

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Park Commissioners
February 12, 2025 - 6:30 PM**

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

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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

Present: Alder Broderick, Alder Buse, Freckman, Disher, Glodosky, Alder Keymer, McDonald, Okonek, Przybylski, Sorenson, Winn

Also Present: Director Kremer, Chief Kussow, Superintendent Ernster, Jodi G, Trevor Roark, Adam Alves, Meg Ehler, Tim Schierl, Sharon Menzel, Deborah Comas, Trina Dorn, Josh Krierel, Cathy Chizzo, Steve Chizzo, Chen Langreck, Chuck Stanley, Brian Guzman, Andy Hoff, Jeff Moffat, Steven McKay, Kim Frers, Tom Fink, Ed Prokap, Laura Belanger Tess, Ryan Herek

2. Approval of January 8, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Disher, second by Przybylski; motion carried 11-0.

3. Presentation of the Stevens Point Forestry Department Management Plan by Wachtel Tree Science, Inc.

Nathan Schuettpelz from Wachtel Tree Science presented a summarized version of the recently completed Forestry Department master plan. The last master plan was completed in 2010. The current master plan was funded through a DNR grant.

No action taken

4. Adoption of the Stevens Point Forestry Department Management Plan

Motion to approve the updated Forestry Department management plan made by Keymer, second by Disher; motion carried 11-0

5. Award of 2025 and 2026 Emerald Ash Borer Treatment contract.

Motion to award the 2025 and 2026 EAB treatment contract to TruGreen in the annual amount of \$22,100 made by Glodosky, second by McDonald; motion carried 11-0.

6. Discussion on updated master plan concept drawings for Goerke and Zenoff Parks.

Director Kremer summarized the planning process to date and overviewed the three conceptual draft drawings that were included in the packet for Goerke and Zenoff Community Parks. Director Kremer stated that with park commission authorization,

public input will be gathered in March via meetings and written comments and all feedback for plan revisions would be brought back to the park commission in April or May. Kremer stated that following the public input and review by park commission, a final concept plan will be produced for possible adoption by the park commission as early as June or July of 2025. Initial thoughts were shared by park commissioners and Chair Okonek opened the floor up to the general public to share their feedback.

Speakers List:

Mike Disher: 2616 Prais Street
Trina Dorn: 2725 Main Street
Steve Chizzo: 2525 Prais Street
Josh Krierel: 2717 Main Street
William Schmidt: 3008 Main Street
Meg Ehler: 3233 Leahy Avenue
Laura Behlinger Tess: 3201 Oak Avenue
Andy Hoff: 2601 Prais Street
Christine Karne: 617 Michigan Avenue
Tom Fink: 2533 Prais Street
Trevor Roark: 601 Washington Avenue
Kim Fires: 1217 Minnesota Avenue

Verbal comments included requests for revisions and additional considerations on the following components of the plan: Parker Building and hockey rink preservation, less hardscape parking, elimination of future driveway access points along Prais Street, other locations to be considered for a dome indoor athletic area outside of Goerke Park, preservation of the two outside ball diamonds, removal of the parking lot adjacent to the KB Willett Arena, improved walking and biking pathways in place of roadways, and consideration of maintaining the existing location of the current pool. Other comments included support for safety improvements, aquatic center improvements and recreation improvements.

Discussion followed by the park commission on considerations for changes. Direction was given to the director to change the concept drawing to say "draft" and for the possible driveway access creation on Prais Street to be shown as draft. Additional direction was given to proceed with taking the current drawing to public input meetings and community feedback steps in March to allow additional feedback to be gained for future revision consideration by the park commission later this year.

No Action Taken.

7. Director's Report

- Update on press box capital project.
- Seramur Park - 2025 Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association Park Design Award Winner

8. Adjournment.

