

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners
April 2, 2025 - 6:30 PM**

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

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AGENDA

Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of February 12, 2025 meeting minutes
3. Award of downtown landscape maintenance contract to Plaski and Sons in the not-to-exceed amount of \$19,400 per year for 2025 and 2026.
4. Ordinance Amendment - to approve changes to Chapter 10, Subsection (2) of 10.01, designated parks; and Subsection (4) of Section 10.05, park closing hours.
5. Parks Division report presented by Parks Superintendent, Paul Ziemann.
6. Director's Report
 - Update on stakeholder meetings and survey deadline for Goerke and Zenoff Parks.
 - 44th year as a Tree City USA
 - Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Association for the 20th year.
 - Jacob Sutherland, City Arborist, successfully completed his probationary period
 - Plover River Crossing project update.
7. 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. Award of downtown landscape maintenance contract to Plaski and Sons in the not-to-exceed amount of \$19.400 per year for 2025 and 2026.

A memo from Superintendent Ernster is included in the packet.

4. Ordinance amendment – to approve changes to Chapter 10, subsection (2) of 10.01, designated parks; and subsection (4) of Section 10.05, park hours.

This ordinance is being amended to consider prohibiting overnight parking (outside of park hours) at Groholski Park. With the addition of the car charging station at this location, we have had vehicles squatting on the charging station for multi-days and all hours. Our current ordinance does not allow us to prohibit or restrict usage and parking near that car charging station outside of park hours.

Staff recommends approving the ordinance amendment to include no overnight park outside of park hours at Groholski Park as written in the packet.

Additionally, this same area of the ordinance contains the park names and designations within the city park system. In reviewing that list, it appears one park name is not accurate (Korfmann). In reviewing files and materials, the only reference to that name was for a ball diamond that existed across the street from the brewery on private property. Because no other information can be found, staff recommend striking that park name from the ordinance.

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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.

March 28, 2025

The City contracts out most of the landscape maintenance downtown. Shulfer's Landscaping has been taking care of it for nearly a decade. We submitted quotes this year from five area contractors and only received one quote back from Plaski and Sons.

Their quote is a little higher this year, because we are asking the contractor to remove woodchips that have accumulated over the past 11 years.

The city budgets for this expense annually within the operational budget. Currently, Plaski and Sons quote is \$19,400 per year.

I recommend accepting the quote for two years in the amount of \$19,400 per year.

Todd Ernster

Superintendent of Forestry and Landscape Operations

Item	Description	2014-2016	2017-2018
1	Spring Clean up	\$3,400	\$2,000
2	Shrub Pruning	\$2,800	\$3,600
3	Woodchipping	\$16,000	\$12,200
4	Bed Maintenace & Perennial	\$5,400	\$6,400
5	Bark Fluffing		\$800
6	Fall Cleanup	\$4,200	\$4,200
7	Total	\$31,800	\$29,800
8	Selected Contractor	Shulfers	Shulfers

2019-2021	2022-2024	2025-2026
		\$8,000
		\$5,800
		\$14,300
		\$8,300
		\$1,000
		\$4,400
Shulfers	\$24,900	\$30,900
	Shulfers	Plaski and Sons
		\$39,400

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF STEVENS
POINT, WISCONSIN**

The Common Council of the City of Stevens Point do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: That subsection 21 of Section 9.12(q)(l) of the Revised Municipal Code, **Bicycle Ways** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

9.12(q)(l) 21. The path on the west side of Badger Avenue from E.M. Copps Drive to County Road HH.

SECTION II: That subsection (2) of Section 10.01 of the Revised Municipal Code, **Definitions and Terms** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

10.01 (2) Park, City Park, and Stevens Point Park. The terms "park," "city park," and "Stevens Point Park" are defined to mean all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the city for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the parks commission and include without limitation parks, beaches, swimming pools, and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted to the city for park, recreational, or like public purposes. The following areas are designated as Stevens Point parks:

Admiral Grant	Pfiffner Pioneer Park
Atwell	Plover Hills Park 1
Bukolt	Plover Hills Park 2
Conifer	Plover River
East Oaks	Rice Street
Goerke	Riverwoods
Green Circle	Rogers Park
Hein	Sculpture Park
Iverson	Seramur
John S. Groholski	Slomann
Korfmann	Texas
Koziczkowski	Veterans Memorial
McGlachlin	Village Green
Mead	Whitetail
Morton	Yulga
Parkwood	Zenoff

SECTION III: That Section 10.05 of the Revised Municipal Code, **Closing Hours** is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

10.05 CLOSING HOURS. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or be any city park between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and one-half hour before sunrise with the following exceptions:

- (1) A city-sponsored or city-approved event.
- (2) When a park lodge has been rented for a special event, on which occasion the closing hour shall be 1:00 A.M.
- (3) Activities directly related to boating or fishing in boat launching and trailer parking areas.
- (4) No parking is permitted in John S. Groholski Park outside of the regular park hours.

SECTION IV: These Ordinance changes shall take effect upon passage and publication.

APPROVED: _____
Mike Wiza, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kari Yenter, City Clerk

Dated: March 25, 2025
Approved: April 21, 2025
Published: May 1, 2025