



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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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: **Monday August 3, 2020 at 4:30pm**
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 - July 6, 2020
- 4 Discussion and Possible Action Setting the September Meeting Date and Time Due to Labor Day
- 5 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Tree Removal Appeal for 1720 N 1st Avenue
- 6 Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Funds for an Environmental Consultant to Prepare Recommendations to Test the Waters of the Wisconsin River
- 7 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Plowing 3M Parking Lot During the Winter
- 8 Educational Items
 - A. Dog Park Special Committee Update
 - B. Project Update - Pleasant View Park, City Ball Diamonds, Athletic Park, Oak Island Park, Barker Stewart Island Vegetation, Isle of the Ferns Lighting, Routine Operations/Programs
 - C. Riverside Park Testing Update and Next Steps
 - D. JoJo's Jungle Grand Opening
- 9 Future Agenda Items - Riverside Park Soil Remediation
- 10 Next Meeting Date - TBD
- 11 Adjournment

Pat Peckham, Chair

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CITY OF WAUSAU – PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: July 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Tom Kilian, Lou Larson, Tom Neal, Pat Peckham (c), Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Director, Greg Freix-Asst. Director of Operations, David Patridge-Administrative Officer, Katie Rosenberg-Mayor, Anne Jacobson-City Attorney, Paula Meadows, other interested parties

1. In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. It was noted that a quorum was present and due to technical difficulties the meeting was called to order by Chairman Peckham at 4:49 p.m.

2. **Public Comment**

Paula Meadows 1302 Madison St. Wausau – Her suggestions for the extra pool funds included a grand reopening event at the pools next year, more free days at the pools or a free month, giving some funds to the furloughed lifeguards, or for playgrounds or tennis courts.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – June 1, 2020 – **Motion** by Neal, second by Watson to approve the Park and Recreation Committee draft June 1, 2020 minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the Execution of Lease for Radtke Point Park and Grace Park with the City of Schofield** – **Motion** by Neal, second by Larson to authorize the execution of the lease for Radtke Point Park and Grace Park with the City of Schofield. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Usage of Funds Not Expended on City Pool Operations** – Staff had brought forward some different options which included continuation of the playground replacement program (playgrounds left to replace include Riverside, 3M, River Highlands and Westview Terrace), skate park upgrade, Sylvan parking lot replacement, tennis court replacement, and Memorial Park seawall replacement. A majority of members supported putting the money towards playground replacement. Lengthy discussion ensued about the playgrounds and how to distribute the funds. **Motion** by Larson, second by Kilian for staff to utilize the \$110,000 to continue the playground replacement program by splitting the funds to prioritize one playground and then putting the remainder towards another that is a distance away from the first. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Funds for an Environmental Consultant to Prepare Recommendations to Test the Waters of the Wisconsin River** – Peckham thought that some citizens would appreciate knowing the results if testing were done on the Wisconsin River. Neal had concerns about the necessity as rivers and lakes are inherently unsafe with ongoing concerns about Blastomycosis along shorelines and what disturbed riverbeds can unleash. Kilian thought the City should have a municipal environmental justice policy and use the most protective standard, such as the codified State standards, when dealing with environmental matters. He gave past history regarding drinking and ground water issues that Wausau had in the 1980's. He would rather have a more solidified environmental policy at the municipal level and doesn't necessarily agree with saying things are safe based on a toxological opinion but thinks they need to use the most protective standard. He noted a recent Supreme Court decision (County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund) which he said made clear that ground water discharges were covered under the Clean Water Act and has questions into the DNR about how that may impact their approach to local issues. He thought it would be wise to have a working group on this matter and future environmental matters and would like to table this item. Larson would like to see the sediment tested as well and wanted to have suitable guidelines regarding exceedances and non-exceedances in front of them. Peckham felt the Department of Health Service's letters have been valuable because it gave everyone a better handle on what the DNR's numbers meant. Originally he had asked the DNR if they would come and address a community meeting to field concerns about the contamination in Riverside Park and they wouldn't do it because they said it was a public health issue. That was how they ended up with the State who he felt has helped them to understand what they are dealing with. Kilian added that if they look at this item in the future he felt they should look at the sediment versus the surface water if they have to choose between the two. Neal said as they consider testing the sediment they have to know full well that remediation would be almost non-existent and impossible as there are regulations to disturbing that riverbed. They can do a lot of testing to find out there is a lot of stuff that they can't do anything about. **Motion** by Kilian, second by Larson to table this item to an indefinite date when a broader approach can be taken. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

7. Educational Items

A. Dog Park Special Committee Update – The waterline for the drinking fountain will be installed sometime during the week of June 29. Following the installation of the waterline Park staff will prep the parking lot area with gravel base for paving. Pubic Work is coordinating the paving and concrete work. Fencing is scheduled to be installed in early August. The committee will review fundraising amounts and signage at their meeting following this meeting. Freix explained that staff is aware that some of the areas need reseeding and discussed some of that work.

B. Project Update – Pleasant View Park: Installation of the new playground is underway by park staff. City Ball Diamonds: Baseball and softball diamonds are being groomed and prepped for use which will begin July 6. Athletic Park: Facility is being prepared for the start of the Wisconsin Woodchuck season July 2. This includes modifications for COVID-19. Oak Island Park: Contractor has just completed the playground installation and PIP colored safety surfacing. Park staff will begin site remediation next week. Barker Stewart Island: Staff is preparing for vegetation management activities per work plan. Isle of Ferns: 6 wooden pole lights are being replaced with 11 decorative and energy efficient (LED) pole lights along the existing path. (project was put on hold since last meeting). Routine Operations/Programs: Mowing Operations; all three mowing crews are in routing mode with full staff. Urban forestry program; EAB treatment in progress; tree trimming, removals, stump grinding, Building and structure maintenance. Shelter reservations and Special Events; Equipment maintenance and repair. Restroom Maintenance; increased maintenance (daily) and staffing due to COVID 19 recommendations.

C. Riverside Park Testing Update and Next Steps – To date, after all the tests in the park, an exceedance was found in one location (culvert). The WDNR is now asking for a few more tests in that one area to outline the exact boundary of soil which is above standards. No other action is required in the rest of the park. Once that is completed and the outline of soil is identified, remedial options (most likely digging out the small area of contaminated soil and replacing with new clean soil) will be completed. After this the site would be ready for closure. Peckham clarified that the toxicologist had sent two letters and the first letter had to do with the testing in the rail corridor and the second letter was in regard to the testing in the park area. He believed this item has moved into a different phase where the DNR has decided to take more of a role and has told the City what it is going to do. Kilian felt what was happening now was positive. The DNR has laid out clearly that they have State soil standards and there were three samples around the culvert area in the park that exceeded those standards for a non-industrial setting. The DNR has asked the City to delineate the extent of that contamination and then remedial options would be discussed. He felt it's been a long process but is important because it kind of sets a precedent of how they deal with contamination that exceeds State standards. Ultimately it has satisfied the State standards and the communities concerns. He thanked everyone that had been involved and worked on it.

D. Update on City/County Parks Agreement and Role of Parks and Recreation Committee and Park Commission – The City of Wausau and Marathon County have a unique relationship as it pertains to Parks and Recreation services that dates back to 1925. During COVID-19 and the ever changing orders and recommendation as it pertains to City park facilities the authority to enforce these recommendations was questioned, raising further questions about the County Department and the roles of the City Parks and Recreation Committee and County Park Commission. Staff has reviewed close to 100 years of documents to get a clearer understanding of the relationship and the operations of the Department. Polley gave history that a study was conducted in 1971 of both the City Park Board and the County Park Commission for the purposes of combining them as one single unit which became effective in 1975. The Mayor appointed three members of City Council and County Board appointed three members to the seven member Park Commission. There is also one member at large on the Commission. The City transferred all Park Department personnel to the County and the salaries of non-represented employees and equipment was shared 50/50. Subsequent resolutions took place, one in 1983 that enabled park rangers to enforce rules consistently whether it was in a County or City park. Over the years there have been multiple discussions on the joint venture and what the Department does. In 2002 under Mayor Lawrence the City Park and Recreation Committee was created to increase advocacy of park and recreation needs on the City Council. The Marathon County ordinance was amended to create this Park Committee but nothing was done on the City side to create it so there's been question on not only the Director's authority but the authority of the City Committee because it doesn't look like it's an actual Standing Committee. The Committee that should govern the parks operations is the joint Park Commission.

Polley said it's only her second year as the Director and there is a new Mayor and County Administrator so they had a meeting with the City Attorney, County Corporation Counsel, and the Chair's to talk about clarifying some things because staff has been practicing under the rule that City related items go to the City Park and Recreation Committee and County related items go to the Park Commission. She felt if they operated under the assumption of how it should be operated it's that they don't look at City versus County and they look at the park system as a system and that is what the original joint Park Commission

was originally set up to do. The next step would be to bring this to the Committee of the Whole to give the background, what they are operating under and clarifying the vision going forward.

Jacobson felt this was a good opportunity to look at the purposes for which the Commission and the Committee exist so that efforts don't overlap and for Polley who sometimes has to present things twice while attending double meetings. It's an opportunity to discuss the agreements and whether or not they want a Park Committee to continue to exist on the City side and then what functions they would want to maintain. She believed under the statutes they did give all authority to the joint Park Commission to manage and control the City parks, but over time certain habits have developed. There will be ongoing discussion to clarify the roles and make things more efficient. Mayor Rosenberg wanted to make sure that staff time is being used effectively and efficiently and started to figure out what the duties of this Committee should be and if it is the right use of their time. When she looked at how this has been legislatively delegated throughout the years it made the most sense to her to consider maybe transitioning towards using the Park Commission model to its fullest potential sometime in the future. There were personality conflicts in the past and threats to split up the Department and she wanted to clarify that that is not what this is about, it's about being effective and efficient which is important for all of their time. Neal saw their reason for being a Committee as representing the city taxpayers who have neighborhood issues and could only see going to a Commission model if it were representational about the distribution as to not load rural against urban or vice-versa. He did not want to see his advocating for City parks diluted by potentially having less control about what's inside their limits. Rosenberg said they still have three people from the City Council on the Park Commission and the ultimate power lies in budgeting. If the City wants something repaired in a City park it gets fixed because the City budgets for it. Peckham wanted everyone to know that this isn't already a done thing; that it is something being discussed. He also wanted to point out that if a portion of the Park Commission wanted to fix something in a City park and the Park Commission said no that the City members could still bring it back to City Council. Polley said future discussion will need to be about how they want to function and it may be the same way that they have been doing but some things will need to be cleaned up on both the County and the City side.

E. Update on Wildlife in City Parks – The Wausau Marathon County Parks Recreation and Forestry Department manages properties and facilities in both urban and rural locations and are responsible for minimizing damage from any known source. Occasionally that damage or potential damage may come from wild animals. Some past examples of animal damage encountered by the Department include: Rodents; includes mice, voles, rabbits, squirrels, beavers and deer. Primary damage is from chewing/browsing on building material, plant material which includes small ornamental varieties to trees. Deer also cause damage from rubbing. Canadian Geese; primary damage is from droppings left on hardscaped walks/trails and sports fields. Bats; primary damage is from droppings left in building interiors. Raccoons; primary damage is nuisance garbage spreading (i.e. dumpsters and trash cans). Bears; Primary damage is nuisance garbage spreading. The Department does not have a specific policy on animal control but rather identifies if action is needed on a case by case basis. If control is deemed necessary based on damage potential a determination is made as to the method most applicable to the situation and animal species involved. In addition to property damage staff also considers the potential risk of disease transfer from the presence of any wildlife species. The Department also follows the Nuisance Animal Guidelines as recommended from the WDNR. The primary methods of control used by the Department include: exclusion; i.e. fencing, tree wrapping, sealing building cracks and holes; habitat modification / alteration; i.e. selecting non desirable plant species, shoreline riprap; frightening devices; i.e. predator decoys, lighting, sirens/horns; trapping; includes live, lethal and hand capture; Repellents.

Neal mentioned staff should be careful about what they consider a clear and present problem as some people had been upset about beaver being bothered in Bluegill Bay Park. Freix said that wildlife control is a subjective thing. He felt Fern Island was a perfect example of what beavers can do as there is still evidence today of the trees the beavers took down over a couple week period last year. Staff had to make a decision about what to do at Bluegill Bay Park because they know what can happen in a short period of time and in that particular instance no beavers were removed because there were none present when they tried locating them. Staff tries to make the best decision in the most humane manner but they do need to protect the resource because there are also people that would say those trees are very valuable too and they need to be preserved.

8. Future Agenda Items – Riverside Park Soil Remediation

9. Next Meeting Date – August 3, 2020 at 4:30pm

10. Adjourn - **Motion** by Neal, second by Kilian to adjourn at 6:20pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

AGENDA SUMMARY

4. Discussion and Possible Action Setting the September Meeting Date and Time Due to Labor Day

The September meeting falls on Monday, September 7 which is Labor Day. The Committee can chose to meet on Tuesday, September 8 before the City Finance Committee meeting which is scheduled for 5:15pm or the following Monday, September 14 before or after the Human Resources Committee that is scheduled from 4:30-5:30pm.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Tree Removal Appeal for 1720 N 1st Avenue

The resident at 1720 N 1st Avenue has contacted the City Forester and requested the removal of a boulevard tree in front of his house. The tree is a very large linden tree and the homeowner feels that the tree blocks their line of sight. The homeowner feels the tree is messy and indicates that the roots extend beyond the boulevard into their flower garden. They feel the tree is a safety hazard. The letter from the homeowner is included in the agenda packet.

Upon review of the tree, the City Forester concluded that the tree is healthy and in sound condition and should not be removed. The City Forester has attached a written assessment of the tree and the situation as well as previous documented discussions with the homeowner.

The purpose of Municipal Code, Chapter 12.56 is to regulate and control the planting, removal, maintenance, and protection of trees and shrubs in the city; to eliminate and guard against dangerous conditions which may result in injury to persons using public areas of the city; to promote and enhance the beauty of the city; to prevent damage to any public sewer or water main, street, sidewalk, or other public property; to protect trees and shrubs located in public areas from undesirable and unsafe planting, removal, and protection practices; and to guard all trees and shrubs within the city against the spread of disease or pests. The City Forester by code is authorized to determine the planting, removal and maintenance of all street trees. The code does allow a person who objects to all or part of an order of decision of the City Forester to schedule a hearing with the committee.

Street trees benefit the community in a number of ways. The municipal code does allow the City Forester to issue a permit for the removal of a tree at the cost of the homeowner. Due to the proximity to the mailboxes and driveway a permit could be granted. It has not been practice to remove a tree that is not diseased, dying or hazardous unless it is in conjunction with a development or maintenance project.

The Committee is asked to approve or deny the request to remove the tree at 1720 N 1st Avenue.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Requesting Funds for an Environmental Consultant to Prepare Recommendations to Test the Waters of the Wisconsin River

The Committee discussed this topic at the July meeting and the item was tabled until a future meeting. The discussion at the last meeting included the testing of the sediment. Further information regarding testing of the sediment is provided in the packet from the City of Wausau's Environmental Engineer, Kevin Fabel. With this information, Chair Peckham is asking the Committee to consider requesting funds to have an Environmental Consultant prepare recommendations to test the waters of the Wisconsin River above and below the area where groundwater from the Wauleco site would enter the stream. The consultant would advise what to test for to determine the safety of citizens doing such things as swimming, paddling and fishing in those waters. Funds for the consultant and any testing decided on could come from the Holtz-Krause environmental fund. Cost options would be known after receiving the consultant's report.

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If the Committee wishes to pursue this further a recommendation should be made to the Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Committee since the groundwater is coming from an area outside of park property.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Plowing 3M Parking Lot During the Winter

Alder Larson requested that a discussion to plow the 3M Park north parking lot during the winter be placed on the agenda. Alder Larson received this request from a constituent. Currently 3M Park north parking lot is not plowed due to minimal use. Community members that utilize the sledding area in 3M park currently park along S 5th Avenue which is a dead-end street or on Park Boulevard. Monitoring of the snowbanks along S 5th Avenue and park Boulevard is on the Parks Department routine snow removal list. The department removes the snow banks for more space for the cars and to reduce the need for people to climb the snow banks.

The parking lot is approximately 350'-400' from the top of the sledding area and there are no sidewalks or trails connecting the parking lot north. Users that would park in the parking lot would then need to walk on the street north or walk through deep snow. To date the department has no recorded calls regarding issues with parking or requests for the parking lot. In monitoring the street snow banks the usage of this area does not warrant additional plowing. If the plowing of the parking lot would be required it would require additional staff time and a one-ton truck. This area would be considered a low priority area at this time and would be completed after all other higher priority areas have been cleared.

8. Educational Items

8A. Dog Park Special Committee Update

The Dog Park Special Committee met in July. The committee reviewed fundraising amounts and discussed signage. They will be working on the basic signage for the park. The park area has been reseeded in the bare spots and staff will continue to monitor these areas. The parking lot has been graded and the waterline for the drinking fountain will be installed sometime during the week of July 27. Following the installation of the waterline the Parks staff will install the concrete entrance pad and coordinate the fence installation. Pubic Work is coordinating the paving and additional concrete work.

8B. Project Update

Pleasant View Park:

Installation of the new playground is nearing completion (delayed; waiting on incorrect part replacement from vendor)

Athletic Park/City Ball Diamonds:

Baseball and softball diamonds are being groomed and prepped daily.

Oak Island Park:

Contractor has just completed the playground installation and PIP colored safety surfacing. Site remediation (soil work and seeding) is complete. Pathways are next on the work plan.

Forest Park:

Electrical service and meter base is being installed for power and lighting. Playground equipment has been delivered.

Yawkey Park:

Installation of new water line and meter will be completed this week. Fountain and pergola are also scheduled for professional cleaning.

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Routine Operations/Programs:

Mowing Operations; all three mowing crews are in routing mode.

Urban forestry program; EAB treatment in progress; tree trimming, removals, stump grinding,

Building and structure maintenance.

Shelter reservations and Special Events;

Equipment maintenance and repair

Restroom Maintenance; **increased maintenance (daily) and staffing due to COVID 19 recommendations.**

8C. Riverside Park Testing Update and Next Steps

Testing sites have been identified in the field and the City is waiting for the tests to be completed.

There is no specific timeline set at this time for the testing. Mr. Lindman will continue to provide updates as to when the work will be completed.

8D. Jo Jo's Jungle Grand Opening

Jo Jo's Jungle Playground located in Brockmeyer Park is complete and will have a grand opening on Thursday, July 30 at 1:00pm for donors, City Officials and major supporters. A

separate ribbon cutting for the public will take place on Thursday, July 30 at 3:00pm.

Playgrounds remain open within the City however users are asked to maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6ft, wear a facemask and wash their hands frequently.

Citizen appeal of City Forester opinion

Gerald Frickenstein
1720 N 1st Avenue
(715) 675-2296

Mr. Frickenstein most recently made contact with our department on or about June 22nd, 2020. An email was forwarded to me (see attached) requesting the tree be removed. I made contact with Mr. Frickenstein and listened to his concerns and discussed the condition of the tree.

My assessment of the tree at this time is that it is in good health and condition. The tree is a 21.3" diameter basswood that contributes an estimated \$130.96 in annual benefits (property value, energy savings, storm water retention, air quality, greenhouse gas). See attached document from TreeKeeper software.

Our department was contacted by Mr. Frickenstein on September 17th, 2019 regarding this tree as well (see attached). At which time the previous City Forester had retired and I was acting as interim City Forester as well as conducting my position as Assistant Operations Manager. We discussed the tree at length at that time and I indicated the tree was in good health and condition.

Previous to these two contacts, Mr. Frickenstein contacted our department regarding both basswood trees in the boulevard. A correspondence is attached that Blaine Peterson sent to Mr. Frickenstein.

Professional Opinion:

My professional opinion on the tree in question is as follows: The tree is in good health and condition both individually, and in comparison to other basswood boulevard trees in Wausau. The tree has been well maintained, more so than the vast majority of the trees we are responsible for. I do not believe this tree needs to be removed because of these reasons. However, I do recognize and understand the concerns brought forward with respect to raised ground, proximity to mailbox, roots in flower bed, and visibility when exiting driveway.

Respectfully,

Andrew Sims
Wausau City Forester

Andrew Sims

From: Michelle McCarthy
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Andrew Sims
Subject: 1720 N 1st Ave

Jerry Frickenstein 675-2296

He has a problem with the basswood tree next to his driveway. It's a traffic hazard and he would like it removed. His wife is concerned about the roots from the tree that are going into her flowers. He would like to talk to you personally and have you drive into his driveway so you can see what a hazard that tree is.

Basswood, American at 1720 N 1ST AVE



Tree Benefits

Total Yearly Eco Benefits
\$ 130.96

Greenhouse Gas Benefits
\$ 5.34
287.22 lbs avoided
441.54 lbs sequestered

Air Quality Benefits
\$ 5.76
2 lbs saved

Water Benefits
\$ 29.31
1081.37 gal saved

Energy Benefits
\$ 35.30
180.62 kWh saved
22.03 Therms saved

Property Benefits
\$ 55.26
228.42 leaf surface area



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May 15, 2015

Mr. Gerald Frickenstein
1720 N. 1st. Ave
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Mr. Frickenstein:

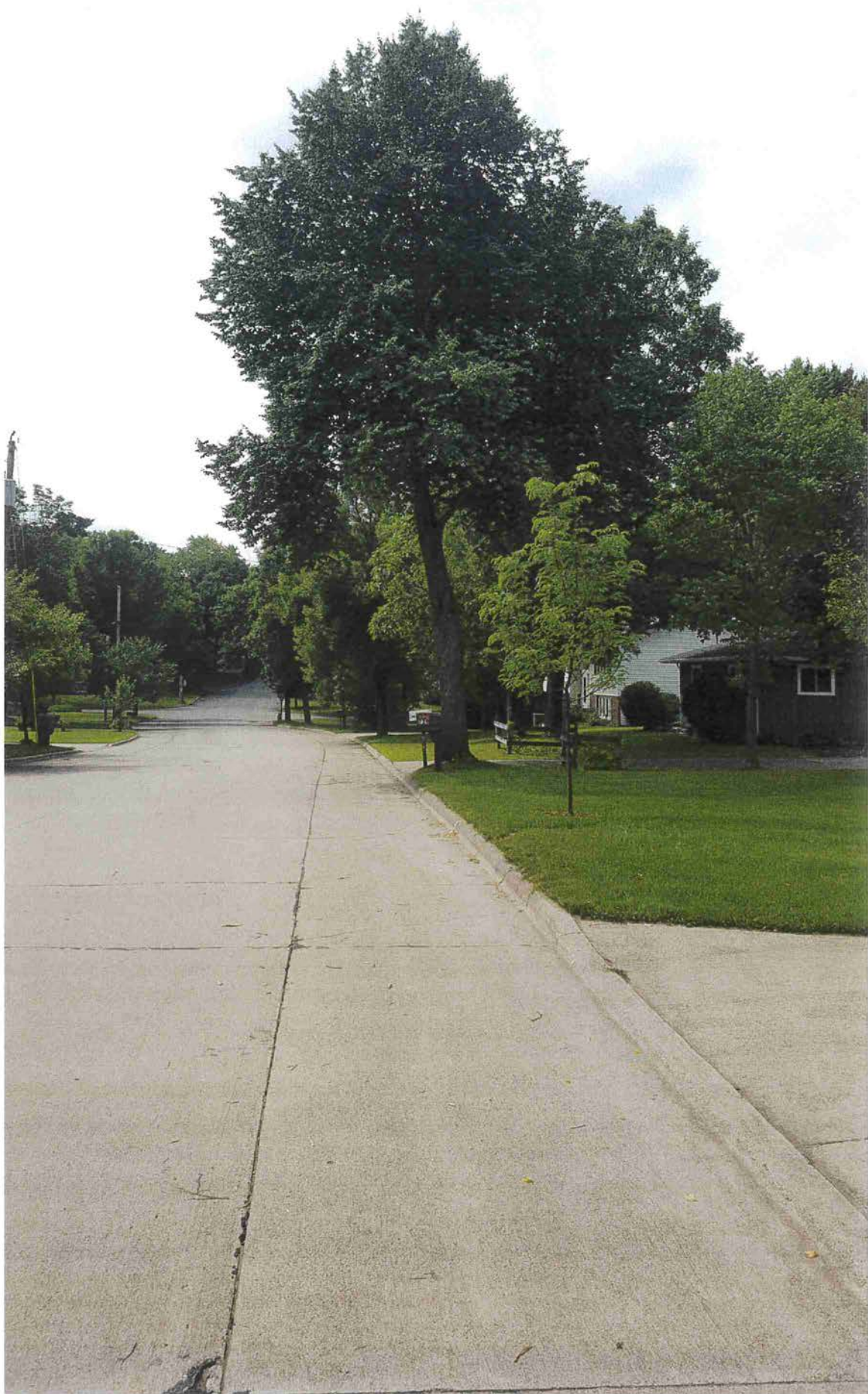
You have contacted me a number of times in the last several years about the street trees at your residence.

I know you do not like the species of tree and I have tried to accommodate you by having the trees trimmed away from your private trees and other work you have requested. I looked at the trees after your most recent call and we will remove the linden tree south of your driveway. There are several areas of bark that have died and some decay has started. The decay is not advanced but I believe it will continue and the dead "patches" will merge into one larger area. The tree has several main limbs that have developed narrow forks that are more prone to split out than a tree with wider branch angles. Neither of the before mentioned conditions are likely to be a problem in the near future. This will be a routine removal sometime this summer and then the stump will be removed at a later date. Because of the proximity to the other trees in your yard we will not be replacing the tree that is removed.

The linden tree just north of your driveway is healthy and has no issues and will not be removed. If you feel you want this tree removed because you do not like the species you will need to send your request in writing to our department and I will have it placed on the city park committee agenda to be decided.

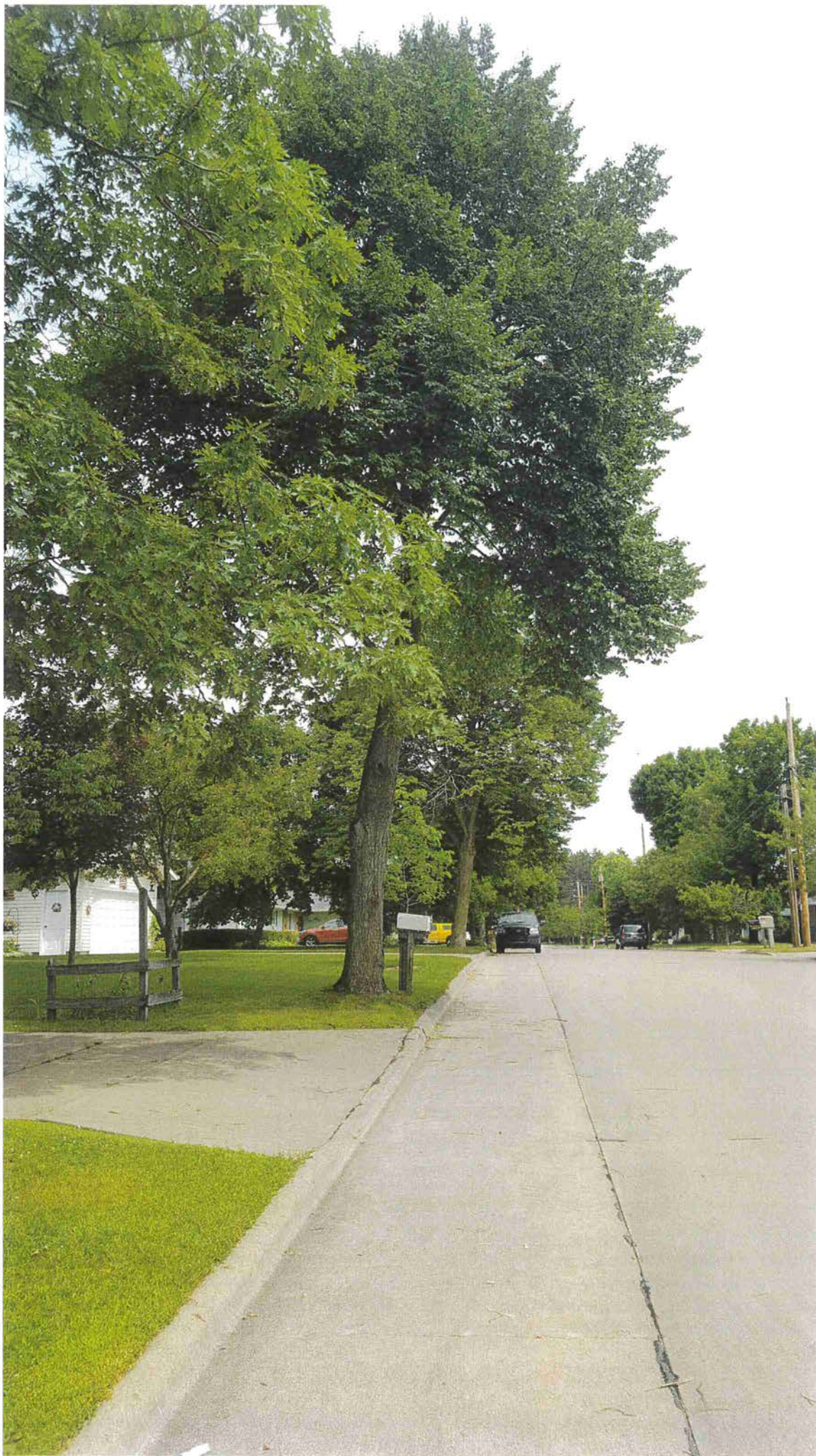
Sincerely,

Blaine Peterson
Wausau City Forester













TO PARK COMMISSION
CONCERNING THE LARGE CITY TREE
LOCATED NEXT TO 2 MAIL BOXES,
AND WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE
FROM OUR DRIVEWAY - ABOUT
5'. THIS IS A HAZARD TO US AND
ANYONE VISITING OUR HOME. THE
TREE IS ALMOST 24" IN DIAMETER
AND BLOCKS OUR LINE OF SIGHT
FOR BACKING OUT OF OUR
DRIVEWAY. THE MAIL BOXES
AND THE TREE ALONG WITH THE
TRAFFIC - SPEEDING CARS -
THIS TREE NEEDS TO GO.
THE TREE IS OLD AND IS ALWAYS

DROPPING BRANCHES AND SEEDS,
THE ROOTS EXTEND INTO AND
ACROSS THE BOULEVARD INTO
FLOWER GARDEN. OUR OWN
ASH AND OAK TREES ARE
ENOUGH TREES ON OUR LOT
ANYHOW. WITH THIS TREE A
SAFETY HAZARD FOR US AND
OUR VISITORS TO OUR HOME
WE WANT IT REMOVED.

Gerald Frickenstein
1720 N 1ST AVE
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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 park 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 park 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 park and recreation committee shall, in writing, notify the appellant and the city forester of its decision. The park 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 park 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 park and recreation committee's recommendation. The city clerk shall notify the appellant, park and recreation committee, and city forester, in writing, of the council's decision. (Ord. 61-5627 §2(part), 2014; Ord. 61-4290 §1, 1975.)

Jamie Polley

From: Kevin Fabel
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Jamie Polley
Cc: Patrick Peckham; Eric Lindman
Subject: Testing of Wisconsin River Sediment

Jamie,

Alderman Peckham asked if I would comment on the idea of testing the sediment of the Wisconsin River as it will be discussed by his Committee on August 3rd.

My comments on the matter are as follows:

It is my understanding that at the previous meeting, an initial discussion of taking a grab sample of surface Wisconsin River water and testing it for Pentachlorophenol morphed into a discussion of testing sediments in the river bed, not only for Penta, but for other historical industrial pollutants as well. My comments below will discuss several points as it relates to this topic.

The first point is whether or not it is legal to do such an activity. Sediment testing, because it would be occurring in the Wisconsin River would be prohibited by the State of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin River, being a public navigable waterway, is considered a "Water of the State" and "owned" by the State Of Wisconsin even though it is within city limits. Any activities conducted in the river or on the bed of such river must be allowed by statute or permitted by the state in order to be allowed and not illegal. Disturbing the river bed to conduct sampling in the river would be considered one of these prohibited activities.

Disturbing the river bed is prohibited for a number of reasons, the first being the health of river ecosystems. Many insects, crustaceans, other invertebrates, fish and amphibians depend on the top layer of river bed to lay eggs and for their young to develop and the also rely on the cover (weeds, stumps, brush and rocks) found in/on the river bed to hide from predators and/or to hunt for food. Sampling of the river bed has the potential to disrupt this sensitive layer with the amount of harm being proportional to the amount of sampling and disruption.

The second concern would be the quality of the river water in the immediate area as it relates to swimmable/fishable criterion such as water clarity and dissolved oxygen levels. River bed sampling would be very disruptive to the sediment of the river and greatly decrease water clarity by "muddying the water" in the immediate sampling area with release of particulate matter or total suspended solids (TSS) and would also release materials from the bottom containing biological oxygen demand (BOD). TSS and BOD are highly regulated pollutants by WDNR in order to protect water quality. High TSS levels impede a fish's ability to find prey to eat and BOD causes microorganisms in the river to consume that material, while at the same time, using available dissolved oxygen in the river while doing so. This reduction in available oxygen in the river water leads to low water dissolved oxygen levels which could stress fish in the area and kill other organisms which cannot easily move from areas of low water dissolved oxygen levels to areas of higher dissolved oxygen.

A third concern would be the potential increased harm to humans using the river downstream of the sampling event. Any remaining pollutants from industrial use of the river occurring 50-100 years ago have either long since been washed into the Mississippi River and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico, have been bio-degraded by naturally occurring microorganisms in the river ecosystem, or have had clean sediment deposited on top of them for a period of up to 50 years. These naturally occurring remedial activities have removed, remediated and effectively capped any pollutants of concern such that they are not a threat to human health. In addition to this, the flowing river and sediment have come

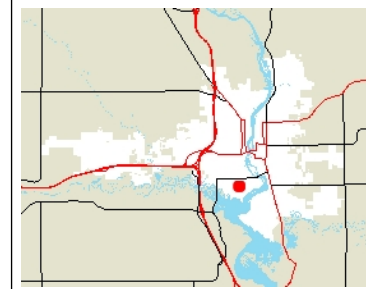
to steady state with sediment remaining in the sediment layer with water flowing over the top not disrupting sediments in place. As an additional protection, the water column of up to 20' in some areas where sampling is being discussed also provides a barrier separating people from any historical pollutants. A sampling event would disrupt the historical sediments, removing the natural barriers in place and sending potential pollutants into the river and potentially exposing people and wildlife downstream. Because the natural barriers in place effectively prevent any exposures and harm to the public, this newly created exposure and liability would be the responsibility and liability of the entity doing the sampling and not the polluter as the level of potential harm to the public would be highly exacerbated by the sampling and not the original polluter.

Lastly, even if sampling could be conducted without all of the previous concerns listed above, what could possibly be done if historical pollutants were discovered? Any attempts to remove historical pollutants from a swath of river bed would be extremely harmful to the environment, extremely difficult and costly, dangerous to people in and around the river downstream of the clean-up and incomplete and mostly ineffective at removing the pollutants in the sediments. This "clean-up" would ultimately be much more damaging to the environment than the initial pollutants locked in the river's sediments themselves.

In light of these discussion points, it would be my personal recommendation to discontinue perusing sampling of the sediments of the Wisconsin River for a number of reasons discussed above.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Fabel
City of Wausau Environmental Engineer



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- Stream - River
- Pond - Lake
- Wausau Wetland
- Swamp



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