

CITY OF EDGERTON

**EDGERTON CITY HALL
12 ALBION STREET
EDGERTON, WI**

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm

NOTICE: The meeting noticed above will also be live streamed on a Zoom platform: To view the meeting, please select the link to the meeting listed on the **calendar events** on the City website's home page at www.cityofedgerton.com. Due to occasional technical difficulties, citizen participation via Zoom may not be possible.

1. Call to order, Roll call.
2. Confirmation of appropriate meeting notice on Friday, January 27, 2023.
3. Consider October 12, 2022 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.
4. Review draft 2023 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).
5. Review Ladd Lane Park Concept Plan.
6. Consider netting at RTP.
7. Consider modifications to Swift St pavilion and security.
8. Committee member reports.
9. Aquatic Director's report.
10. Municipal Services Director's Report.
11. Adjourn.

cc: All Committee Members
Newspaper

City Administrator
All Council Members

Department Heads
City Engineer

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OCTOBER 12, 2022 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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Candy Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Candy Davis, Casey Langan, Denise Langan, Bonnie Slagg, Jonathon Frey, Kyle Furseth and Ken Haagensen.

Others Present: City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Aquatics Director Anne Gohlke (remote), Mayor Chris Lund, Library Director Kirsten Almo and citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the meeting notice was properly posted on Friday, October 7, 2022. Agendas were posted at Edgerton Post Office, Edgerton Public Library, City Hall and the City's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A Ken Haagensen/Jonathon Frey motion to approve the September 26, 2022 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

KICKOFF AND UPDATE ON THE 2023 COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (CORP): A representative from Vandewalle & Associates met with focus groups throughout the day and discussed feedback related to the CORP. In addition to the focus group feedback, an online survey will be available October 17 – November 14. The project process, goals, full schedule and population data were presented to the Committee for discussion. Next steps include: advertising the online survey; provide follow-up thoughts to City staff; Vandewalle & Associates to draft plan and create concept for Ladd Lane neighborhood park; and a February Parks and Recreation Meeting to review draft plan and concepts.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Ken Haagensen/Jonathon Frey motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/mjf
City Administrator

Memo

To: Parks
From: Staff
Date: 1/25/2023
Re: January 30, 2023 Meeting

Draft CORP Plan and Ladd Park Concept Plan: Vandewalle and Associates planner Ben Rohr, will present the draft CORP. Please bring your copies with you to the meeting.

While the CORP provides many policy questions to consider, the Ladd Lane Concept Plan provides a real life opportunity for the committee to debate a very important policy question of what the CORP should recommend regarding the approach to the provision of additional athletic fields. If the committee believes Racetrack Park is insufficient, even with minor modifications and changes to how the fields are scheduled, what should the policy be for the provision of additional fields? Should fields be provided in scattered sites throughout the community in neighborhood parks or in an athletic complex? Below is a discussion of these two options.

Scattered sites:

- The fields in neighborhood parks would be created as neighborhood parks develop so the costs would be spread out over time.
- The city will have to negotiate with developers for very specific park land dedications. In some neighborhoods the terrain may not be conducive to the creation of large flat areas for fields. It is likely the city will have to try to purchase land from a developer in order to have an area large enough for an athletic field.
- Not trying to make space for an athletic field may allow for more diverse uses in neighborhood parks.
- The city will have to develop support facilities (parking and bathrooms) in many locations.
- Having fields in neighborhood parks can produce incompatibility of street parking, lights, traffic etc that can go with park operations.

Sports complex:

- The city would request less land from developers and would instead take some money in lieu of land and use those funds to purchase land for an athletic complex.
- An athletic complex would allow for tournaments where the neighborhood fields would not.
- May be more convenient to parents who have more than one child in events as more events would take place at one location.
- Only one set of support facilities (parking, lights, bathrooms) would have to be developed.
- The costs for a sports complex are incurred all at once as opposed to being spread out over time.
- The creation of an athletic complex could provide more field space within a few years if funding were made available. This would be valuable if the committee believes there is already a space shortage at RTP. It will likely be years before many of the future neighborhood parks proposed in the CORP actually are developed.

It is hard to estimate which option would be less expensive to construct in the long run but the operating costs are probably less with a sports complex than with scattered sites.

Swift Street Shelter:

Basement: The city continues to receive comments about behavior at the Swift Street shelter in Central Park. One concern is continual damage to the basement door. The primary purpose of the basement is to house the water service and meter to serve the small sink that is in the room on the main floor of the shelter. The water has been off and the meter was removed years ago. If the Committee does not believe the water service will be reestablished, could the basement door be permanently filled in and the grade brought up around the foundation?

Open or closed: The shelter has been "closed" over the years to limit vandalism. There is no way to "close" the shelter so that it is secure so even when the signs are posted indicating the shelter is closed, people use the shelter. The policy question for the committee is should the shelter be closed so that rule-following people will not use the shelter but the shelter will likely to continue to be used by people who want a place to hang out; or should the shelter be open for all people to use knowing that more people may hang out at the shelter than there currently are.