



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

of a meeting of a City Board, Commission, Department Committee, Agency, Corporation, Quasi-Municipal Corporation or Sub-unit thereof.

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:	Monday, March 3, 2025 at 5:15pm
Location:	City Hall (407 Grant St, Wausau WI 54403) - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Members:	Lou Larson, Carol Lukens, Tom Neal, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1 Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2024 Meeting
- 2 Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Negotiate an Agreement for Operations of the Riverlife Concession Stand
- 3 Discussion and Possible Action Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 - Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations
- 4 Discussion on Possible City Beer Garden
- 5 Educational Items
A. Park/Project Updates (Athletic Park, Riverlife, Sylvan Hill, Outdoor Ice, Big Eau Pleine, Cherokee, Nine Mile, Marathon Park, Central WI Airport, General Maintenance)
- 6 Future Agenda Items - Athletic Park Use Agreement Amendments
- 7 Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:15pm, Council Chambers (City Hall 407 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403)
- 8 Adjournment

Lou Larson, Chair

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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: February 3, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Parks and Recreation Committee Members Present: Lou Larson (c), Carol Lukens, Tom Neal, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director, Andrew Lynch-Wausau Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Anne Marie Abuzzahab, Andrea Sczygelski

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 at 5:15pm.

1. Approve Minutes – November 4, 2024 – **Motion** by Watson, second by Neal to approve the Park and Recreation Committee November 4, 2024, minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
2. Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Naming of a Section of the River Edge Trail in Honor of Patrick Peckham – Andrew Lynch of the Wausau Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee would like to recommend the naming of the section of River Edge Trail between Thomas Street and Adolph Street in memory of Patrick Peckham. Mr. Peckham was an avid bicyclist and outdoorsman as well as great champion of the city of Wausau. The paved trail is soon to be lit, and once final touches are complete a ribbon-cutting and grand opening will be held. **Motion** by Rasmussen, second by Lukens to name a section of the River Edge Trail, “Peckham Way” in Honor of Patrick Peckham. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
3. Discussion and Possible Action on Approving the Naming of the Amphitheater of Stewart Park in Honor of Madam Waltraud Karkar – Anne Marie Abuzzahab and Andrea Sczygelski presented regarding the naming of the amphitheater after Madam Waltraud Karkar in honor of the contribution she has made through the years to the Wausau Community. Discussion was had with regards to the bronze plaque to be added to the wall at the park in addition to the location of signage that will indicate the name of the amphitheater. **Motion** by Neal, second by Rasmussen to name the amphitheater of Stewart Park in Honor of Madam Waltraud Karkar. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
4. Discussion and Possible Action Recommending the Approval of a Resolution to the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Evers Supporting the Renewal of the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund – Jamie Polley presented about the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund, which affects the Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department in two ways. First, the local government portion of the funding is how trails are built. Second, the department relies on this fund when purchasing county forest lands. The Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund will match 50% of the purchase price of land acquisitions. This bipartisan fund was set up in 1989 and is at risk of not being reauthorized for the year 2026. This program has changed over the last few years and has become political in nature. Any project over \$250,000 now requires approval from the Joint Financial Committee of the State Legislature. This committee had the latitude to object to any project without stating what their objection is, does not have to state who is doing the objecting, and does not have to state when they would revisit the objection. The political nature of this presented itself most recently after a project in northern Wisconsin. Governor Evers filed suit against the Joint Financial Committee. The State Supreme Court sided with Governor Evers stating that the Joint Financial Committee was overstepping their authority by not stating their objection, not declaring who was objecting, and not stating when they would revisit the objection in a timely manner. Our recommendation is to support this resolution. **Motion** by Rasmussen, second by Neal to Approve the Resolution to the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Evers Supporting the Renewal of the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
5. Review and Discussion of the 2025 Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Work Plan – Jamie Polley brought forward the 2025 Work Plan. These projects have already been approved through the budget process. The CIP Projects for both the County and the City were all approved through either the ARPA allocations or through the CIP process. Marathon Splash Pad, which is over 20 years old, is the biggest project that has been approved. The dump station and the Nine Mile Chalet renovations are both ARPA allocations for which we have had to do upgrades to bring them up to code. We continue to work on our general playground and restroom replacements. The Skate Park and Alexander Airport Pickle Ball Courts will be under contract in 2025, and we plan to complete the Athletic Park Clubhouse prior to baseball/softball season this year. The city allocates \$110,000 for deferred maintenance projects, to be used for anything under the threshold of the CIP amounts. The county delegates \$100,000 towards deferred maintenance. There is a long list of deferred maintenance that gets prioritized each year and the funding does get used.

Cameras and security do not come out of this fund, however; this comes out of the concession fund. Because we have seen an uptick of vandalism and break-ins, we have prioritized the security systems and are doing some updates that benefit all users. Kaiser Pool slide restoration and some other pool feature repairs will be done in 2025. Stewart Park wall and cap tuck pointing began last year and will continue this year. Riverlife and 400 Block, which come out of a separate fund, will be getting a fence for the concession stand. We've noticed there are mouse issues with the lighting at Rivers Edge Trail. Mice are creating nests in the globes in the light fixture which are causing power outages in those lights. Therefore, we are addressing not only mouse proofing but also fixing the lights at the Rivers Edge Trail. In addition, we are installing the push button at the fountain at the 400 Block. The Lula B Jacobs Park is being re-established after it was hidden due to courthouse expansion. We hope to expand our programs by adding the youth soccer league this year. Big Rib Falls Park restoration and seeding has been started, reclaiming the old mine. We continue to try to get the mining permit closed. We hope to develop the parking lot next to Athletic Park where that land was donated. The administrative offices will be moving to the lower level of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point at Wausau at the end of March or the beginning of April. **Motion** by Rasmussen, second by Lukens to Accept the 2025 Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Work Plan. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.

6. Educational Items

- A. 2024 Year in Review – Jamie Polley highlighted the 2024 Year in Review outlined in a handout in the agenda packet.
- B. Riverlife Concession RFP Update – We had one proposal by the first deadline. We extended the deadline of the RFP, on the recommendation of the City Attorney, until February 14 and are hoping to present at least three vendor proposals by March.
- C. Park Updates – Signage – At this time of year, signs throughout the county are being rerouted, painted, and fixed. 400 Block – Snow was trucked in to create an ice rink at the 400 Block, and we will determine if it makes sense for us to do so in future years, as good ice requires the right temperatures and weather. Sylvan Hill – Sylvan Hill has been extremely popular this year and the runs have been very fast. Nine Mile – Fat tire biking has been open because it has been so cold. We anticipate the ski trails to be open on Wednesday because of the new fallen snow. Water Meters – Cages have been built for the new water meters. SunnyVale – The private pond hockey tournament set up went smoothly.

7. Future Agenda Items – Park Ordinance Updates, Riverlife Concession Proposals, Beer Gardens

- 8. Next Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. Council Chambers (City Hall 407 Grant Street Wausau, WI 54403)
- 9. Adjournment – **Motion** by Neal, second by Watson to adjourn at 5:54pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Authorizing Staff to Negotiate an Agreement for Operations of the Riverlife Concession Stand

The City posted a Request for Proposals for the Riverlife Park Concession Building in early December. Two proposals were received by the deadline of 1:00pm on February 14, 2025. The proposals were similar in scope keeping ice cream as a main item. A breakdown of the two proposals is below. Both proposals are open to negotiation:

Proposal One: Hours 5/1-10/15 7:30am-9:30am Coffee & Tea 11am-7:30pm Ice Cream, Snacks & Beverages Lease Amount: \$350/month +3% of sales 6 mo Restrooms: Lessee will maintain Financing: Self financed Staffing: 1-2 student age per shift, owner will open and close Would like to collaborate with department to provide offerings at the park.	Proposal Two: Hours 5/29-9/1 11am-8pm Ice Cream, shakes, pizza Closed Mondays Lease Amount \$1,000/month 12 mo Restrooms: City will maintain Financing: Self & loan financed Staffing: Total of 10 student age and 1-2 Full time staff in year one Proposing a phased approach with the possible addition in year 2 of equipment rentals/tours (canoe and kayak rentals with guided tours) and in year 3 possible segway rentals/tours.
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If a proposal is chosen to pursue further, the Parks and Recreation Committee should provide staff with direction on which areas of the proposal are negotiable and authorize staff to further negotiate an agreement for operations with the chosen vendor.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 -Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations

The proposed amendments to sections of Chapter 2, 3, 6, 8, 9,10, 12, 21, and 23 and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations of the Wausau Municipal Code are recommendations to clarify and enhance a number of ordinances where questions have arisen in the field over the past year. The amendments also ensure consistency throughout the code in reference to the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department and Parks and Recreation Committee. These amendments will allow the ordinances to be more easily enforced by the Wausau Police Department, Recreation Deputies and Assistance Facility Managers.

At this time the Park Committee is asked to discuss these amendments, recommend changes if needed and forward on to the City Council for adoption. The proposed amendments have been reviewed by the City Attorney.

4. Discussion on Possible City Beer Garden

Prior to 2018 the Parks and Recreation Committee and department were discussing the implementation of a beer garden(s) within the city. At that time the project did not move forward. There has been a request from a City Council member to bring this topic forward for discussion.

Prior to 2018 the idea was to issue an RFP and have a local vendor run the program. In discussions with other communities, another option may be for municipal or county staff to operate the beer garden. Some communities only sell beer at community events with municipal and county personnel and some have beer gardens. The ability for the City or County to operate beer sales either at an event or through a beer garden is per *Wisconsin State Statute 125.06 (6) Public parks. The sale of fermented malt beverages in any public park operated by a county or municipality. Fermented malt beverages shall be sold by officers or employees of the county or municipality under an ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation enacted by the governing body.*

Staff will provide the committee with the information gathered from other public entities as well as any information we have gathered on the interest of local vendors. Staff will also provide options for how this may be implemented either through the department or through the issuance of the RFP if the committee wishes to pursue the program further.

The Committee will be asked to determine if there is a desire to pursue this program further and if so provide staff with direction on their vision and expectations. A draft of ideas for the beer garden is attached to assist in guiding the direction.

5A. Park/Project Update

Athletic Park: Rough plans drawn for Clubhouse renovation.

Riverlife Park: Staff has begun to tear down and replace the fence on the Riverlife Concession building.

Sylvan Hill – This is the last week of scheduled rentals and last weekend of scheduled public tubing just in time for the much warmer temperatures coming in the next 10 days

Outdoor ice – Closed on Monday (2/24) because of temperatures, will reopen if/when conditions improve.

Big Eau Pleine: Work continues on the new South Unit dock. We continue to process firewood.

Cherokee: The vandalism to the windows of the old basement changing area have been repaired.

Nine Mile: The ski trails, classic and skate, have been groomed and will continue to be groomed as weather conditions allow. The conditions have been very good considering the lack of snow we've received. With warm weather this week, trails are beginning to deteriorate.

Marathon Park: This is the last week of ice in rink 2 with the last reservable day being Sunday, March 2nd. Ice will be removed next week.

Central WI Airport (CWA): We provided two staff to plow parking lots on 2/15.

General Maintenance -

- Snow plowing and removal at various locations
- Signage refinishing and replacement in various parks

Background

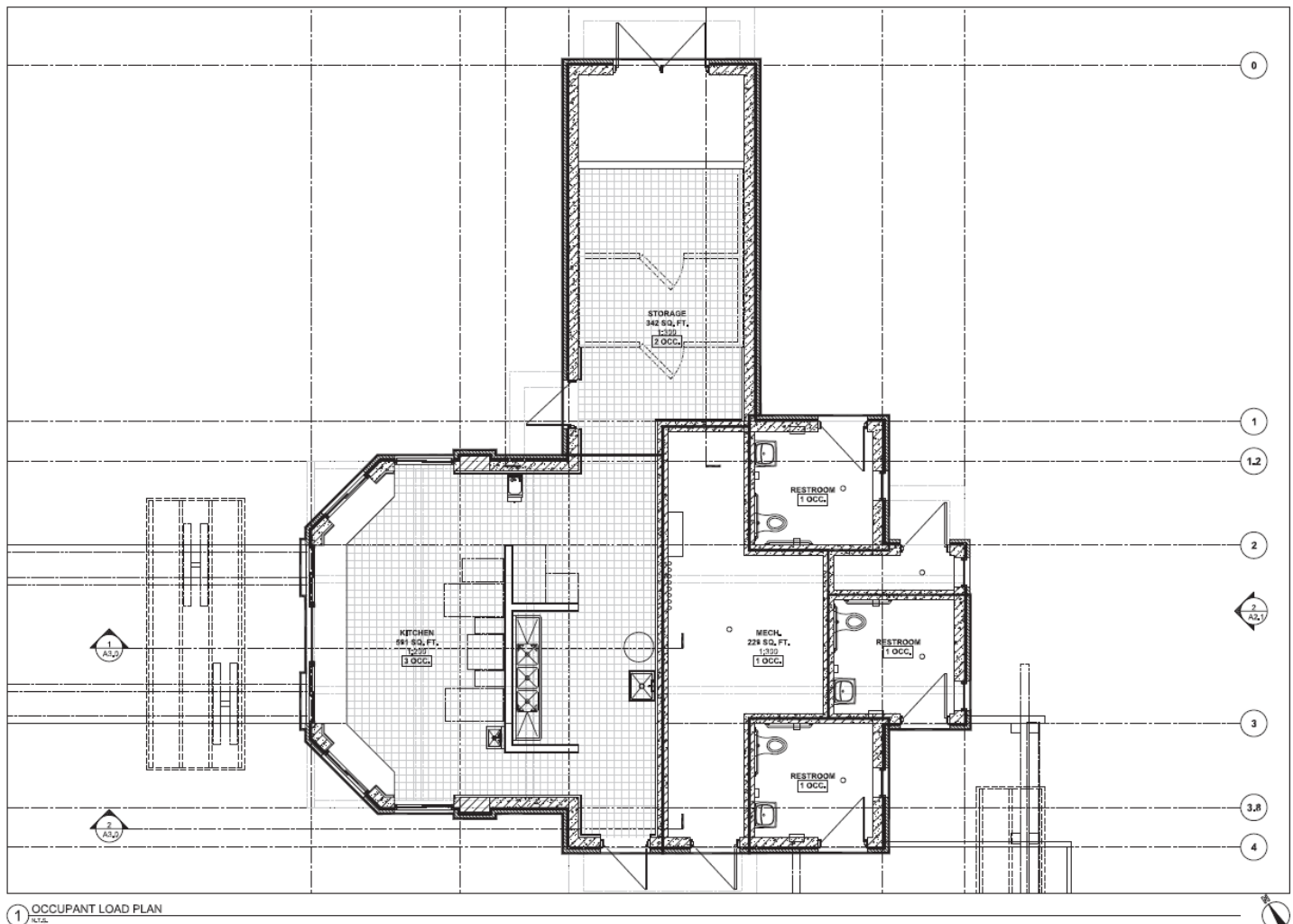
The City of Wausau's ongoing Riverlife redevelopment of the East Riverfront has been underway since 2015 and it continues today. It includes the acquisition, remediation and planning for a mixed-use redevelopment and public amenities along the Wausau urban waterfront.

The City's award-winning Riverlife Park and public amenities were completed in 2018. The park consists of portions of the River's Edge Trail, a river wharf, seating areas, daylighting of the Stenchfield Creek and overlook plazas, fountains, extensive play equipment with rubber surfacing, additional landscaping and a Market/Concession Building in the area under and just south of the Bridge St bridge overpass.

The area has additional space for future housing and business development. The Market/Concession Building is an opportunity for an existing or proposed new business to operate a concession in the park area. The Department is open to proposals for a variety of business plans, products, and operational hours which maximizes the use of the public space for all ages.

Building Layout

The building consists of the space for lease, public use restrooms and storage space for building and park operations. In the below building schematic, you will have access to the cross hatched space. Within this space, there currently exists a walk in freezer, walk in cooler, 3 compartment sink, handwashing sink, hot water heater, mop sink, service window and countertops.



Images



Proposal Format and Required Information

The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (“Department”) is requesting proposals from interested parties to lease the Riverlife Park Market/Concession Building and operate a concession business in the building for the public. The Department also expects the tenant business to maintain the public restrooms, provide outdoor seating or programming around the building during their operational times, and maintain proper permits, licenses and insurance which will be detailed in a lease document to be signed between the City and the tenant. Interested parties must submit a letter or email which should include the following information:

1. Interested Proposer/Name and Address, Telephone and Email.
2. A draft business plan for the Market/Concession Building including detail of the proposed business: hours of operation, staffing plan, building management plan, product offerings, equipment needs, financing plan, etc. (If Park Department participation or City funding is requested, the proposer will be asked to complete an Application for City Assistance).
3. Proposed lease term, inclusions and exclusions, and rate requested.
4. Detailed description of the proposed concession business- the Department encourages a use or multiple uses which activate the area, draws visitors to the award-winning Riverlife Area, and serves a wide range of ages. This may include food vending (pre-packaged, short order, ice cream, brewing, etc.), available drinks and other items for purchase, rental of equipment and watersport activities, activities and games, trail tours, bike share, etc.
5. Any request for Department and/or City participation.

Evaluation Criteria

The Department shall evaluate and consider proposals based upon the quality of response, proposed use, appropriateness for the neighborhood, and projected investment. To be selected, a proposer must be able to comply with the City of Wausau Municipal Code and any other applicable laws and requirements.

The Department reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all offers and discontinue this RFP process without obligation or liability;
- Negotiate the nature and scope of any proposed use/project before final Committee and Council approval;
- Accept no proposal and re-RFP or bid the Market/Concession building again in the future.

More information on the site is available, please contact the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department if interested. The Department welcomes collaborative dialogue with proposers to answer questions and provide guidance.

Send proposals by 1:00 p.m. on January 17, 2025 to the attention of:
Wausau and Marathon County Parks Recreation & Forestry Department
212 River Drive, Suite #2
Wausau, WI 54403
Phone: 715-261-1550

Jamie.Polley@marathoncounty.gov

CITY OF WAUSAU, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

ORDINANCE OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Amending Sections 2.02.020 - Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, 2.16.010 - Generally, Rule 13 Committees, 2.20.040 - Uniform ordinance violation citation, 2.60.070 - Plan Commission, 2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, 3.12.020 - Various departments to be notified – Recommendations, 6.52.020 - Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, 6.52.070 - Cost of tree care, 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, 9.21.050 - Controlled areas, 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, 12.56.030 - City Forester, 12.56.080 - Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs, 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, 12.56.190 – Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, 21.12.040 - Preliminary plat review and recommendations, 21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations, 21.13.060 – Final plat review and recommendations, 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland and 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements and repealing and recreating Chapter 9.20 Park Regulations

Committee Action:

Ordinance Number:

Fiscal Impact: None

File Number:

Date Introduced:

The Common Council of the City of Wausau do ordain as follows:

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Section 1. That Section 2.02.020 – Index of title 2 offices and the applicable sections, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.02 – GENERAL PERSONNEL POLIICIES

2.02.010 – Purpose.

Assessor	2.06.015
Attorney	2.06.015
Chief Inspector and Zoning Administrator	2.12.010
Clerk	2.08.010
Electrical Inspector	2.12.010
Engineer	2.12.010
Finance Director	2.06.010
Forester	2.10.010
Plumbing Inspector	2.12.010
Director Public Works and Utilities	2.06.015
Street Superintendent	2.12.010

Section 2. That Section 2.16.010 – Generally, Rule 13 Committees, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.16 – STANDING RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

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RULE 13 COMMITTEES

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B. *Standing Committees.* The Standing Committees of the Council shall be:

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6. Parks and Recreation;

Section 3. That Section 2.20.040 Uniform ordinance violation citation, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.20 – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

2.20.040 – Uniform ordinance violation citation.

The following officials may issue, on information and belief or on their own knowledge, a uniform ordinance violation citation, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0113 for violations of ordinances directly relating to their official responsibilities:

Building inspector	Fire inspector
Director of inspections and electrical systems	Housing inspector
City forester	Plumbing inspector
Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry	Director of Public Works and Utilities
Electrical inspector	Employee assigned duties and responsibilities of sidewalk
Engineer	Treasurer
Finance Director	

Section 4. That Section 2.60.070 Plan Commission, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.60 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2.60.070 - Plan Commission.

The City Plan Commission shall be composed of the Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Director of Public Works and Utilities, the Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, an Alderperson, and three residents of the City. The Alderperson member shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the Common Council at its regular April meeting each year term. Qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the Plan Commission shall be as established by Wis. Stats. § 62.23.

Section 5. That Section 2.90.030 Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.90 – SMOKING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

2.90.030 - Smoking prohibited in specified outdoor areas.

- (a) No person may smoke in the following areas of a City park or outdoor areas of City property:

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- (5) Within an area up to 50 feet of those areas in subsections (1) through (4) as designated by the Director of ~~the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department~~ **Parks, Recreation & Forestry** or his or her designee and posted pursuant to subsection (c).

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- (7) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director of the Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department or his or her designee during Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department sponsored events.

- (8) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director of the Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department or his or her designee during an approved Class I or II Special Event held in such park area and which is open to the public with no admission charge and for which no smoking has been requested by the event organizer or sponsor.

- (b) Exceptions. Upon the written request of an event organizer of an approved Class I or II Special Event, the prohibition of this section may be waived by the ~~Park and Recreation~~ **Public Health and Safety** Committee and Common Council for specified designated areas for those events where admission is restricted by the event organizer through the sale of tickets. A request for a waiver shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of the event.

Section 6. That Section 3.12.020 Various departments to be notified - Recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 3.12 – SALE OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

3.12.020 – Various departments to be notified – Recommendations.

The Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee shall notify the following departments of the proposed sale or disposition of any City-owned land and obtain from these departments a statement indicating whether or not such departments have objection to the sale or disposition of the property involved:

- (a) Police Department;
- (b) Fire Department;
- (c) Water Utility;
- (d) Electrical Department;
- (e) Parks, **Recreation & Forestry** Department;

- (f) Board of Public Works;
- (g) Community Development Department.

Section 7. That Section 6.52.020 Board of Park Commissioners to enforce chapter, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 6.25 – DUTCH ELM DISEASE

6.52.020 - ~~Board of Park Commissioners~~ **Parks and Recreation Committee** to enforce chapter.

The ~~Board of Parks and Recreation Committee Commissioners~~ shall carry out the provisions of this chapter. ~~It may~~ **The City may fund the** employment of a Forester or designate a municipal employee to perform the duties of Forester under Wis. Stats. ch. 27 and may authorize such Forester to perform the duties and exercise the powers imposed on the board by this chapter.

Section 8. That Section 6.52.070 Cost of tree care, is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.52.070 – Cost of tree care.

- (a) The entire cost of abating any public nuisance or spraying any elm tree or part thereof on City owned property when done at the direction of the Forester shall be borne by the City out of the **Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's** budget.

Section 9. That Section 8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 8.08 – ANIMALS–CARE AND CONTROL

8.08.010 – Certain creatures forbidden.

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- (d) Exceptions.

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- (3) The prohibitions in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to the use of goats by the ~~City of Wausau/Marathon County~~ **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department** utilized for vegetation control or abatement purposes within City parks.
- (4) The prohibitions in subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to the display of farm animals by the ~~City of Wausau/Marathon County~~ **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department** within a City park or on the 400 Block as part of a short term event hosted or sponsored by the department of one day or less.

Section 10. That Section 9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 9.08 - WEAPONS

9.08.020 - Throwing or shooting of arrows, stones and other missiles prohibited.

No person shall throw or shoot any object, including without limitation, any arrow, stone, or other missile or projectile, by hand or by any other means, at any other person or at, in or into any building, street, sidewalk, alley, highway, park, playground or other public place within the City. This subsection shall not apply to archery ranges under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Committee, nor shall it apply to the bow hunting provisions within section 9.08.010.

Section 11. That Chapter 9.20 – Park Regulations, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

Chapter 9.20 PARK REGULATIONS

9.20.010 Vehicle regulation.

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(74) at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or contrary to official traffic signs in any park.
- (b) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(35), except as provided in this subchapter, upon any paved trail, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (c) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(58a) in any park, except on snowmobile trails approved by or for events authorized by the Committee.
- (d) No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) as defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01(2g), in any City park, except on established roads.
- (e) No other motorized vehicles other than an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) shall be operated on a designated ATV/UTV trail on park property with the exception of authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.
- (f) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or watercraft:
 - (1) In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility; or

- (2) Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas; or
- (3) Contrary to posted notice.
- (g) Vehicles may be operated or parked in parks contrary to this subchapter subject to having obtained proper City permits.
- (h) Any vehicle or watercraft in violation of subsection (d) may be towed off the property and stored at the owner's expense.

9.20.020 Regulation of persons.

Persons using the public parks shall comply with the following:

- (1) Terms.
 - (a) Park and Recreation Committee. The term "Park and Recreation Committee", composed of five members, is the committee of jurisdiction for City of Wausau parklands, hereafter referred to as the "Committee" in this subchapter.
 - (b) City parks. The terms "City park", "Wausau parks" and "park" mean all lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the City of Wausau for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and include, without limitation, parks, boulevards, triangles, swimming pools and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted or leased to the City for park, recreational or like public purposes under this subchapter.
 - (c) Director. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, whose head shall be the Director, shall be the administrative or executive agency of the Committee. The Director shall be the authorized agent of the Committee as referred to in this subchapter.
 - (d) Department. The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is a County Department, hereafter referred to as the "Department". Per the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Park and Recreational Services for the City of Wausau and Wisconsin Statute Section 27.075(1) Marathon County, through the Department, exercises all powers of a local, legislative, and administrative character for the purpose of governing, managing, controlling, improving and caring for public city parks, parkways, boulevards and pleasure drives in addition to County parks.
- (2) Scope. The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City of Wausau and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

- (3) Closing hours. 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.
- (4) Fees and Charges. No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or other area, for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee, without payment of such fee or charge prior to the use.
- (5) Additional rules. 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 Department. 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 or herself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility. The decision of the Director 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.

9.20.030 Pickup and drop area.

There is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area (in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of Everest Bluegill Bay County Park for the water ski club authorized by the Park Commission to conduct water ski practices and performances.

9.20.040 Public meetings and sales.

- (1) Sales. No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, wares or merchandise in any park, except as authorized by the Department or City of Wausau and when holding proper licenses.
- (2) Posting bills or advertising. No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any park without written consent of the Committee.

9.20.050 Personal Conduct and Nuisance.

- (1) Docks and Piers. 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.
- (2) Obstructing. No person shall knowingly obstruct any employee or law enforcement officer while the employee or 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 employee or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.
- (3) Intoxicating Liquor or fermented malt beverages on 400 Block. 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).

- (4) Intoxicating Liquor or fermented malt beverages in City Parks. No person shall possess or consume intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in any City owned park, playground, athletic field or court, swimming or wading pool except as follows:
 - (i) Between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.;
 - (ii) 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 and the period beginning two hours before the time for the event 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 & Safety Committee;
 - (iii) At campsites, park shelters or facilities reserved through the Department;
 - (iv) At Athletic Park.

9.20.060 Destruction, entry, cleaning and refuse.

- (1) Metal and glass beverage containers and carry-ins. 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 within a park under the management of the Department including the amphitheater at Marathon Park, and the grandstand and bleachers in Athletic Park. All beverage vendors must dispense beverages at the above-listed locations in either paper or plastic cups which may be enclosed with snap-on plastic lids only.
- (2) Entry. 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.

- (3) Deface, remove or destroy. 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.

9.20.070 Fires, fireworks, firearms, missiles.

- (1) Fires. No fires shall be permitted in any park other than The 400 Block, except for cooking purposes at designated places. No fires shall be permitted under or within a park shelter. 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 Committee.

9.20.080 Animals.

- (1) Animals in public facilities. No owner or person having immediate custody, care or control of any animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in or about 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.
- (2) Trails. No person shall hike, walk or run or allow a dog or any other animal on groomed cross-country ski, fat tire bike and snowshoe trails, during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing in any City park unless in the case of an emergency or injury.
- (3) Removing Animals. 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 may order the animal be removed from the park.
- (4) Hunting and trapping. 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 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.

9.20.090 Athletic.

- (1) Golf. No person shall play or practice golf in any park.
- (2) Rollar skates, skateboards, and scooters. 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 Department, except hockey and broomball may be played on designated hockey rinks.

9.20.100 Camping.

- (1) Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Campground, designated. Any tract of land designated exclusively for camping.

Campground, general. Any tract of land designated for camping by camping parties.

Campground, group. A campground which may be reserved for use by an assemblage of one or more families, nonfamily groups or juvenile groups.

Camping or camp. The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

Camping party. Any individual, family, or nonfamily group occupying a campsite.

Camping unit. Any single shelter except bedrolls and sleeping bags used for a camp by a camping party.

Campsite. A segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

Closed shelter. Any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.

Family. A camping party composed of a parent or parents with their unemancipated children.

Individual group. A camping party of not more than five unrelated persons occupying one camp site.

Juvenile group. A camping party composed of not more than ten juveniles under the leadership of an adult.

Nonfamily group. A camping party composed of five or less persons who do not meet the definition of family.

- (2) Camping. Camping is prohibited in any City park or City property

maintained by the Department, except at designated campgrounds, or other areas authorized by the Committee.

- (3) Designated campgrounds. Designated campgrounds are those general and group campgrounds under the management of the Department in Big Eau Pleine, Dells of the Eau Claire and Marathon Parks.
- (4) Camping permit. No person shall set up camp prior to completing and displaying a camping permit. Marathon Park camping permits are preregistration only and must be obtained through the online registration software prior to occupying the campsite. All camping fees shall be prepaid for the permit period prior to occupying the campsite as provided in the adopted fee schedule.
- (5) Camping limited, designated campgrounds. No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a designated campground for a period greater than 14 consecutive days. The camping unit shall be removed from the property for at least five days after any period of stay not to exceed 14 consecutive days before being eligible to return.
- (6) Campsite occupancy.
 - (a) No more than one camping party shall occupy a single campsite.
 - (b) No camping party consisting of a nonfamily group shall exceed five persons.
- (7) Campsite changes. No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.
- (8) Camping permit expiration. All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
- (9) Camping permit extensions. Extensions within the 14-day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions shall be obtained prior to 10:00 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit.
- (10) Campsite entry hours. No camping party shall start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (11) Campsite parking. No person shall park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite and not more than two motor vehicles are permitted to any campsite except that as many as five motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a nonfamily group.
- (12) Campsite reservations. Campsite reservations will be accepted only for group campgrounds and designated campsites within a general campground.
- (13) Camping party membership. No person shall obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which he is not a member in a general

campground.

- (14) Campsite capacity. No more than two sleeping units may occupy a campsite. Two units may consist of one travel trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home and one tent or two tents with no camper. Pickup campers or motor homes towing a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.
- (15) Camping contrary to posted notice. No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Department contrary to posted notice.
- (16) Camping violations. Violation of any State law or any rules of the Department by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.
- (17) Campground quiet hours. No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable sounds or noises in or adjacent to any designated campground as provided in subsection 9.04.030 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Beaches and shelters are closed after park hours except in cases of emergency.

Section 12. That Section 9.21.050 Controlled areas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 9.21 – BOATING REGULATIONS

9.21.050 - Controlled areas.

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

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(d) Within 100 feet of the boat launches at Bluegill Bay County Park, except there is designated a water ski (pickup and drop area) in the Wisconsin River on the easterly side of Bluegill Bay County Park for the Water Walkers Water Ski Shows, Inc., during times of practice and performance and for the general public at all other times;

(de) The Bluegill Bay County Park lagoon;

(ef) 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;

and relettering (f) through (j) to (g) through (k).

Section 13. That Section 10.20.080 – No parking and restricted parking areas designated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.20 – PARKING

10.20.080 - No parking and restricted parking areas designated.

(a) There shall be no parking in the following locations:

West Pardee Street

- North side of the street, of the 900 block from 30 feet west from the western most entrance to a point 30 feet east of the second driveway entrance of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's facility and an area beginning 30 feet west of the eastern most entrance of the facility to a point 30 feet east of the eastern most entrance

South 7th Avenue

- West side of the street, from the north edge of the south entrance to the Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's Operations building (900 West Pardee Street) employee parking lot, and extending northerly 47 feet

Section 14. That Section 10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.38 – SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS

10.38.020 - Operation on City owned or leased property.

The City Council deems it in the public interest to permit snowmobiles and ATVs to be operated on trails on certain public property under certain conditions. Trails on City-owned or leased property upon which snowmobiles and ATVs may be operated will be so posted. The chief of Police and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department are charged with the responsibility of providing and erecting signs at the proper places to provide notice to snowmobilers and operators of ATVs that they may operate on the posted trails. A map of such trails will be prepared and maintained by the Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, a copy of which shall be posted on the Marathon County website. The Chief of Police and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department are granted the discretion as to which public property shall be open to snowmobiles and ATVs and under what terms and conditions. No person shall operate a snowmobile or ATV on any City-owned or leased property that is not posted or does not appear on the map. The rights, duties and obligations created in this section are subservient to those in section 10.38.010.

Section 15. That Section 12.56.030 - City Forester, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 12.56 – STREET TREES

12.56.30 - City Forester.

- (a) ~~Appointment~~ Employment. The City of Wausau ~~Park and Recreation Committee~~ may employ fund a City Forester to be employed by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department (§ 27.09, Wis. Stats.).

....

- (3) Such other powers and duties as are provided by the laws of Wisconsin, particularly Wis. Stats. §§ 27.08 and 27. 09; by ordinances of the City; and by the ~~Wausau Parks~~ and Recreation Committee.

Section 16. That Section 12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.130 - Appeal from order of City Forester.

A person who objects to all or a part of an order or decision of the City forester may, within eight days of receipt thereof, notify the Parks and Recreation Committee and the City Forester, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing thereon. Upon receipt of such objection, the City Forester shall stay the order or work pending the outcome of the appeal process. Within eight days of the receipt of such notice of appeal, the Parks and Recreation Committee shall schedule a hearing before the committee or its designated subcommittee to hear the objection. The hearing shall be held within eight days of notice to the appellant. The City Forester shall be present at such hearing. The appellant is entitled to be represented by counsel at appellant's expense. Within eight days after such hearing, the Parks and Recreation Committee shall, in writing, notify the appellant and the City Forester of its decision. The Parks and Recreation Committee may affirm, cancel or modify the order, in its discretion, to best conform such order to the intent of this chapter and make its report thereon to the Common Council. If the appellant objects to the decision of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the appellant may, within eight days of receipt thereof, notify the City Clerk, in writing, of the nature of the objection and request a hearing before the Common Council thereon. The Council may adopt, reject or amend the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation. The City Clerk shall notify the appellant, Parks and Recreation Committee, and City Forester, in writing, of the Council's decision.

Section 17. That Section 12.56.190 - Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.56.190 - Cost of planting, removing, maintaining and protecting trees and shrubs.

The entire cost of planting, removing, maintaining, and protecting trees and shrubs on all public areas of the City, when done by Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department employees or their contractors at the direction of the City Forester, shall be borne by the City out of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department budget. When a permit is issued by the City forester to plant, remove, maintain or protect trees and shrubs, pursuant to sections 12.56.070 and 12.56.080, the permittee shall incur all expenses.

Section 18. That Section 21.12.040 Preliminary plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 21.12 – PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF CITY PLATS

21.12.040 – Preliminary plat review and recommendations.

The preliminary plat shall be reviewed by the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and all other City ordinances and regulations, the official map, and the master plan or comprehensive plan. Copies of the preliminary plat shall be reviewed by the City Engineer, City Planner, Director of Inspection, ~~Park~~ Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. The City Engineer shall coordinate the review of the preliminary plat among staff and City officials.

Section 19. That Section 21.12.080 Final plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.12.080 - Final plat review and recommendations.

The final plat shall be reviewed by the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and to all other ordinances and regulations in force when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted, which affect the subdivision or platting of land, the approved preliminary plat, and any conditions of approval and adopted local plans. Copies of the final plat shall be reviewed by the City Project Manager, City Planner, Zoning Administrator, ~~Park~~ Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and Plan Commission. The City Planner shall coordinate the review of the final plat among staff and City officials and shall notify the Clerk of any municipality within 1,000 feet of the final plat of the proposed subdivision that the City is considering.

Section 20. That Section 21.13.060 Final plat review and recommendations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 21.13 – PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF EXTRATERRITORIAL PLATS

21.13.060 - Final plat review and recommendations.

The final plat shall be reviewed by the Plan Commission to determine its conformity to this title and all other ordinances and regulations in force when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted, which affect the subdivision or platting of land, the approved preliminary plat, and any conditions of approval and adopted local plans. Copies of the final plat shall be reviewed by the City Project Manager, City Planner, Zoning Administrator, ~~D~~director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Fire Chief, and the Director of the Sewer and Water Utility for their recommendations concerning matters within their jurisdiction. Their

recommendations in respect thereto shall be transmitted to the Plan Commission. The City Planner shall coordinate the review of the final plat among staff and City officials.

Section 21. That Section 21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.16.085 - Required dedications for park purposes.

. . . .

(a) Subdividers must provide for parks. In order that open space and sites for public use may be properly located and preserved as the community develops, and in order that the costs of providing the public park sites necessary to serve the additional families brought into the community by subdivision development may be most equitably proportioned on the basis of the additional need created by the individual subdivision, every subdivider who subdivides land shall dedicate a portion of such land, pay a fee, or do both as set forth as follows, for the purpose of providing park lands to serve future residents of such subdivision:

(1) Outside the corporate limits but within the City's extraterritorial plat limits, after consideration by the Plan and Park Commissions and Parks and Recreation Committee and determination by the Common Council that a portion of the plat or planned development is required for such park and recreation sites, the developers may be required to dedicate such area to the municipality having jurisdiction.

. . . .

(4) In the event that dedication would result in sites too small to be usable, or if the comprehensive plan for the City park system calls for such public sites to be located elsewhere, or if such sites would not otherwise be suitable as determined by the Common Council, after consideration by the Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee, a payment of a fee in lieu of land dedication shall be required. The amount of such fee shall be as provided in section 3.40.010(a).

(5) The procedure for determining whether the subdivider is to dedicate land, pay a fee, or both, shall be as follows:

. . . .

(B) At the time of the preliminary plat map approval, acting after consideration of the recommendations of the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee, the Common Council shall determine, as a part of such approval, whether to require a dedication of land within a subdivision, payment of a fee in lieu thereof, or a combination of both.

Section 22. That Section 21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland, is hereby amended to read as follows:

21.16.120 - Vacation or alteration of parkland.

Following a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Committee, Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee, and Plan Commission, the Common Council may vacate parkland dedicated on a plat, certified survey map, or other instrument of description, as follows:

Section 23. That Section 23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article VIII. – LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

23.08.30 - Landscaping requirements.

Landscaping shall be provided based on the following requirements for building foundations, paved areas, street frontages, yards, and bufferyards.

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(7) Measurement and calculation.

(a) Landscaping point values shall be doubled for mature existing landscape plantings that are retained and protected with the development of the site. Existing plantings eligible for double point values shall be determined by the City's Urban Forestry staff.

Section 24. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 25. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the day after its publication.

Adopted:
Approved:
Published:
Attest:

Approved:

Doug Diny, Mayor

Attest:

Kaitlyn A. Bernarde, Clerk

2025 Beer Gardens Ideas

General Description:

The City of Wausau may desires to have a vendor run a portable Beer Garden in a City Park or for the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department to run a Beer Garden in a City Park.

Potential Details to Determine:

Expected dates: Dates between June 1 and September 30, 2025 or a specific date/day of week.

How many per week/month/summer?

Times? – no later than 9pm or 10pm

Potential Requirements:

- Must have craft or variety of beer on the menu
- Shall have non-alcoholic beverages as well as the alcoholic beverages
- List items that will be served
- How beverages will be served
- Vendor must supply staff needed to run beer garden, required staff training
- Proposal shall identify how vendor intends to verify age and provide security against underage drinking
- Vendor must set up and take down Beer Garden what equipment will they use and supply
- Vendor must provide containers and remove all refuse from Beer Garden area.
- Vendor must comply with City Recycling requirements
- Must provide all necessary insurance stated
- Must not have Beer Gardens during the following dates:
 - Wednesdays - concert on the square
 - Week of fair
- Vendor must have or obtain a class "B" beer license or ordinance passed by City Council/County Board for staff operated garden
- Payment to the City (lease or percent of sales)
- Ability to collect payment (how is this completed), cash , charge, digital.
- Sponsorship options/rules
- Adhere to County health guidelines
- Park rules – no carry in alcohol within beer garden footprint, alcohol consumed within in park boundaries, dogs on leash, etc..

Preferred Amenities for Beer Garden:

- Beer served in recyclable/glass pint containers (dept logo)
- Some type of Music
- Some type of Food available

Beer Garden Location:

- Oak Island Park
- Marathon Park
- Riverlife
- Other suggested Beer Garden Location

Beer Garden Proposal Assumptions

- Fencing will not be required
- City to provide 20 picnic tables on the site of the Beer Garden
- City to provide electrical service to run Beer Garden
- Restrooms provided