

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners
October 2, 2024 - 6:30 PM**

**Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI**

OR

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AGENDA

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of August 7, 2024 meeting minutes
3. A request from the Friends of Emerson Park to install a historic marker on the property located at 1401 East Avenue (Seramur Park).
4. A request from Randy Shukar to apply for grant funding to complete shoreline planting improvements adjacent to the McDill Disc Golf Course.
5. Director's Report
 - a. Seramur Park ribbon cutting (September 21)
 - b. Groholski Park construction update
 - c. KB Willett project update
 - d. Master planning process update (Zenoff and Goerke Parks)
 - e. Plover River Crossing project update
 - f. Jacob Sutherland selected as Arborist for the department.
6. Adjournment.

Meeting Rider

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Please take notice that a quorum of the Common Council, City Boards/Commissions may attend this meeting.

Agenda Notes

3. A request from the Friends of Emerson Park to install a historic marker on the property located at 1401 East Avenue (Seramur Park).

When the park commission approved the naming of Seramur Park, the motion included that a marker be placed which detailed the Emerson name and significance. The motion at that time also included that the contents of the marker be brought back to park commission for review. The packet for this month's meeting includes the sign proof which provides dates, photos and history of the Emerson school property and the site prior to the Seramur Park development.

Staff has worked adjacent to the Friends of Emerson Park as they finalized this design with several others within the community being involved. The sign will be precision tool aluminum and will match the signage that is on the building. This marker will be paid for by the Friends of Emerson Park and the parks department will assist with concrete and installation.

Staff recommends approval as presented.

4. A request from Randy Shukar to apply for grant funding to complete shoreline planting improvements adjacent to McDill Disc Golf Course.

Inside the packet is an aerial image and a narrative from Randy Shukar on shoreline improvements/planting that he is requesting permission to perform. Randy has a track record of completing projects on time and in accordance with plans and staff is very comfortable with his expertise and proposal.

Staff recommends approval as presented.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Park Commissioners
August 7, 2024 - 6:30 PM**

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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

Present: Alder Broderick, Alder Buse, Freckmann, Glodosky, Alder Keymer, McDonald, Sorenson, Winn

Excused: Disher, Okonek, Przybylski

Also Present: Eric Riscus, Steven McKay

2. Approval of June 5, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by McDonald, second by Glodosky, passed 8-0.

3. Proposal to fund and install public communication boards at Iverson, Pffifner and Mead Parks by Midstate Independent Living Choices.

Motion to approve as presented by Glodosky, second by Winn; passed 8-0.

4. Approval of lease renewal with Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council for the neighborhood garden located at 300 Franklin Street.

Motion to approve by Winn, second by Broderick; passed 8-0.

5. Director's Report

- 2025 budget process updates
- Seramur Park project update
- Groholski Park project update
- 2517 Prais Street real estate acquisition

No action.

6. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Broderick, second by Glodosky; meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Timeline Plaque

32" x 32"

Precision Tooled Aluminum | Bronze

QTY: 1

32 in

32 in



ON THIS SITE IN SEPTEMBER 1893 A NEW STEVENS POINT HIGH SCHOOL OPENED

**THIS LAND SERVED AS HOME TO TWO HIGH SCHOOLS,
AND FOR OVER A CENTURY, GENERATIONS OF RESIDENTS
WERE EDUCATED ON THESE GROUNDS.**

1893	A new Stevens Point High School opens along Clark Street, with a faculty of nine teachers, serving students in grades 7-12.	 <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;">Stevens Point High School, 1893-1923. Demolished c. 1962</p>
1923	With student enrollment exceeding capacity, a new high school, facing East Avenue, opens in the fall. This second school is later known as Emerson High School, after Ralph Waldo Emerson.	 <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;">Emerson High (1923-1938), Junior High (1938-1970), Upper Elementary (1970-1991), Alternative School (1991-2001)</p>
1938	The student population continues to grow, and with overcrowding again an issue, P.J. Jacobs High School opens at Main Street and Michigan Avenue. Emerson becomes a junior high school.	 <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;">Looking west from Reserve Street. From left: Emerson School, original 1893 school, temporary classroom barracks.</p>
1962	With the completion of a new vocational school on Michigan Avenue, the original 1893 school building is demolished along with the temporary barracks to the east.	 <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;">Site Map illustrating the layout of the three school buildings: the original 1893 school is centered, with Emerson School to the left, and barracks to the right.</p>
1970	Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH) opens on North Point Drive and P.J. Jacobs converts to a junior high. Emerson becomes an upper elementary school, serving grades 3-6, in conjunction with nearby Jefferson Elementary.	
1991	Emerson transitions to an alternative high school until safety concerns permanently close the building in 2001.	
2002	After nearly 80 years of operation, the last remaining school building on the Emerson parcel is demolished, closing the chapter on this parcel as a school site after 108 years.	

THANKS TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITMENT, PERSEVERANCE, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT, THIS LAND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE, NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING SPACE, AND PLACE FOR ENRICHMENT AND GROWTH. THE FRIENDS OF EMERSON PARK WISH TO THANK BRADY CONSTRUCTION AND BARRETT KRYAN DESIGN FOR THEIR GENEROUS IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS HISTORICAL MARKER.

For more information on the history of this park space, visit the Parks Department page of the City of Stevens Point website.



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ART PROOF

SHEET 1 of 1

PO #: <<PO Number>>

Client: Community Foundation of CW

Project: Seramur Park Timeline Plaque

Contact: Ginger Keymer

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Project Mgr: Justin

Drawn By: Kelsey

PROOF DATES

P1: 09.10.24 P2: 09.17.24

P3: 00.00.00 P4: 00.00.00

P5: 00.00.00 P6: 00.00.00

File Name: C: Community Foundation
of CW Seramur Park Timeline Plaque

- APPROVED
- Approved w/ noted revisions
- Revise and submit new proof

Signature

Date

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Proposed shoreline improvements McDill Disc Golf Course

Submitted by Randy Schukar, Stevens Point Area Flying Disc Assoc

I propose to coordinate volunteers to do shoreline planting per the guidelines of the WI DNR healthy lakes program and in compliance with their 350 sq ft native planting program which reimburses the cost of plants up to \$1000. The purpose of this project is to beautify the site and also increase the biodiversity of the area for the benefit of wildlife.

This planting will be accomplished with potted plugs and bare root plants in prepared areas (smothered and tilled). The planting will consist of several shrubs, 70-85 grasses and 85-100 wildflowers. Besides preparing and planting the site we expect to do some weeding for the first couple of years as the desired plants get established. We won't ask much of the city besides a load of mulch for dressing the beds. The DNR reimburses the costs of the plants with matching labor provided by the Stevens Point Flying Disc Assoc (Disc Golfers)

More info on the program is available online

This is a link to the fact sheet for DNR program

<https://webhosting.cals.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/366/2020/09/NativePlantings-HealthyLakesFactSheetSeries.pdf>

This link provides more detailed guidelines on the program

<https://healthylakeswi.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/366/2021/10/NativePlantGuidance-May2024web.pdf>

Proposed flower species that I have been growing and already planting on site include:

Blue Vervain
Horay Vervain
Golden Alexanders
Cup Plant
Culvers Root
Great Blue Lobelia
Cardinal Flower
New England Aster
smooth Aster
Yellow Coneflower
Wild Bergamont
various Blazing Stars
Various Milkweeds
Anise Hyssop
Common Ironweed
Boneset
Sneeze Weed
Spotted Joe Pye Weed

Grasses to be planted include:

Big Bluestem
Little Bluestem
Side Oats Gramma grass
Prairie Dropseed

Proposed shrubs include:

Highbush Cranberry
Arrowwood Viburnum
Serviceberry
Snowberry



McDill Disc Golf Course

Proposed Shoreline Planting

McDill Pond