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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Monday December 5, 2022

Ashland City Hall Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
- b. Agenda Modification
- c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Approval of October 17, 2022 meeting minutes

II. Public Comment Period

III Information Items/Updates

- Parks
- Recreation
- Urban Forestry
- Community Garden
- Other

IV. Business Items:

- Presentation and Discussion on the Rotary Bayview Splashpad proposal
- Discussion and Action on the Expansion of the Beaser Community Garden

V. Next Meeting Date

January 17, 2023

VI. Comments and Questions

VII. Adjourn

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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Mon, Oct 17, 2022 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CDT)
Ashland City Hall Council Chambers or
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I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call 5:05pm
 - a. Present: Stzyndor, Jackson, Seefeldt, Ullman,
 - b. Excused: Amman, Tumas,
 - c. Unexcused: Kebec
 - d. Guests: Tom Stankard; Bob Krienbrin, Vicky Westlund, Mitch McAuliffe, Don Jaskowiak, Jim Bradle, Jim Schanandore, Caller 2, Caller 3
- b. Agenda Modification
 - a. none
- c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Approval of Sept 19, 2022 meeting minutes
Motion a by Ullman, no objections. Motion approved

II. Public Comment Period

III Information Items/Updates

- Parks
 - o Hudson reviewed the memo
- Recreation
 - o Hudson reviewed the memo
- Urban Forestry
 - o Hudson reviewed the memo
- Community Garden
 - o Hudson reviewed the memo
- Other
 - o Hudson brought up BATB starting and ending in Ashland. Jackson and Ullman suggested that Washburn be brought to the table. Stzyndor stated that this agreement is with BATB not the City of Washburn. Historically the race switched where it started and ended (rotated between Washburn and Ashland). Hudson explained the City is supportive of this idea.

IV. Business Items:

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- Discussion and Potential Action on the Rock the Dock Flagpole Project

Hudson introduced the item and gave a short background of the project. At the Sept PRC meeting, Jaskowiak and Bradle brought a proposal forward to put a flag pole on the Oredock. The PRC asked the group to bring a more formal proposal at the October Mtg. Bradle reviewed the updated proposal. The proposal lays out 2 different options: solar powered vs electrically powered (\$10,000 vs \$28,000). The proposal calls for the installation of a flagpole to the height of 45' pole, with an 8'X12' flag, to be installed at the end of the 1916 section of the Oredock. This proposal also included volunteers to raise and lower the flag, including pledges from the public to assist with a maintenance fund. Jaskowiak reiterated his passion for the Oredock and how he has assisted in documenting the redevelopment and raising money to redevelop it. Vicky Westlund spoke on behalf/in favor of the project, stating it would be a way to honor our veterans. Seefeldt stated that he polled various people about the idea; opinions varied from in favor to hyper patriotism to having an entrance like a National Parks entrance to opposition. Hudson read the letter from the United Chequamegon Veterans. Ullman ask about the history of Rock the Dock and how it differs from the Ashland Oredock Trust. RTD was a fundraiser for redevelopment. Ullman asked if there is a master plan and if this amount of money could be used on other amenities. Hudson stated the in 2018 the Ashland Oredock Concept Plan was launched, it is a guiding document for development and she also stated that these funds could be used to for other amenities that are part of the initial concept plan: interpretive signs telling the history of the Oredock. Jackson asked about a smaller flag, Bradle stated that the initial proposal was for a 60' pole at the end, Hudson made the suggestion to decrease the height and bring it to the 1916 section. There currently is a 20' flag pole with flag at the 1916 section. Krienbring asked what the cost difference was between a 60' pole and 45' pole at the 900' mark. Jaskowiak stated \$7000. The size flag (8'X10") relates to the height of the pole. (60' pole = 10'X14' flag). Krienbring stated the flag and pole at Ashland Ford is a 60' pole with a 14'X10' pole. Kreinbring asked if the City could help support running electricity to the end of the 1916 section, Hudson stated that the Trust dollars could fund it. Ullman stated he does not have enough information to make a decision as what are the other options that this funding could be used for. Jaskowiak stated that this flag would be in honor of those who worked the dock. Bradle stated that it does not have to be an either or as this group wants to tell the history of the Oredock. Stzyndor stated her feeling is that the money used for the proposed project is money raised by the community for a project the community seems to support. Jackson stated that there are people who are not in support of this project. Ullman stated that there is not enough data to make a decision. Stzyndor agreed that getting more feedback would not be a bad idea. Seefeldt asked if there was a way to poll the community about this issue. Hudson stated that the Clerk's office could be asked to create survey to gather community input on the proposal. Seefeldt made a motion to table the item until a survey can be created to gather community feedback on the proposal. Second by Stzyndor. All in favor.

- Discussion and Action on working with Leiviska Disc Golf Design LLC. to Design a 9 Hole Disc Golf Course in the City of Ashland

Motion by Seefeldt to approve the contract with Leiviska for the concept design for a 9 hole disc golf course, second by Stzyndor. All in favor. Ullman asked if other communities are investing in this, Hudson said yes disc is on the rise again. She stated Chippewa Falls is investing in constructing a 24 hole disc golf course (18 hole regular course and a 6 hole ADA compliant course).

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- Discussion and Action on Applying for a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant: City of Ashland Parks Master Plan Creation

Seefeldt made a motion to approve to apply for a WCMP Grant for the creation of a City of Ashland Parks Master Plan, second Szyndor. All in favor.

- Discussion and Action on Chapter 165: 2023 Comprehensive Fee Schedule

The committee discussed keeping the Business in Parks fees until APR and the Clerk's office work together to create a better system to implement and track business in the parks. Motion by Ullman to approve the Comp Fee Schedule as presented with the exception of keeping the business in the parks fees.

V. Next Meeting Date

Dec 5, 2022

VI. Comments and Questions

VII. Adjourn

Motion by Szyndor at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Hudson

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Information Items/Updates

- Parks
 - o Campgrounds closed for the season on Oct 17, 2022
 - o APR and PW have been discussing the possibility of grooming the waterfront trail and Prentice Park for winter use
 - o City of Ashland Tree Lighting Ceremony was Friday Dec 2 in the Plaza Park, ~60 people were there for the event.
- Recreation
 - o Cheq Bay Composite NICA season ended on Oct 23, 2022 with the last event happening at the Trek Trail in Waterloo, WI. The team participated in 5 weekend race events located across Wisconsin from Sep 3 – Oct 23, 2022. 11 of the 14 student athletes participated in at least 1 race during the season.
 - o CHEER! 's second session has been very successful with a total of 34 registers participated over the course of 2 sessions. APR staff is working with the instructors to offer another session of classes in Feb/March
 - o Gymnastics: Linda Simanovsky and Elizabeth Lipske have stepped up to lead the program. All competition level athletes (levels 2 and up) have now been evaluated so coaches can work on getting them ready for competition (if they choose to compete). Second session of gymnastics has 146 registered participants (Wiggles and Giggles – Level 6/7/8). APR has been in discussions with Ashland High School about hosting High School gymnastics meets.
 - o BCC Gym floor refinishing will be happening Dec 22, so the gym will be closed Dec 22 – 29.
 - o The BCC continues to be a popular place for private events on the weekends.
- Urban Forestry
 - o 42 trees were planted around the City of Ashland in early Nov.
 - o The City has notified that we will be receiving a 2023 DNR Urban Forestry Grant to implement our EAB plan: treatment, removal and replanting
- Community Garden
 - o See item below
- Other

Business Items:

- Presentation and Discussion on the Rotary Bayview Splashpad proposal
 - Blake Theisen will be at the meeting to review the Bayview Splashpad plan set with the committee. APR will be taking the plan set to the Council at the Dec 13 meeting to get approval to go out for bids.

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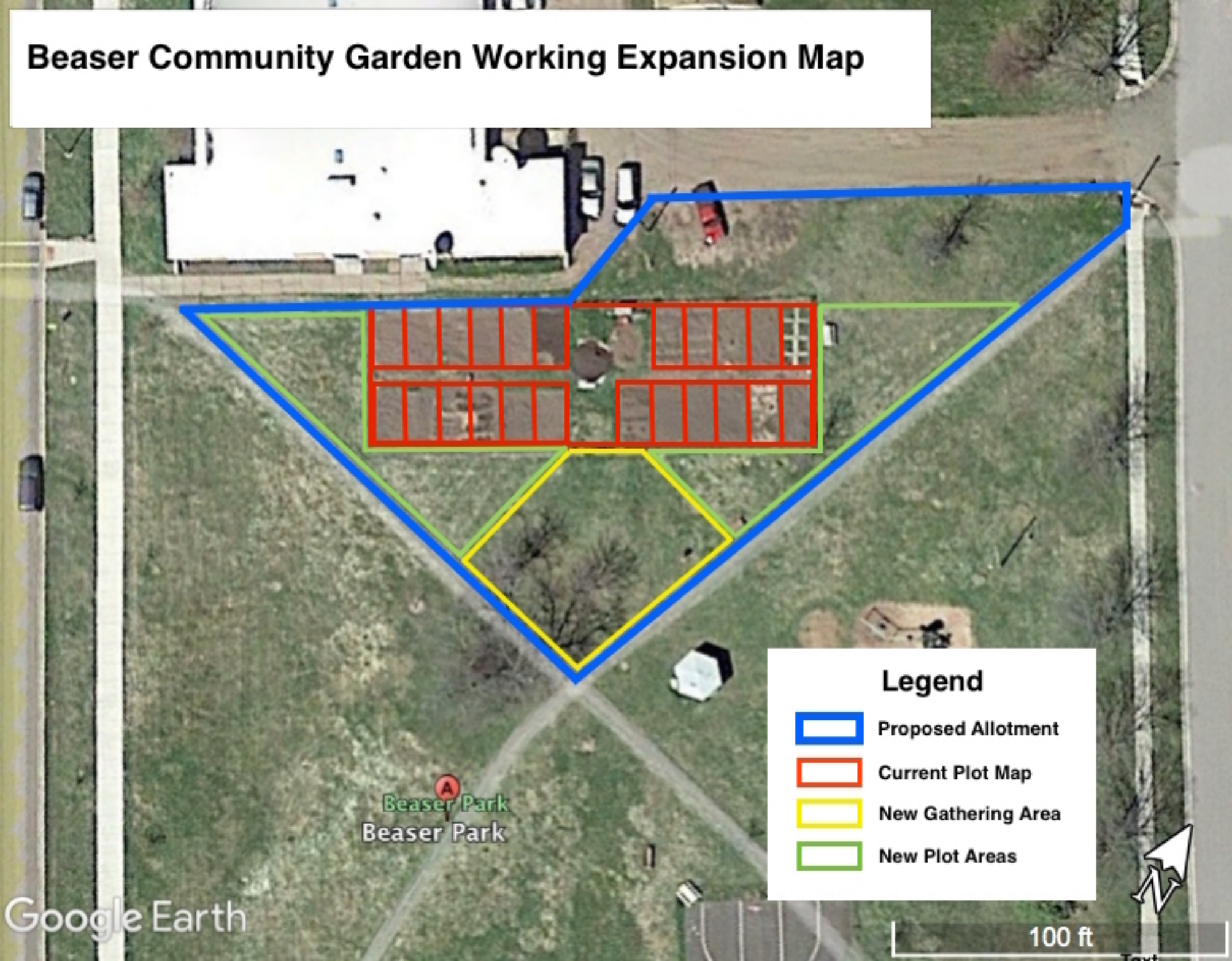
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- Discussion and Action on the Expansion of the Beaser Community Garden

The Beaser Community Garden is seeking approval from the PRC to expand the Beaser Community Garden and construct a new and larger storage shed in the plot in the Northeast corner of the garden. The shed would be designed to be mobile, and we hope to paint a big garden-themed mural on one or more sides of it in the next season or two. The garden already have a small shed, but it's unattractive and not very large. A new shed will be useful for when we begin holding gardening classes and other events. A proposal for the expansion is attached.

Beaser Community Garden Working Expansion Map



Legend

-  Proposed Allotment
-  Current Plot Map
-  New Gathering Area
-  New Plot Areas