importance: High

I understand that you will be discussing the possibility of adding Frisbee Golf to Legion Park at Thursday's Board of Parks meeting. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting. I have not heard of this & have several questions, since I live very close to the park. I am wondering what impact it will have on the residents leaving near the park. Will this be only a daytime event or will there be lights installed for evenings? How many (for lack of a better word) nets & how much equipment will there be? Would there be 18 "nets" - the same as a golf course? Where in the park would the equipment be placed? How much activity will this create & will there be any type of supervision?

I am very concerned on how this would effect the environmental impact of the park - it is not that large of an area.

I have been going to Legion Park since there were park dances back in the late 60's & have lived near it for over 22 years. It is a beautiful area & love to see the kids swim & people play tennis. I find this very concerning & am very surprised that there has been no correspondence regarding this, especially to the surrounding neighbors.

I would appreciate any information you can provide me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jane Patzke
143 S. Clay St.
De Pere, WI 54115
920-339-0747

Sent from Windows Mail

Marty Kosobucki

From: Larry Lueck
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 2:21 PM
To: Marty Kosobucki
Cc: thewordhouse2@ameritech.net
Subject: Family style disc golf course at Legion Park

Marty, I apologize I am not able to attend tonight's Parks Board meeting. I wanted to weigh in on one item on tonight's meeting agenda. Please feel free to share my comments with the Parks Board.

After reviewing the details for the proposed family style disc golf course at Legion Park, I fully support this donation and hope the Parks Board refers this to the Common Council for consideration. Legion Park is located in an ideal spot. It is surrounded by homes, many of which contain families. It is also close to numerous schools. My guess is this is one of the most utilized parks in the city. The more things we can add to this park for our residents, the better. This is especially true when we add things designed for families and young people. We recently added a playground which was a great idea. We now have another great idea before us. The family style disc golf course is a perfect use of the park space. I especially like the fact it is designed for families and young kids to use. I have always been a firm believer that sports and recreational activities are great cures for the trials and tribulations our children face - whether it be childhood obesity, lack of confidence or simply a lack of something to do. The biggest thing we need to keep in mind is that we want residents to use our parks. We do not want the parks to be off-limits or unused. Finally, it certainly helps that the project would be funded by private donations.

Again, I apologize I am not able to attend tonight's meeting and I hope this gracious donation is forwarded to the Council for consideration.

Alderpersion Larry Lueck

Marty Kosobucki

From: David Gagnon <dave@gagnoncreative.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 2:46 PM
To: Marty Kosobucki
Cc: Jim Kneiszel
Subject: Proposed Disc Golf Course

Dear Mr. Kosobucki,

Thank you for taking a moment to open and review this request for consideration for the proposed Junior Disc Golf Course at Legion Park. I am an active DePere business owner and employer of 12 years, and have lived in DePere for nearly 20 years. I admire and enjoy the DePere community very deeply, and appreciate how DePere's parks have evolved to meet the community's needs. Thank you very much for being part of that movement.

I understand that there is concern from select bordering neighbors of Legion Park regarding the proposed disc golf course. Being an active disc golf player, and the former planning associate responsible for developing the Master Plan for Brown County's Fonferek's Glen Park in Ledgeview, I want to reassure you that the proposed disc golf course is a safe, responsible and passive use of the city's resources. It is my belief that the neighbors directly adjacent to the proposed course have not had experience with disc golfing and are voicing a "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) strategy. The fact is, there couldn't be a lower impact, safer sport than disc golf.

Disc golf is an excellent passive activity with very little risk to participants or spectators, and to my understanding, has not incurred liability, injury or noise pollution for local municipalities that the sport has been established in (including Green Bay, Howard, Kaukauna, Appleton, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Wausau or Madison). I have played the NW Wisconsin courses for over 20 years, and have never been victim of injury or distracted by noise. It is an excellent opportunity for young and old residents alike, and is possibly the lowest impact and lowest cost sport available to the residents of DePere.

Considering that the park's local neighbors are accustomed to the traffic, alcohol and noise generated from the Pink Flamingo weekend, league baseball, summer swimming and ongoing park activities and events, the proposed disc golf course will be the lowest impact activity the park will experience over the course of a typical year. I am such a strong advocate of the health, socialization and skills developed by this passive sport, our company (Gagnon Creative Group, Inc., 100 S. Broadway) will help sponsor the purchase of the course's equipment. I believe that the community, as well as my employees, will benefit from this donation and will quickly pitch in as well.

Thank you again for your time. I understand that you have a busy schedule, and I appreciate your consideration. If you would like to discuss, I would be happy to schedule a visit to your office or take your call. This course would be an excellent opportunity for the residents of DePere, the school system and even the adjoining neighbors of Legion Park. I trust you will agree after reviewing other disc golf successes in the area.

Many thanks,

Dave Gagnon
Marketing Advisor & Creative Director
Gagnon Creative Group, Inc.
100 S. Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115
Office/FAX 920.339.9665
dave@gagnoncreative.com

September 30, 2013

Dear De Pere Board of Park Commissioners,

My name is Jeremy Boileau and I am the Physical Education teacher at Dickinson Elementary School. I wanted to offer my full support to have a 9 Hole Frisbee Golf Course at Legion Park. As a teacher, we are always struggling to find ways to get the students to participate in activities outside of school. This would be a great opportunity for students to participate in a healthy activity outside of school. I can also see Dickinson students using the golf course during school and incorporating it into our curriculum. Every year I teach students how to throw a Frisbee, but with a Frisbee golf course I could incorporate how to play Frisbee golf. By teaching young students a game during school will help encourage the students and families to participate in Frisbee golf outside of school. It would be my hope that students would take the idea of playing Frisbee golf and utilize it as a game that they could play as a lifetime activity.

At the end of every year, Dickinson's 4th grade classes go to Legion Park. Every year teachers struggle to find a variety of activities for kids to play. A Frisbee golf course would definitely be something that our 4th grade classes would utilize at the end of the year! I definitely feel that by having a Frisbee Golf Course in De Pere will help make De Pere a much healthier and fun community!

Thanks,

Jeremy Boileau
Physical Education Teacher
Dickinson Elementary School

Elementary School

Dickinson

435 S. Washington Street ☆ De Pere ☆ WI ☆ 54115

Dr. Debra Gagnon
Principal
dgagnon@depere.k12.wi.us

Ms. Amy Kallioinen
Dean of Students
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Phone (920) 337-1027
Fax (920) 337-1043

October 3, 2013

Dear Marty Kosobucki,

Recently I spoke to Jim Kneiszel about the possibility of a Frisbee golf course. I am the Principal at Dickinson Elementary School. I wanted to offer my full support to have a 9 Hole Frisbee Golf Course at Legion Park. Legion Park is within walking distance from Dickinson, students could take a field trip. We are always looking for opportunities for physical improvement with a high interest level for children at the elementary level. I would support our physical education teacher in collaboration with the curriculum and utilizing the course as an incentive. Please feel free to call or email with any questions.

Dr. Gagnon

Frisbee Golf Course - Concerns

1. Holes are too close to property line?
 - a. Holes 4, 5, & 6 throw away from the parcel lines.
 - b. Tee boxes are 40-60 feet away from parcel line.
 - c. Nearest basket is 150-160 feet away from parcel line.
 - i. Hole 4 is closest and is throwing at a slight angle away from the houses.
 - d. Hole 3 is the nearest hole that throws toward the homes.
 - i. This basket is approximately 170 feet away from parcel line.
2. Holes are too close to Webster Avenue.
 - a. Holes 6, 7 & 9 throw away from Webster Avenue.
 - b. Tee boxes on hole 6, 7, & 9 range from 30-120 feet from the tee box to the sidewalk on Webster Avenue.
 - c. The nearest hole that throws toward Webster Avenue has the basket approximately 120 feet from the sidewalk, and has trees between the hole and sidewalk.
3. Damage to trees
 - a. Staff walked the course and asked one tee box be moved due to a smaller oak tree in play. There are several small trees in play, however most of these trees are Ash Trees which will eventually be taken out due to Emerald Ash Borer. Larger trees should be able to withstand the Frisbees.
4. Aesthetics of area will be damaged.
 - a. Viewed area once all the holes and tee boxes were placed. Do not believe aesthetics of area is damaged. Many of the holes were not visible standing in the parking lot.
5. Were other places considered?
 - a. Discussed concept with Athletic Director of De Pere High School. The AD stated there is not suitable place for a disc golf course between Dickinson School and High School. Legion Park is a good location because of its location to the schools, park program, pool, day camp program and general activity by children.
6. Will hinder the ability for people to picnic in area.
 - a. Picnicking in the wooded area will be limited, however there are still areas within the park that people could still picnic.
7. Shelter rentals will be impacted in negative way.
 - a. The course is far enough away from the shelter that it should not immediately impact the shelter and users. In fact, the course may be an added attraction to shelter rentals.
8. Frisbees will be going into yards.
 - a. Based on the proposed layout, it will be extremely difficult for a Frisbee to be thrown into a yard. If a Frisbee goes into a yard, it is more likely that it would be done on purpose than by accident.
9. High use of the course may impact the park in a negative way.
 - a. We do not anticipate high use because of the course and its target audience. The Green Bay Disc Golf Association has indicated the course may have some of your traditional disc golfers visit the course, but will not be challenging enough to be a consistent draw.
10. The course will get in the way of other events and activities.
 - a. The baskets are made to be removable, so they can be removed for any special event or cause.