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Notice is hereby given that the Park and Recreation Committee of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

Meeting of the:	PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU
Date/Time:	<u>Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:30pm</u>
Location:	City Hall (407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403) - Council Chambers
Members:	Tom Neal, Patrick Peckham, Tom Kilian, Lou Larson, Sarah Watson

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (All items listed may be acted upon)

- 1 Call the Meeting to Order
- 2 Public Comment or Suggestions
- 3 Approve Minutes - February 1, 2021
- 4 Discussion and Possible Action on Earlier Closing Times for Some or All of Wausau City Parks
- 5 Discussion and Possible Action Updating the Name of the Bridge Known as Snake Bridge in Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code
- 6 Discussion and Possible Action to Develop a Policy for the Lighting of the Riverlife Bridge
- 7 Discussion Regarding the Establishment of a Naming Rights/Sponsorship Policy for the City of Wausau Parks and Park Facilities
- 8 Educational Items
 - A. Boy with the Leaking Boot Sculpture Update
 - B. Park Update (ADA Study Corrections, Routine Operations)
 - C. Dog Park Special Committee Update
- 9 Future Agenda Items - Naming Rights Policy, Sponsorship Program
- 10 Next Meeting Date - Monday, April 5, 2021 at 4:30pm
- 11 Adjournment

Pat Peckham, Chair

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AGENDA SUMMARY

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Earlier Closing Times for Some or All of Wausau City Parks

Alder Larson has requested that the committee discuss the closing time of the City parks based on a request of one resident who questioned the 11:00pm closing hour of 3M Park during the winter. Per Municipal Code Chapter 9.20.020 (b) park hours are 6:00am to 11:00pm. Staff has not received any other complaints or comments regarding the closing hours of the parks. Staff does not recommend changing of the park hours.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Updating the Name of the Bridge Known as Snake Bridge in Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code

During the review of Chapter 9 at the February Park Committee meeting it was noticed that in 9.21 Boating Regulations Section 9.21.050 (c) – Controlled areas it states “Under County Highway N Bridge commonly known as Snake Bridge;” The bridge is no longer called Snake Bridge and is now called the McCleary Bridge. The Park Committee will discuss if the name of the bridge in the ordinance should be updated.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Develop a Policy for the Lighting of the Riverlife Bridge

The lights on the bridge at Riverlife Park can change to different colors. It is believed that the intention of the City was for the City to determine the programming of the lights based on certain holidays or events. Attached is the spreadsheet of the original plan in 2018. In working with the bridge lighting it has been recognized to be difficult to change the lighting quickly. In order to change the lighting color the driver must be physically removed from the bridge area and taken to CCIT for programming. Once programmed it then is reinstalled. CCIT does have the ability to preprogram the light colors all at one time.

The department also periodically receives requests from outside groups to change the lighting color for a particular cause and for various periods of time. For example we have a current request from the Women’s Community to change the lights to blue for the month of April as awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The requests are becoming more frequent and it is only a matter of time until we get multiple requests for different colors during the same time period.

Staff is asking the Park Committee to discuss a policy for the lighting of the bridge. It is recommended that the City establish the events and dates in which the bridge lighting will be programmed to change and that additional requests will not be accommodated due to the complexity required to change the color and the multiple requests each year making it difficult to determine priority. It is recommended that the Badger Football and Green Bay Packer Games be removed from the list as their schedules are subject to change and their games are played most of the time during the day when the bridge is not lit.

7. Discussion Regarding the Establishment of a Naming Rights/Sponsorship Policy for the City of Wausau Parks and Park Facilities

Naming requests of facilities and parks are becoming more common as new parks are constructed and amenities are added. Sponsorships are also becoming more important as we look to additional revenue sources. At this time the City of Wausau does not have a Naming Rights or Sponsorship Policy of parks and park facilities. It has come to my attention that the County has policy for naming, dedication, and sponsorship of Marathon County facilities, rooms and open spaces however the policy exempts parks and park facilities. Having a policy for parks and park facilities will establish the purpose, guidelines and criteria that the Committee and Commission can utilize to make an informed, impartial decision on the naming of City and County parks and park facilities. The Committee and the Commission will then recommend a naming request to the City Council/County Board.

AGENDA SUMMARY

Included in your packet is the County's policy and a draft park naming policy that I developed in my previous position. I would like the Committee to review each of these policies and discuss what components and criteria should be included into a specific policy for parks and park facilities. Staff will then compile the information and bring back a policy for adoption at a later meeting. Staff will also work with the City Attorney on the development of such a policy.

8. Educational Items

8A. Boy with the Leaking Boot Sculpture Update

The Boy with the Leaking Boot Sculpture that is currently in the food court of the Wausau Center Mall is a sculpture of the City. It is one of 25 such sculptures in the world and was dedicated to the City in the 1920's and placed in Hammond Park. After multiple vandalism incidents the sculpture was removed from the park and replaced with a sculpture called Willy's Dilemma. Willy's Dilemma has also since been removed and is in storage. The Boy with the Leaking Boot Sculpture was placed in the Wausau Center Mall in 1983 through a joint effort of the Wausau Kiwanis Club, Marathon County Historical Society, Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce and Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department. When the mall is taken down the sculpture will be returned to the City. The River District would like to help the City find a place for the sculpture where the sculpture can continue to be enjoyed and remain safe of vandalism. As sites are identified the Park Committee will be kept informed.

8B. Park Update

ADA Study Barrier Corrections

Staff is going through the consulting study recommendations for individual parks to make small corrections for ADA guidelines. Small correction levels include small plumbing fixes, fixture and grab bar relocations in restrooms, tree paths obstructions, adding ADA approved picnic tables, etc.

Routine Operations/Programs:

Outdoor Ice rink maintenance
Snow grooming operations; Nine Mile Forest and Sylvan Hill Recreation Area.
Snow removal operations; trails, sidewalks, roadways, parking lots.
Urban forestry program; tree trimming, removals.
Building and structure maintenance.
Shelter reservations and Special Events;
Equipment maintenance and repair
Restroom Maintenance (few)

8C. Dog Park Special Committee Update

The Dog Park Special Committee met in February and a quorum was not present. The members present discussed the Open House event scheduled for February 6th. Due to the cold temperatures they chose to postpone it one week to February 13th. The 13th also was cancelled due to frigid cold temperatures. The Committee would still like to hold an Open Day at the Park as a fundraising event the first Saturday in March from 11:00am-3:00pm. There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per adult.

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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: February 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Tom Kilian-(via webex), Lou Larson, Tom Neal-(via webex), Pat Peckham (c)

Members Excused: Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Director, Greg Freix – Assistant Director of operations-(via webex), Tara Alfonso-Assistant City Attorney

1. In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Peckham at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment – Teagan Griffith, 1237 S 5th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401 – Griffith detailed her concerns about off-leash dogs, the flood light being off at the sledding hill, and the closing time of 11pm at 3M Park. Her concern specifically about the closing time of 11pm is the sledding hill and the groups of people making noise that late at night. She felt the dogs off-leash were a safety concern and wondered if signage about having dogs on leashes could be placed there. Polley noted it's an ordinance that dogs have to be leashed. Peckham said they could ask the Police Department to keep an eye on the situation with the dogs and the Department could see if there were any good locations for signage and check on the floodlight.

Larson noted that his request at the last meeting to discuss changing the park hours wasn't on the agenda or in the minutes. Polley felt that under the ordinance updates there is a section with a change to the park hours so she thought that Larson's item could also be discussed at that time. Discussion followed. Alfonso advised that the copy of proposed amendments that corresponded with the ordinance item were designated in shaded texts and strikeouts and she did not see anything that indicated they were going to talk about park hours. She recommended that the discussion of changing park hours go as a separate agenda item at the next meeting so that the public is given notice because of the possible interest.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2021 – **Motion** by Kilian, second by Neal to review the portion of the audio to include alder Larson's suggestion under future agenda items to discuss review of City park hours and then approve the rest of the Park and Recreation Committee draft January 4, 2021 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-1, with Neal, Peckham, Kilian in favor and Larson against.

From January 4, 2021 meeting minutes – Minutes are amended under Future Agenda Items to read ordinance revisions, naming rights policy, sponsorship program, *dog park*, *review of City park hours and whether the 11:00pm closing time is appropriate*.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Considering Proposed Amendments to Chapter 9 of the Wausau Municipal Code – Polley explained staff has brought this back to Committee after the County Park Commission discussed their changes. It has been past practice that City and County ordinances mirror each other, where it makes sense to. The only item not discussed at the last City Park meeting that came up after the Park Commission meeting was that people can remain in the parks for special events/shelter rentals until midnight and currently the park hours for the City and County parks are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Polley suggested striking the language that allows people *until midnight* and that everyone has to be out of the park by 11:00 p.m. If someone has a special request to stay longer it would have to be approved by the Department through the permit that all facility users apply for.

Under section 9.20.020(a) adding the words *no fires shall be permitted under or within a park shelter*, under (g) relating to not having glass beverage containers adding the words *in a city park* because it's a city ordinance and removing the words *or on the amphitheater at Marathon Park* because that County Park is not governed by the City ordinances it is governed by the County park ordinances. Kilian asked that some associated awareness for the public about not having glass beverage containers in parks be made so that people don't inadvertently break it. Under 9.20.020(r) relating to cross-country ski trails and adding the words that no person shall *hike, walk, or run* on them when they are open for skiing *unless in the case of an emergency or injury*. Polley said this is not saying a person can't go on a ski trail, it's just that they cannot go on them when they are groomed. There are plenty of other trails people can walk and run on so the Department asks that people just use those.

At the last meeting Polley raised the question of whether or not to allow drones. This discussion was taken to the County Park Commission. The direction from the County's Corporation Counsel on the County side was that if drones were going to be restricted in any way, because they are regulated by the FAA, staff would need to specifically identify when they

would be allowed and for what instances so that staff wouldn't be in the predicament of deciding who gets to use them and who doesn't. The Parks Commission took it out of the parks ordinance on the County side and is not even addressing drones. Staff has guidelines for drones they can follow. She noted that it is the same with metal detecting guidelines, there are no ordinances against them. There are FAA regulations that cover drones and if there is an issue with a drone the police or Sheriff Department would get the FAA involved. It is up to Committee if they want to keep something in the ordinance to restrict drones or if they want to take it off and leave it up to the FAA to regulate as they do already. Peckham thought they should mirror the County Park Commission action.

Peckham brought up some other items he thought could be clarified in the ordinance but Alfonso felt that the way the agenda item was structured they are only discussing highlighted and struck wording from the attached ordinance and changing other items should be brought at the next meeting. **Motion** by Neal, second by Kilian to approve the changes Polley presented including striking the prohibition on drones. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Updating the 2021 Facility and Program Fees – Polley explained that through CARES funding the Department was able to purchase new recreation software that can be utilized to better serve the community and offer a lot more opportunity for them to purchase our services online and not have to come to the office in person. It will be much more user friendly and more efficient for the department. Currently all of the fees are being entered and staff was looking at some of the ways the fees are set up and are suggesting some changes. Polley discussed some of the changes which include taking out the \$10 additional boat launch pass fee and charging \$30 for each boat, simplifying cross-country running race fees, increasing the key deposit to fifty dollars, removing the additional key replacement fee, removing police and fire department fees, charging a fee for before 8am or after 11pm shelter rental use, having one shelter meeting rate no matter what the size of the meeting is at Riverside Park, clarifying hours and rates at the sports fields, removing duplication of daily pool fees, removing all other recreation fees related to programs from the fee directive because they fall under the department's policy document. **Motion** by Larson, second by Kilian to approve the fees as presented. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

6. Discussion on the Idea of a Second City Dog Park – Peckham wondered if Committee should have a goal of identifying a spot for another dog park in the future. Larson felt the current one being built is pretty small and asked that they build a good sized park if they pursue a second dog park. He felt that people take their dogs to a dog park for two reasons; not only to exercise their dogs but also to exercise themselves. Neal felt it was of nominal size for an urban dog park and was intended as the first one not the only one. He mentioned the first dog park was done through a grass roots effort and the fundraising was a big undertaking. To get the momentum for another one will require discussion with the Dog Park Committee and would probably be a couple of years down the road. Kilian was interested only if it would come from private fundraising because he felt there were some other higher priorities that should come from taxpayer dollars. He thought there could be future opportunities from outside funding and also suggested they consider looking at environmental and brownfield areas where remediation funds could possibly be used. Peckham thought there was enough interest to ask staff to come back at a future meeting with some possible locations and then Committee can decide whether they want to pursue it.

7. Educational Items

A. Ash Tree Removal Plan in Parks – Wausau has a comprehensive plan for ash trees in the boulevard, however most park ash are not selected for a treatment regimen. Due to the low volume of snow this winter, crews have had easy access into parks and removal of ash trees is underway. Staff started with Memorial Park due to the high number of ash in high-use areas. Those removals are concluded, and some replacement will occur later in the year. Crews have moved on to Oak Island Park, removing the large ash in high-use areas. Many of the small to medium size trees will remain for the time being. The next parks we plan to remove ash include Forest Park and Gilbert Park. Many of the ash at Forest Park are in natural areas, however pose a safety hazard due to their size and proximity to the use areas. The ash at Gilbert Park, in the event of failure, would reach 6th Street and the high-use walkway. Other parks are being assessed and will be addressed in a priority manner. Peckham noted the City Forester contacted him as first district representative about the removal plans at Memorial Park and gave him a write up for the neighborhood association newsletter and it was well received. Polley mentioned that a sign will be put in parks where staff is marking trees and doing removal to help make the community aware of what is being done. It will have a QR Code that the public can scan to find out more information. She explained that there is a company willing to take the ash tree wood because it has to be processed in a certain way so that the beetle doesn't spread further. The Department will be asking the Finance Committee that the funds received for the ash tree wood go into a fund specifically for ash tree replacement.

B. Riverside Park Soil Testing Update – A memo of the testing results update had previously been provided in the agenda packet. Polley did not have anything further. Kilian thought the memo was informative and interesting. It said that the City’s consultant would provide their professional opinion related to the source of containment which does appear to be from an off-site source and it says that they will provide their professional opinion and the site investigation report in the future. He questioned if they know the timeframe of that or might they not know until the City has more information from the DNR. Polley will double-check with Lindman but believes REI can do their site investigation report now without the DNR’s further review.

C. Park Update (Barker Stewart Island, Ice Rinks, Sylvan Hill Tubing, Riverlife Light Issues) – Ice Rinks – Ice rinks are open and in marginal condition. With the lack of snow it has been very difficult to make nice ice. The more snow and colder it is, the better the ice rinks will get. The warming houses are not open, benches are placed. Barker-Stewart Island – Staff has completed the first vegetation removal cut of the northern half of the island. There is a small section to the far north that is still too wet to get into. We will assess the area and determine what the second step will be to battle the invasive species. Riverlife Park Lighting Issues – There are a number of lights out throughout Riverlife Park. Staff is working on fixing the issues that they are finding. Staff is also working with the contractors to determine if there is any warranty coverage for some of the lights. One of the drivers is out on the bridge causing a full section to not be illuminated. Sylvan Hill Tubing – Sylvan Hill is now fully open to the public after 52 days of snowmaking. Staff was working 3 shifts when temperatures allowed to make the snow. Mother Nature did not help us much with the tubing hills this year. Operational changes have been made to ensure there is social distancing.

D. Dog Park Special Committee Update – The Dog Park Special Committee met in January and reviewed the progress of the park. The Committee also discussed fundraising activities. If there is enough snow within the park the Committee would like to hold an Open Day at the Park fundraising event the first Saturdays in February and March from 11:00am-3:00pm. There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per adult. Discussion will occur at tonight’s dog park meeting about the first event. Because of forecasted temperature there are concerns it may not be held.

8. Future Agenda Items – Naming Rights Policy, Sponsorship Program, review of City park hours and whether the 11:00pm closing time is appropriate, (sledding hours in case sledding hours and park hours don’t keep close company in certain circumstances or consider making those seasonal and shut down earlier in the winter time), additional wording in the ordinance where it says “commonly known as Snake Bridge” to add “*or McCleary Bridge.*”

9. Next Meeting Date – Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:30pm

10. Adjourn – **Motion** by Larson, second by Kilian to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

9.20.020 - Regulation of persons.

Persons using the public parks shall comply with the following:

- (a) No fires shall be permitted in any park other than The 400 Block, except for cooking purposes at designated places. No grilling shall be permitted on The 400 Block, with the exception of those special events for which waivers are granted upon the recommendation of Public Health and Safety Committee and approval of the Common Council. Open fires utilizing liquid or gas fuels may be permitted on The 400 Block with the written consent of the City of Wausau;
- (b) No person shall enter or be in any park between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Persons in attendance of an activity involving rental of a shelter or participation in a sanctioned special event shall be allowed to remain within the park until midnight or as allowed by the event agreement. Persons traveling on the River Edge Trail or on walkways traversing The 400 Block and persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour;
- (c) No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any park without written consent of the City of Wausau;
- (d) [This subsection is intentionally left blank]
- (e) No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, wares or merchandise in any park, except as authorized by the City of Wausau and when holding proper licenses;
- (f) No person shall play or practice golf in any park;
- (g) No person shall carry into, possess, or throw any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage in or on the amphitheater at Marathon Park, the stadium and bleachers at Thom Field and the grandstand and bleachers in Athletic Park;
- (h) No owner or person having immediate custody, care or control of any animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in any designated public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater, or playground safety surface area within any City park, except for a dog specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons. This restriction is in addition to the provisions contained in chapter 8.08 of the Wausau Municipal Code;
- (i) No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or other area, for which a fee or charge has been established by the City of Wausau, without payment of such fee or charge prior to the use.
- (j) No person shall enter in any way any building, facility or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use, enter or be upon any building, facility or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any park;
- (k) No person shall use docks or piers adjacent to any boat landing in any manner as to obstruct or hinder the launching, landing, loading or unloading of watercraft;
- (l) No person shall play or practice hockey, broomball or any other games or sports that may interfere with casual ice skaters, when casual skaters are present on outdoor ice skating rinks established by the Park and Recreation Committee, except hockey and broomball may be played on designated hockey rinks;
- (m) No person shall knowingly obstruct any law enforcement officer while the law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation;
- (n) No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue, feed or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any park, except that nuisance animals may be trapped upon written consent of the Park and Recreation Committee or its authorized agent and in accordance with applicable state

statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources;

- (o) Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City and under the management, supervision and control of the Park and Recreation Committee. No person shall disregard posted rules and regulations or engage in any activity contrary to posted notice. Any person who shall violate such rules and regulations or who refuses to subject himself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility. The decision of the Director of the Parks Department to exclude individuals from the use of park facilities shall be final and the City elects not to be bound by the provisions of Wis. Stats. ch. 68, with respect to administrative procedure in this regard;
- (p) No person shall allow a dog or other animal to intimidate any other person from the use or enjoyment of any park. Evidence that a dog or other animal intimidates persons includes, but is not limited to, such animal not being amenable to control or threatening to attack persons or other animals. Any law enforcement officer or park ranger may order the animal be removed from the park;
- (q) No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other park property. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit.
- (r) No person shall allow a dog or any other animal on cross-country ski trails, during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing in any City park.
- (s) No person shall possess or consume intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in or upon The 400 Block except between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.; during a Class I, II, or III Special Event upon request of the event organizer and as approved under the City's Special Events Policy and Procedures for a period beginning two hours before the time for the Class I, II, or III Special and ending one hour after the event if the event closes prior to 4:00 p.m., or such hours beginning before and ending after the event as may otherwise be approved by the Public Health and Safety Committee; or, as otherwise approved by the Public Health and Safety Committee and Common Council as provided in section 9.04.025(d).

(Ord. 61-5803 (1, 2019, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-5749 (2, 2017; Ord. 61-5745 (1, 2017, File No. 80-0828; Ord. 61-5714 (2, 2016; Ord. 61-5710 (1, 2016, File No. 80-0828; Ord. 61-5663 (1, 2015, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-5640 (1, 2014; Ord. 61-5586 (1, 2013, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-5567 (1, 2013, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-5483 (2, 2011, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-339 (3, 2007, File No. 07-0718; Ord. 61-5267 (1, 2005, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-5178 (2, 2002, File No. 02-0511; Ord. 61-5036 (2, 2000; Ord. 61-4986 (2, 1997; Ord. 61-4959 (1, 1996; Ord. 61-4934 (1, 1996; Ord. 61-4909 (1, 1995; Ord. 61-4779 (1, 1992; Ord. 61-4476 (1, 1981; Ord. 61-4343 (1, 1977; prior code (11.05(2).)

9.21.050 - Controlled areas.

The following areas are (slow-no-wake(areas:

- (a) On the Big Rib River beginning at the upstream (west) edge of the U.S. Highway 51 southbound bridge and proceeding downstream (east) to a line 600 feet downstream (east) of the U.S. Highway 51 northbound bridge;
- (b) On the Big Rib River beginning at a point 2,400 feet upstream of the confluence of the Little Rib River (also described as the common corner of Sections 32 and 33, T29N, R7E and Section 4 and 5, T28N, R7E) and proceeding upstream (westerly) 3,100 feet;

- (c) Under County Highway N Bridge commonly known as Snake Bridge;
- (d) The Bluegill Bay County Park lagoon;
- (e) Within 100 feet of the boat launches at D.C. Everest County Park in the City, except there is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area) in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of D.C. Everest County Park for the Wausauqua Water Ski Shows, Inc., during times of practice and performance and for the general public at all other times;
- (f) Within 100 feet of the boat launch at Oak Island Park in the City;
- (g) Within 150 feet of the boat launch and/or dock at Memorial Park in the City;
- (h) Within 200 feet of the boat launch on Kort Street in the village of Rothschild commonly known as St. Therese's;
- (i) Within 150 feet of the shoreline beginning at the boat launch pier and proceeding southeast approximately 250 feet to the lagoon inlet at Bluegill Bay County Park in the town of Rib Mountain;
- (j) From the dam on the Eau Claire River proceeding west to a line 75 feet west of the Grand Avenue Bridge.

(Ord. 61-4816 (1(part), 1993; Ord. 61-4643 (1(part), 1988.)

PARK NAMING POLICY-

1. A. The Purpose of the naming policy is to develop place names that are:

- **Unique.** Unique names are identifiable to a specific place and do not duplicate or are not confused with existing names in the City of Wausau or neighboring areas.
- **Meaningful.** Names may reference natural features or landmarks, local historic events or persons with historic significance, locally or nationally.
- **Inclusive.** Names shall be selected in a public adoption process. They shall be respectful of all people and cultures and reflect positive values acceptable to the community as a whole.

B. Donor Naming may be considered on a case by case basis. Donor naming agreements may include provisions for ongoing and special maintenance costs, such as the renovation of a facility. Donor naming may also have specific terms for discontinuation or termination and shall be adopted by City Council/County Board resolution.

C. Fundraising campaigns for dedicating memorial amenities, such as benches, pavers or trees, shall be approved as a campaign by the Park and Recreation Committee/Park Commission and City Council/County Board under the existing Donation Policy concurrent with park improvements or new park developments. Wording on memorial features shall follow the naming guidelines in this policy.

2. Application Process:

A. The process may be **initiated** in the following ways:

- i. By public announcement by the Park and Recreation Committee in local papers or the city's website or in conjunction with neighborhood design process.
- ii. By application by a landowner, donor, group, or resident.

B. A Naming Request Form shall be completed which will include:

- i. Location of Park or feature to be developed / addition, and street frontage(s).
- ii. Person/organization requesting the name and their contact information.
- iii. Proposed name and up to two alternates, if desired.
- iv. Explanation of name meaning(s), including translation, or biographical information if the name is honoring a person or people.
- v. Description of process involved in choosing the proposed name and what type of public involvement was used.

3. Review Procedure.

A. Applications shall be submitted to the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, and reviewed by staff for completeness and accuracy. A naming request made as a part of the development process, may be submitted by the developer with a plat application. If not, the Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission will begin the process by a public announcement as in 2.) A. i, above.

B. The Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission shall determine whether the park name request meets the intent and guidelines of the policy, the Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission, will then offer a recommendation to City Council/County Board/County Board. City Council/County Board has the final authority on park names.

If it is decided that the park name does not appear to meet the intent and guidelines of the policy, the applicant and City Council/County Board will receive a memo that a name application in honor of a person was not recommended and for what reason. Appeals of the

decision can be brought to the Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission. If the Committee/Commission chooses to discuss the application, it may do so.

C. Name Requests which are complete are presented by staff to the Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission in a regular scheduled meeting.

D. The Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission shall discuss the Naming Request and recommend or not recommend it to the City Council/County Board. They may also table the request for due consideration before voting on it.

E. The City Council/County Board will hear and vote on the Parks and Recreation Committee/Park Commission recommendation. The City Council/County Board shall have final authority on all Park Naming Requests.

All park names shall be adopted by Resolution by the City Council/County Board. A Park Naming Resolution shall only take effect after the land has officially been transferred to the city's ownership and the city retains legal title to the land.

4. Guidelines:

A. General Name guidelines:

- Should not duplicate or be easily confused with existing public or private places in or near Wausau.
- Should avoid adjectives such as east, west, big, long, etc., and numbers when possible unless an adjacent feature name uses the same descriptor.
- Should use the fewest words possible.
- Shall include an appropriate designator of the type of park, i.e. Community Park, Neighborhood Park or Tot Lot.
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B. Names of **historic places, events and cultural ideas** shall be appropriate to the site and proposed use.

C. Names for site features, wildlife or other natural ideas, when site specific

D. Guidelines for naming in honor of persons are as follows. A person honored with a park or facility name must meet all of the following:

- Have resided or worked in Wausau or the area which has become Wausau, and,
- Be separated from city service for at least one year prior to application or be deceased for at least one year prior to application. and,
- Had an exceptionally long tenure with the City/County; a minimum of ten (10) years.
- Be highly esteemed in the community (without criminal or legal judgments which show poor character- a background check may be performed with consent, character references will be contacted).

In addition, the honoree(s) are recommended to meet at least one of the following conditions:

- a. At least 10 years of civic service (must have made a significant and exceptional contribution to the parks or community as a whole for recreation purposes).
- b. A local historical individual or family who were influential in the development of the city or of other widely acknowledged historic importance.
- c. A major financial contribution (donation of at least 51% of the value of park land dedication).

Note: Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee that a name will be approved.

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City of Wausau Park Naming Application

Part I. All naming requests shall follow the guidelines below:

A. General Name guidelines:

- Should not duplicate or be easily confused with existing public or private places in or near Wausau.
- Should avoid adjectives such as east, west, big, long, etc., and numbers when possible unless an adjacent feature name uses the same descriptor.
- Should use the fewest words possible.
- Shall include an appropriate designator of the type of park, i.e. Community Park, Neighborhood Park or Tot Lot.

B. Names of historic places, events and cultural ideas and names using **Dakota language** or concepts shall be appropriate to the site and proposed use, and should follow standard current spelling of the Dakota language.

C. Names for site features, wildlife or other natural ideas, when site specific

D. Guidelines for naming in honor of persons are as follows. A person honored with a park or facility name must meet all of the following:

- Have resided or worked in Wausau or the area which has become Wausau, and,
- Be separated from city service for at least one year prior to application or be deceased for at least one year prior to application. (If the person is not deceased at the time of the naming, the name shall be conditional until the person has been deceased for at least one year, the City Council/County Board will formally adopt or not adopt the name after this time), and,
- Be highly esteemed in the community (without criminal or legal judgments which show poor character- a background check may be performed with consent, character references will be contacted).

In addition, the honoree(s) are recommended to meet at least one of the following conditions:

- d. At least 10 years of civic service (must have made a significant and exceptional contribution to the parks or community as a whole for recreation purposes).
- e. A local historical individual or family who were influential in the development of the city or of other widely acknowledged historic importance.
- f. A major financial contribution (donation of at least 50% of the value of park land dedication).

Note: Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee that a name will be approved.

Part II. Please fill in all of the questions below

Return completed applications to Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department or mail to: Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, Attn: Director, 212 River Dr Suite 2., Wausau, WI 54403.

1. **Name and** Location of Park or feature/**amenity** to be named or Development / Addition name, and adjacent street frontage(s).

2. Person/organization requesting the name _____

Phone (daytime) _____ Fax _____

e-mail address (please print clearly):

Relationship to the park name honoree, if the name is in honor of a person or persons

3. Proposed name (and up to two alternates, if desired).

4. Explanation of name meaning(s), including translation, or biographical information ***and character references*** if the name is honoring a person or people, if applicable (attach additional sheets).

5. Please describe the process involved in choosing the proposed name and what type of public involvement was used.

Note: 1. Applications determined to be incomplete by staff will not be considered for formal review.

2. Meeting the naming guidelines does not guarantee that a proposed park name will be approved.

POLICY FOR THE NAMING, DEDICATION, AND SPONSORSHIP OF MARATHON COUNTY FACILITIES, ROOMS, AND OPEN SPACES

PURPOSE

This Policy establishes a process and criteria for the consideration of requests by interested parties for the naming or renaming of County facilities, except relating to parks, forestry and recreation facilities. It is also the purpose of this policy to establish a procedure for acceptance of donations and sponsorships that carry with them a request for dedication or recognition. This Policy does not imply that all facilities, rooms, and open spaces will be named for an individual, group, or organization, the Policy simply puts a process in place by which naming may occur.

APPLICATION

County facilities, rooms, or open spaces. This ordinance applies to all County facilities, rooms, or open spaces, except as provided below.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation Facilities Exempted. Parks, forestry and recreation facilities are those facilities that fall under the purview of the Marathon County Forestry/Recreation Committee and the Park Commission, as described under Chapters 16 and 19 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances and Chapter 27, Wis. Stats. All decisions with respect to the naming or renaming and/or the acceptance of donations and sponsorships with respect to new or existing parks, forestry and recreational facilities will be at the sole discretion of the Marathon County Forestry/Recreation Committee and the Park Commission.

POLICY STATEMENT

In general, County facilities, rooms or open spaces may be named in honor of a deserving or outstanding individual, group, or organization. In selecting such individuals, groups, or organizations, the criteria specified in Section II of this Policy shall be followed.

Names of individuals, civic, fraternal, veterans, or other groups who have donated land, money property, or equipment to the County may be considered for area dedication under the provisions of Section III of this Policy, entitled "Donations and Sponsorships."

Plaques or other appropriate types of markers may be used when a facility, room, or open space is named or renamed. Memorials depicting an individual's, groups, or organization's accomplishments may be marked with plaques.

I. Process for the Naming/Renaming of County Facilities, Rooms or Open Spaces, Other than Park and Recreation Facilities

The process for naming or renaming a County facility, room or open space will be as follows:

- A. **Initial Application.** A request to name or rename a County facility, room or open space may be initiated by one (1) or more County resident(s), business owner(s), property owner(s), or County staff using the Commemorative Dedication, Naming, and Donor Application ("Application"), which will be submitted to the Marathon County Clerk's Office. The Application should include a full description of any donation or sponsorship offered. The Application should also include letters of support, articles, and other evidence demonstrating broad-based community support of the Application, if any exist.
- B. **Contents of Application.** The Application shall identify the County facility, room, or open space, state the reason(s) for the proposed name or name change, and specify the proposed name(s) if any. If the proposed name is that of a group, organization, association, company, or business, the background information shall include information regarding applicant's purpose, mission, and community involvement supporting the sponsorship request. If the proposed name is that of an individual, the background information shall include information demonstrating the individual's good character, personal achievements, contributions to the community, and/or efforts towards enrichment of the County or its residents.
- C. **Review of Application by Director.** The County Clerk shall forward the Application to the County Administrator. The County Administrator shall designate the Director of the appropriate department to review the Application. The Director shall review the Application and determine if it is consistent with this Policy and any other County policies, rules, or regulations. The department Director may propose alternate names. Once approved by the Director, any names must also be approved by the County Administrator.
- D. **Incomplete or Inconsistent Application.** Applications that are determined by the appropriate County department Director to be incomplete, without sufficient support, or that are otherwise inconsistent with this Policy and any other County policies, rules, or regulations will be returned to the applicant together with a written explanation for the return. The applicant may resubmit the Application at any time with new or additional information to correct the insufficiencies identified by the Director.
- E. **Value of Donation or Sponsorship.** If the Application includes an offered donation or sponsorship, see Section III, below for acceptance criteria and authority.
- F. **Review by Committee.** If the Department director determines that the application is consistent with this Policy and any other County policies, rules, or regulations, the Department director shall forward the Application to the Human Resources/Finance and Property committee for its

review and consideration. All decisions with respect to the naming or renaming of County facilities, rooms, or open space will be at the sole discretion of the Human Resources/Finance and Property committee. The Committee may elect to move the Application to the County Board for final consideration

- G. The County Clerk will maintain a record of all names and/or recognition granted.

II. Naming Criteria

Priorities to be considered in naming County facilities, rooms or open spaces shall be as follows:

- A. Recognizable area. Names that aid in locating a facility, room, or open space (i.e. "Stratford Highway Shop")
- B. Geographical Features. Geographical features, such as rivers, creeks and terrain.
- C. Names To Be Avoided:
1. Cumbersome, corrupted, or modified names, profane, discriminatory or derogatory names relating to age, race religion, creed, national origin, sex, color, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or other similar categories.
 2. Names that cause confusion due to duplication or that sound too similar to existing named locations within the County or the surrounding region. Only one facility, room or open space may be named in honor of an individual.
 3. Names of companies whose business is substantially derived from the sale of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, adult entertainment and/or other practices considered unsuitable or inappropriate for children.
 4. Names of appointed or elected local officials currently in office or current County employees.
 5. The re-use of former facility names other than for a reconstruction of the same facility in the same location.
 6. Names that would result in the overt commercialization of County facilities.
- D. Individuals, Groups, or Organizations. The following criteria will be used in evaluating the use of names of persons (whether living or deceased), groups, and organizations.
1. General Criteria. Names of persons, groups, or organizations having a longstanding affiliation with the County of not less than ten (10) years of significant community service, involvement, or contributions beyond the ordinary interest level whose efforts have:

- Enhanced the quality of life and well-being of County residents;

- Contributed to the preservation of the County's history or culture;
- Made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the County or its residents; or
- Contributed to the acquisition, development, or conveyance of land, buildings, or other amenities to the County. See Subsection IV. D., below.

2. Deceased Persons. Such individuals may include national and/or local heroes:

- A resident of Marathon County, who has attained local, state, or national recognition in an area of work that would relate to the facility, room or open space to be named.
- Those who have given outstanding service to mankind or who have worked over and above any ordinary interest level.
- Historic persons.

3. Living Persons. Facilities, rooms, or open spaces may be named after living persons only after a study has been completed relative to the individual's background and qualifications pursuant to the criteria set forth above.

4. County Official or County Employee. Naming after an individual who has served as a County Official or a County employee may only occur after the person has separated from County service and should be based on the following criteria:

- Made significant contributions over and above the duties required by the position.
- Had a positive impact on the past and future development of programs, projects, or facilities in the County.
- Made significant volunteer contributions to the community outside of the scope of their job.
- Had exceptionally long tenure with the County; a minimum of ten (10) years.
- Significant public support for a memorial to the County official or employee on the occasion of their death or retirement.

5. Groups or Organizations. County facilities may be named or recognized in honor of an individual, group, organization, association, company, or business that has been instrumental in acquiring sites either by donation of land or money or has donated the amount of land or money needed to complete development of a site.

- If the donation or contribution exceeds 51% of the project budget or appraised value of the project, facility, or development being considered for naming.
- A lesser donation may be honored by an area dedication/plaque recognizing the individual, group, organization, association, company or business and the donation or contribution they made to the project.

6. **Renaming Facilities Previously Named.** Facilities rooms, or open spaces should only be renamed in exceptional circumstances. It is recommended that efforts to change a name be subject to the most critical examination so as not to diminish the original justification for the name or discredit the value of the prior contributors or his/her family. Facilities named by deed restriction or other legally binding obligation cannot be considered for renaming unless permitted by the deed or other restriction. Renaming a facility, room, or open space, however, is appropriate when:
- The criteria set forth herein are met;
 - There is a valid reason for renaming the facility, room, or open space; and
 - An appropriate level of community support exists.

III. Donations and Sponsorships

- A. Acceptability of Donations.** Individuals, groups, organizations, associations, companies, or businesses may choose to offer a donation of land, equipment, materials, or funding to the County, earmarked for special projects.
1. Such projects may include but are not limited to, the development of capital improvements, facilities, amenities, spaces, displays, benches, and trees.
 2. The appropriate County department director will review the acceptability of any donation and determine if the benefits to be derived warrant acceptance of the donation. Criteria for evaluation include:
 - the desirability or need for the property or item donated or other benefit to be derived from the donation.
 - an analysis of the make, model, and proposed location of the item or equipment donated.
 - consideration of any immediate or initial expenditure required by the County in order to accept the donation,
 - the potential and extent of the County's obligation to maintain the property or item donated,
 3. Donation of an item may also be required to include funding for its installation and maintenance as determined by the appropriate County department. County staff will arrange for the installation and any ongoing maintenance of any donated item.
- B. Authority to Accept Donations.**
1. The Human Resources/Finance and Property committee shall have the authority to accept donations of materials, equipment, or funding:
 - Up to a value of \$30,000 shall be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.
 - In excess of \$30,000, or involving modifications to existing County facilities that will have a significant visual, functional, or land use impact, will require approval of the

Capital Improvement Committee and will then be forwarded on to the Human Resources/Finance and Property committee for consideration.

2. The appropriate County department director shall accompany the request to the committee(s) to provide information gathered in review of the request.
3. The Human Resources/Finance and Property Committee may elect to move the Application to the County Board for final consideration. In the event the Application is associated with a "public works" project, pursuant to sec. 59.52(29), Stats., or successor statute, and involves the donation of materials or volunteer labor, the Application shall be moved to the County Board for final consideration.

C. Conditions of Acceptance.

1. The County will assume ownership, control, and maintenance of any donated property or item unless conditions of acceptance, as determined by the County, provide otherwise.
2. The County shall not be obligated to repair or replace any donated property or item that is damaged or destroyed for any reason, such as by vandalism or theft, or, in the case of live plants, if they die.
3. Unless the conditions of acceptance, as determined by the County, provide otherwise, the County will decide when changes shall be made to any County facility, with no assurances that a donated item will be retained. The County reserves the right to remove and/or relocate any donated item at any time. However, if a donated item(s) needs to be removed, the County will make reasonable efforts to relocate the item(s) at another facility. The County will make reasonable efforts to notify the donor of any changes as they occur.
4. The offer and acceptance of a donation does not necessarily ensure or confer upon such donor an area dedication/plaque. When acknowledging such donation or dedication, the dedication language shall conform to all other naming criteria set forth herein.
 - Because such markers are prone to vandalism and require maintenance, plaques, markers, and memorials should be used sparingly.
 - The cost of plaques, monuments, and replacement signs resulting from, or done in conjunction with the dedication or commemorative naming/renaming of a facility, room, or open space may be required by the county to be borne by the individual, group, or organization requesting the name.
 - The type, size, font, and placement of plaques, monuments and signs installed or placed at County facilities shall be at the sole discretion of the County. Plaques, benches, trees, and other donated objects are not intended to be an official gathering space.

- D. Reserved Right to Reject Offer.** The County reserves the right to reject any offer of donation or sponsorship if, in the County's sole discretion, acceptance of the donation is determined not to be in the best interest of the County.

- E. **Special Events/Promotions.** If a donation for a special event or promotion is provided by a corporate or organizational sponsor, such donor or sponsor may, at the discretion of the appropriate County department director, be recognized through display of the donor or sponsor's logo banner/advertising and/or names on promotional material(s) or at the site(s) of the event. Such donation or sponsorship by a donor or sponsor shall not entitle that donor or sponsor to any special privileges.

Riverlife Bridge Light Themes

<u>Event</u>	<u>Theme Color(s)</u>	<u>Start Date/Time</u>		<u>End Date/Time</u>	
Mardi Gras	Green, Gold, Purple	Feb. 13, 2018	12:00 am	Feb. 13, 2018	11:59 pm
Valentine's Day	Pink	Feb. 14, 2018	12:00 am	Feb. 14, 2018	11:59 pm
Presidents Day	Red, White, Blue	Feb. 19, 2018	12:00 am	Feb. 19, 2018	11:59 pm
St. Patrick's Day	Green	March 17, 2018	12:00 am	March 17, 2018	11:59 pm
Easter (day or season)	Pink, Yellow, Light Green, White, Light Blue	April 1, 2018	12:00 am		
Arbor Day	Green, Brown	April 27, 2018	12:00 am	April 27, 2018	11:59 pm
May Day	All Colors	May 1, 2018	12:00 am	May 1, 2018	11:59 pm
Derby Day	Red	May 5, 2018	12:00 am	May 5, 2018	11:59 pm
Mother's Day	Pink, Green, Yellow	May 13, 2018	12:00 am	May 13, 2018	11:59 pm
Memorial Day	Red, White, Blue	May 28, 2018	12:00 am	May 28, 2018	11:59 pm
GLBT Pride Month	Rainbow	June	12:00 am		
Flag Day	Red, White, Blue	June 14, 2018	12:00 am	June 14, 2018	11:59 pm
Fathers Day	?	June 17, 2018	12:00 am	June 17, 2018	11:59 pm
Juneteenth (Emancipation)	Red, Yellow, Green	June 19, 2018	12:00 am	June 19, 2018	11:59 pm
4th of July	Red, White, Blue	July 4, 2018	12:00 am	July 4, 2018	11:59 pm
Native Americ. Month	White, Yellow, Red, Green	August			
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Aug. 9, 2018	12:00 am	Aug. 9, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Aug. 16, 2018	12:00 am	Aug. 16, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Aug. 24, 2018	12:00 am	Aug. 24, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Aug. 30, 2018	12:00 am	Aug. 30, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Home	Red, White	Aug. 31, 2018	12:00 am	Aug. 31, 2018	11:59 pm
Hispanic Heritage Month	Red, White, Green	September			
Labor Day	Red, White, Blue	Sept. 3, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 3, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Home	Red, White	Sept. 8, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 8, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Sept. 9, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 9, 2018	11:59 pm
Sept. 11 Memorial	Red, White, Blue	Sept. 11, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 11, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Away	Red, White	Sept. 15, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 15, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Sept. 16, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 16, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Sept. 23, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 23, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Sept. 30, 2018	12:00 am	Sept. 30, 2018	11:59 pm
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	Pink	October			
Badger Football Game – Home	Red, White	Oct. 6, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 6, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Oct. 7, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 7, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Away	Red, White	Oct. 13, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 13, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Oct. 15, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 15, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Home	Red, White	Oct. 20, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 20, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Away	Red, White	Oct. 27, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 27, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Oct. 28, 2018	12:00 am	Oct. 28, 2018	11:59 pm
Halloween (day or season)	Orange, green, purple	Oct. 31, 2018	12:00 am		
Badger Football Game – Home	Red, White	Nov. 3, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 3, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Nov. 4, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 4, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Away	Red, White	Nov. 10, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 10, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Nov. 11, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 11, 2018	11:59 pm
Veterans Day	Red, White, Blue	Nov. 11, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 11, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Nov. 15, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 15, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game – Away	Red, White	Nov. 17, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 17, 2018	11:59 pm

Thanksgiving (day or season)	Orange, Yellow, Brown	Nov. 22, 2018	12:00 am		
Badger Football Game – Home	Red, White	Nov. 24, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 24, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Nov. 25, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 25, 2018	11:59 pm
Badger Football Game?? Vs. Big Ten Football Championship Game in Indianapolis	Red, White	Nov. 24, 2018	12:00 am	Nov. 24, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Dec. 2, 2018	12:00 am	Dec. 2, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Dec. 9, 2018	12:00 am	Dec. 9, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Dec. 16, 2018	12:00 am	Dec. 16, 2018	11:59 pm
Green Bay Packer Game – Away	Green, Gold	Dec. 23, 2018	12:00 am	Dec. 23, 2018	11:59 pm
Christmas (day or Season)	Red, Green	Dec. 25, 2018	12:00 am		
Green Bay Packer Game – Home	Green, Gold	Dec. 30, 2018	12:00 am	Dec. 30, 2018	11:59 pm

The Boy, the boot, and the mystery

By JILL FREDEL
Herald Intern

This is the story of a boy. He's older as boys go, and no one knows for sure where he came from or to whom he belongs.

Thousands of people used to see him every year, but not one of them claimed him. For all practical purposes, he is an orphan. But before you run to your phone to call a local adoption agency, let me explain the story of the statue, "The Boy with the Leaking Boot."

Wausau's Boy (as he is affectionately known by the statue's historians) stood in Hammond Park until about 18 months ago when it was damaged by vandals. The statue was removed and stored in the Park Department's repair shop.

The Boy's place in Hammond Park was taken by "Willie's Dilemma" — a donation this past spring from the Kiwanis Club of Wausau.

The Boy, tentatively, is to be placed in the entrance to the downtown shopping mall, according to mall developers.

Those are the most recent developments involving the Boy, but the past is even more interesting.

Wausau's Boy is actually one of more than 25 such statues in the world. (The nearest other Boy is in front of the fire station in Stevens Point.)

Other statues in the area include four in Menominee, Mich. (one outside the M & M Brewing Company, one inside the library and two in private ownership), one in Door County in private ownership and one in Neenah, also in private ownership.

The story of Wausau's Boy began in the early 1920s when Sue Hammond Rhea, who founded Hammond Park in honor of her father, brought the Boy to be placed in the Thomas Street side of the park.

The exact date of the statue's placement in the park is unknown, but Maryanne Norton of the Marathon County Historical Museum believes it was put there in 1923 or 1924.

The first reference to the statue she found came in the city park board's minutes in 1925.

"But we don't know if it had been in the area before that time," said Norton.

The statue was vandalized twice in the 1940s and put in storage for quite a while. It was re-installed at a later date with the boot hanging upside down, instead of the original right side up.

The statue was later knocked off its base and put in the Park Department's garage attic where it was forgotten for some time.

When the statue was found again, the boot was turned around, and the statue was put back in Hammond Park.

In the spring of 1980, the statue was again knocked off its base. Park Department officials decided against re-installing the Boy. Instead, plans have made to include it in the downtown mall.

The statue now stands in the Park Department's garage on Pardee Street.

That's the history of Wausau's Boy. The mystery of the Boy's origin, though, is not confined solely to Wausau. No one has been able to find out anything about any of the Boys worldwide.

The Rev. Alexander Fleck of Fort Worth, Texas, has tracked down many of the statues, but even he has come up empty on where the statue originated.

Emma Towsley, who is the resident expert on the Boy in Wallingford, Vt., said a sculptor who visited the small town said he thought the statue was made in Italy because the curves reminded him of Italian sculpture.

Towsley discounted another theory that the statue originated in Germany, although seven were shipped to the U.S. from that country more than 100 years ago, and the statues are made of a white pewter

metal native to Germany.

"I have received letters from Germany," she said "saying it is not of German origin."

Wallingford's Boy was placed on the side of the town's Main Street in 1898 to honor one of the town's civil war veterans. The trough surrounding the statue was used to water horses.

The inscription on the trough reads, "Erected to the memory of Arnold Hill, by his children, April 3rd, 1898."

In 1927 the statue and trough were moved to their present location on the lawn of what is now the English Learning Center.

Towsley, who lives in a 200-year-old house on Main Street, said the statue was moved to "make room for the Model Ts."

The Wallingford Boy, unlike Wausau's, is painted. The Boy's blouse is red, his trousers and cap are blue and the leaking boot is brown.

But like Wausau's Boy, Wallingford's Boy has also been vandalized. The most recent and damaging incident occurred on Halloween night in 1974 when the statue was hit by a car and knocked from its base.

Several pieces of the statue were broken off in the incident.

Since that time, Towsley said, the townspeople have taken it upon themselves to look out for the statue's well-being.

The Wallingford Boy is further protected by being put in storage each winter.

Another mystery concerns whom the statue was patterned after.

The more accepted version involves a drummer boy in the Civil War, who was looking after the wounded on the battlefield.

When the soldiers cried for water, the lad, lacking a utensil, filled his boot from a nearby stream. Holding his thumb in the torn part of his boot to keep the water from leaking out, he was able to quench the soldiers' thirst.

The story, however, has never been substantiated.

Part of the interest in the Boy remains because of the mystery associated with the statue. The questions will probably never be answered. But, when you think about it, wouldn't it take something away from the aura surrounding the Boy if they were?



Wausau's Boy (right) with upside-down boot, and Wallingford's Boy (above) with right-side-up boot.



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The mystery of

THE BOY WITH THE LEAKING BOOT

By MARY'N ROSSON

Photos provided by author



Boy on fire station grounds in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

"THE meanest thieves of them all," was the scathing sentiment expressed in the column of Frank Lord of the Seattle (Washington) *Post Intelligencer*. His blast was directed at the vandals who had wrenched the statue, The Boy With the Leaking Boot, from its pedestal in front of a local manufacturing company. Only a few toes and part of a boot remained of the quaint little figure that had won the hearts of young and old for over fifty years.

The statue depicts a chunky nine- or ten-year old boy gravely inspecting a stream of water that jets from the toe of a boot held aloft in his right hand. A worn cap is perched jauntily atop tousled hair. High-waisted pants are held precariously by a single suspender fastened by a button over the right shoulder. Shirt sleeves are tight-rolled to display fledgling muscles, and fingers of the left hand are thrust firmly into his pants pocket. The foot without the boot rests solidly on a slab of cold stone.

Seattle's Boy accompanied the Christian Brothers when they came to this country from Belgium in the early 1900s. The statue for almost twenty years decorated the front of a school established by them. He was later purchased by O.E. Maedel, a Seattle baker. Boy became part of the

Maedels' showplace mansion, adding his sculptured artistry from his position overlooking the green sweep of the front lawn. The Maedels became so fond of Boy that on their death, and at their express wishes, both bodies were cremated and the ashes scattered around the little statue.

Boy was then bought by a shoe manufacturing company and stood for some time in front of the plant. It was from here that he was stolen. No trace of him has ever been found, although a reward was offered.

SEATTLE'S statue is only one of twenty-four, located through tedious research. The Reverend Alex Fleck of Los Angeles, California, has for many years tracked down every clue concerning the elusive statues, personally accounting for twenty-three of them. He reports that England, Sweden and Italy each have a Boy. Canada has one in Winnipeg, in Toronto, and in Ontario.

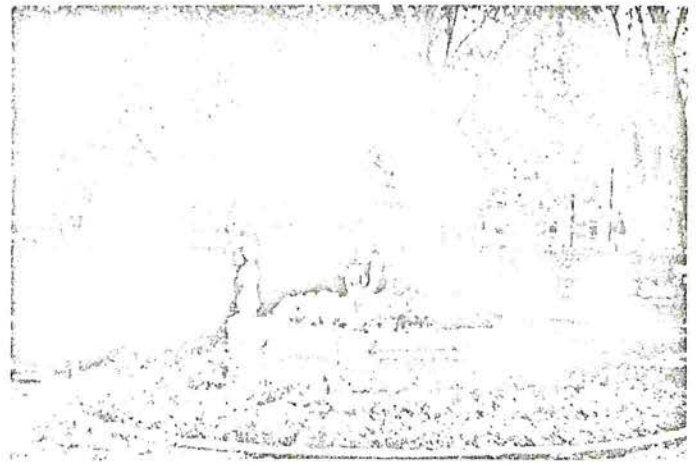
In the United States there are ten replicas still standing in the following cities: Wallingford, Vermont; Fresno, California; Sandusky, Ohio; Hershey Estates, Hershey, Pennsylvania; El Dorado, Kansas; Houlton, Maine; two in Ellensville, New York; a bronze copy for sale in the showroom of the

Florentine Craftsman Foundry in New York City; and Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the most recent addition to the list.

In the following states the statues are down, with most of them in need of repairs: New Orleans, Louisiana; Paterson, New Jersey; Baker, Oregon; and El Paso, Texas. The Boy on the lawn of an antebellum mansion in Biloxi, Mississippi was damaged by a hurricane some years ago and needs mending. Seattle's Boy was stolen. Wellville, Ohio lost its statue to a careening automobile, and Helena, Montana's dropped from sight almost thirty-four years ago. Menominee, Michigan also reports its statue needs repairs.

The story of the young lad after whom Boy was patterned has two versions. A well-liked newsboy who sold papers on the streets of old Italy was one story. After he drowned while fishing, Boy With the Boot was erected in his honor.

The more accepted story concerns a drummer boy in the Civil War, in charge of looking after the wounded on the battlefield. When the soldiers began to cry out for water the lad, lacking a utensil, filled his boot from a nearby stream. Holding his thumb in the torn part of the boot to keep the



Above left: Boy at Seattle, Washington, was stolen and never found. Above right: Boy in San Jacinto Plaza, El Paso, Texas.

water from leaking out, he was able to quench the thirst of the fevered men. Boy With the Leaking Boot was created to commemorate his courage. Neither of these stories has been substantiated.

Reverend Fleck has never been able to determine in which country Boy originated. He is made of a white pewter metal native to Germany yet that country has been unable to identify the sculptor or manufacturer. Italy and Belgium also have failed.

Many of our cities have interesting tales to tell of their acquisition of Boy. For instance, Sandusky, Ohio lays claim to having the oldest statue of him in the United States. It has stood for well over a hundred years in front of the Porter House overlooking Lake Erie. (This hostelry, incidentally, originated that dish so beloved by Americans, the porterhouse steak.)

Eighty-three years ago Salvation Army Sergeant D.E. Nichols, of Fresno, California worried about keeping children out of the downtown taverns, which they often ducked into when they were thirsty. Through the Sergeant's efforts a drinking fountain was built. A replica of Boy was placed on a pedestal above the fountain in hopes of enticing the impressionable children away from the saloons.

Boy was moved several times in the ensuing years and became badly damaged. To keep him from being totally destroyed, the Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a contest to have the statue cast in bronze. Schoolchildren in Fresno worked hard and raised enough money to save their Boy. He is standing today in Court House Park.

Paterson, New Jersey, is proud of its story, too. Boy originally graced the lawn of a silk manufacturer named Hilman, one of the city's earliest residents. Later, Boy was acquired by Nathen Barnert who immigrated to the United States in 1849. Barnert became Mayor of Paterson and was a well-known philanthropist. He felt



Above: Courthouse Park, Fresno, California. Right: Boy with "Bootee," El Paso, Texas.



Boy in City Hall Park, El Paso, Texas.



that Boy was typical of that part of his own life when "just as such a lad he gazed wonderingly from the emigrant ship for the first time on the fertile shores of this land of promise." Barnert called the statue Emigrant Boy. For some years now, the statue has been in need of repairs.

IN Menominee, Michigan, Boy stands in front of the M and M Brewing Company. He was purchased by John Henes in Germany in the late 1800s and was used as a focal point in a rock garden between the adjoining homes of Henes and his father-in-law,

Jacob Leisen. During World War I, one of the houses was sold and the rock garden destroyed. Boy was hidden away in the family garage for some years. After Prohibition was repealed, Leo W. Erdlitz opened the M and M Brewing Company. He obtained Boy and placed him atop a small fountain in front of his plant.

The Boy in Stevens Point, Wisconsin arrived in 1895, according to *Reach*, newspaper supplement to the Stevens Point *Daily Journal*. And as with the other Boys there were no clues as to the origin of the pewter statue.

It was during a drive to improve the town's Public Square that a special committee agreed on plans to erect a fountain in its center for both people and horses.

"The design of the fountain," said the *Daily Journal*, "is a boy standing on a rock. He has taken off one of his boots and holds it even with his head in his right hand. The water runs out of the bottom of the boot onto the spray in the basin below."

The plan for the new fountain immediately ran into a barrage of public opinion. The Stevens Point *Gazette* reported, "Disappointment as to the size and appearance of the statue has been expressed on all sides." Business people said the fountain would create a traffic hazard when teams of horses were watered. Other complaints centered around the impending relocation of the 120-foot Liberty Pole which had been the rallying point of local celebrations since 1869. It would have to be moved to make way for the Boy. Some of the arguments became bitter. Injunctions were threatened.

It was a short-lived furor, however. The Liberty Pole was peacefully moved to a new home in the Court-house yard (now the City-County building site).



Boy in Menominee, Michigan.

There was some ribbing over the squabble from neighboring towns. Wausau, Wisconsin, which had lost a bitter battle for a new state normal (now the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point) gave its opinion in the Wausau *Herald*: "Stevens Point is having a wordy warfare over a watering fountain recently erected in the center of its principal business street. It is indeed strange Stevens Point is wrangling over water. The normal school is surely having its good effect."

The *Daily Journal* graciously reprinted the *Herald* article under the heading, "The Green-eyed Monster."

If there ever was a metal counterpart to the very human "new boy on the block" who had to take a beating every day, it is this little statue.

In most every place Boy ever existed he was the victim of vandalism and ac-

cidents. Around the turn of the century in Stevens Point a horse-drawn wagon smashed into the statue and almost destroyed it. The remains were tossed into a ditch behind the firehouse on Second street.

When found later by firemen Lyman Rowe, Sr. and Herman Krembs, they refinished the Boy and set him up near the fire station in a flower bed. The little fellow had lost both legs and the boot he had been holding.

In 1941 George (Boots) Fisher repainted Boy and as a humorous touch put a creel and landing net around his neck and a fishing rod under his left arm. Boy was also given a wooden trout to hold. Net, creel and rod soon vanished but Boy managed to hold onto the trout. The statue remained at the firehouse until the Division Street Station was built in 1967. It was then put in storage, and after a time completely disappeared. It was later located at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

In 1975, Jim Durtschi, a high school student, refinished the figure. Tom Tylka cast new legs and a real boot was furnished for Boy to hold. The original pewter body was intact but for some reason boots were placed on both feet.

In a spirit of good will, firefighters, a local union and several businesses cooperated in building a new fountain at the fire station, with the statue as the centerpiece.

Today Boy looks much as he did in 1895. Dave Heise of nearby Iola writes me that Boy is again wearing only one boot, with his right foot bare as it was originally. Passersby frequently stop to admire and photograph the statue. The firehouse Boy in Stevens Point is well cared for and is destined for a long life.

Wallington, Vermont's Boy was always referred to as the Boy Immigrant. He was given to the small town by the family of Arnold Hill. They wished to honor the memory of their

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Civil War veteran son who was killed on the battlefield.

The 81-year-old Winnipeg, Canada, Boy has become quite a celebrity. Purchased by the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society in 1897, he was first placed in front of the City Hall. Later the little statue was transferred to Assiniboine Park. In 1953 the Rotary International Fellowship dedicated a new entrance to the park's flower garden. Boy was given a prominent place among the bright plants and greenery. In a high point of Boy's career he was photographed with the Duke and Duchess of York, parents of Britain's Queen Mother Mary.

Eighty-nine years ago El Paso, Texas was not at first pleased when Boy came to the frontier town. No one is quite sure how his purchase came about, as city records reveal no details. The late James L. Marr recalled that one of Mayor Joseph Magoffin's aldermen, J.B. Badger, was responsible for Boy's acquisition. The alderman, who was in charge of streets and grades, went on a junketing trip to the East in 1899. He came home with the statue, claiming he got a bargain for \$800. Badger received much criticism from his political enemies who were disgusted at what they termed a "piece of junk."

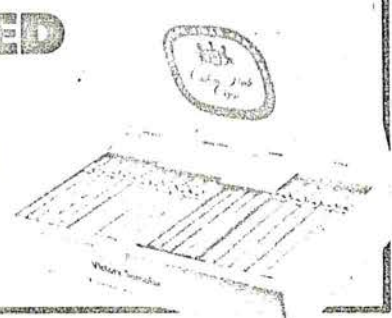
Other old-timers of El Paso like their story better. Seems the city fathers decided their little border city needed some culture, namely a piece of statuary. Several hundred dollars in contributions were collected. A committee was sent to St. Louis, Missouri to secure something that would "reflect the fine artistic sense of the city." The group, however, had such a marvelous time seeing the sights that all their money was soon spent except for twenty dollars. Boy was the only "art" they could find at that price.

Back home the committee came in for much ridicule, knowledgeable folks claiming that Boy was only putty. El Paso owned a small plot of land called City Hall Park, land which had the dubious distinction of having once been traded for a sewing machine. In 1901, resplendent in blue trousers and yellow shirt, Boy was placed in the center of a little pool in City Hall Park.

Through the years vandals delighted in picking on Boy, stealing his boot, breaking his arms and legs. In 1910 city officials moved him to San Jacinto Park, a large, treeshaded spot in the center of downtown El Paso. He was placed atop a pedestal surrounded by a colorful circle of flowers. At his side, as if to guard him, was a brass Civil War cannon left over from the battle of Val Verde.

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olution but the Blue Whistler, as the cannon was called, was eventually returned the the city.

Vandals continued to pester Boy so he was moved atop the alligator pond. Officials figured the ugly snout and bad disposition of the gators would act as a deterrent to further harassment of the little statue.

This was not to be. The mischievous ones not only bedeviled Boy, they struck at the gators, killing one and blinding the other. The poor alligators were finally moved to the safety of the zoo, while Boy was given a brief respite at the flower show in the Coliseum. There he was painted white and given a prominent place in a bower of red roses and white daisies.

In 1966, as a gesture of friendship, Mexico presented the city of El Paso with a replica of the Aztec Calendar, also known as Eagle Bowl or Sun Stone. This huge basaltic monolith weighs twenty-five tons, is fourteen feet high, and is an exact reproduction of the Mexican Aztec Calendar that was completed in 1479.

The calendar is based on lunar, solar and religious elements and is center-pieced with the face of a goddess. Wishing to prominently display and honor this friendship work of art, the City Council decided to change the

name of City Hall Park to Calendar Park. They also ordered Boy to be returned as a companion piece to the Calendar.

Boy did not remain untouched for long. Constant blows from people who delighted in destroying things other people enjoy, resulted in his mortal wounding. Now in the care of the Parks Department, there is some doubt Boy will ever be able to proudly watch the water leak from his boot again.

Reverend Fleck states that probably the true origin of Boy will never be known. One source believes he was imported from France over a hundred years ago. The Menominee, Michigan Boy was almost certainly a German casting. The Fresno, California Boy was from a foundry bearing the German name Mott. The Seattle Boy was brought from Belgium. And so the mystery of the little fellow who won so many hearts may never be solved.

Columnist Lynch ended his report by saying, "And so the Boy With the Boot may stand again in Seattle and wouldn't that be something?"

It would indeed be something if all twenty-four Boys could stand safe and sound, ready to receive the smiling affection of those who view them, and never again being subject to abuse.

