

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners
August 6, 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 June 4, 2025 meeting minutes
3. Naming of parcel #'s 281240832403401, 281240832403305, and 281240832403308 (approximately 1.2 acres) to Leary Park in honor of Herb and Theresa Leary, as requested by the Friends of 2713 and John Kedrowski.
4. Goerke Park master plan draft concept.
5. Director's Report
 1. 40 years of service on the Park Commission - Liz McDonald (8/9/1985–8/9/2025)
 2. Riverfront Rendezvous recap
 3. Park Technician position vacancy
 - Jonathan Hankins last day was 8/1/2025; he transferred to the Utility Department.
6. Adjournment.

Meeting Rider

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

Agenda Notes

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In June, the Park Commission recommended that the train display parcels be formally dedicated as parkland. The Common Council adopted that recommendation at its June meeting. Also in June, the Park Commission authorized staff to initiate the process of naming the newly dedicated parkland "Leary Park," following a formal request submitted by the Friends of 2713. A required public notice was published, and no public comments or objections were received. All procedures outlined in the city's park naming policy have been followed.

Staff recommend that the Park Commission formally recommend to the Common Council that the train display parkland be named Leary Park, in honor of Herb and Theresa Leary.

4. Goerke Park master plan draft concept.

The latest version of the DRAFT Goerke Park master plan is included in the packet. The new DRAFT incorporates all directions provided by the Park Commission to staff in May. For reference, the changes that were directed by the commission in May were as follows:

- Remove the dome
- Retain the Parker Building and Rec Center (former armory)
- Keep existing hockey rink and ice rink areas in place
- Include a single lane bus lane adjacent PJ Jacobs
- Include a small parking lot adjacent to the bus lane and between PJ Jacobs and Parker Buildings
- Place the 50,000 square foot outdoor pool and aquatic center in the center of the park in the area the existing pool is located.
- Add a vegetation buffer between Prais Street neighbors and a proposed parking lot adjacent to aquatic center and KB Willett Arena
- Make Prais Street access a pedestrian access only (mid-block)
- Incorporate pickleball, playground and basketball areas
- Keep the parent turn around/drop off parking lot as shown in May version on the next version

This agenda item is being discussed only this evening. Staff are asking for final directions from the park commission of any additional changes requested. Following the direction from the park commission, high level cost estimates and the **final** plan will be brought before the commission on October 1, 2025, for final adoption consideration.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board of Park Commissioners
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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

Present: Alder Broderick, Freckmann, Disher, Glodosky, Alder Keymer, McDonald, Okonek, Przybylski, Sorenson

Excused: Alder Buse, Winn

Also Present: Dan Kremer, Trina Dorn, John Kedrowski, Brad Duckworth, Anne Hylla, Carl Rosenthal, Kimberly Fiers, Alder Dean Shuda

2. Approval of May 7, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion to approve as presented by Disher, second by Glodosky; passed 9-0.

3. Approval of master plan concept A and concept B for Zenoff Park.

Motion to approve by Przybylski, second by Disher; passed 9-0.

4. UWSP Athletics requests permission to sell alcohol inside Community Stadium and the KB Willett Arena for Pointer home football and hockey games.

Motion to approve the sales of alcohol by UWSP at UWSP home games inside the KB Willett and Goerke Stadium on a 1 year trial basis by Glodosky, second by Sorenson, motion passed 9-0.

5. Dedicating three existing city-owned properties containing the train display (parcels #281240832403401, 281240832403305, and 281240832403308) to City Park as requested by the Friends of 2713 and John Kedrowski.

Motion to approve all three parcels being dedicated as a city park by Keymer, second by McDonald, motion passed 9-0.

6. Naming of parcel #'s 281240832403401, 281240832403305, and 281240832403308 (approximately 1.2 acres) to Leary Park in honor of Herb and Theresa Leary, as requested by the Friends of 2713 and John Kedrowski.

Motion to publish in the newspaper naming the train display parcels as "Leary Park" as presented by Disher, second by Sorenson, motion passed 9-0.

7. Recreation Division presentation by Recreation Superintendent, Anne Hylla.

No action.

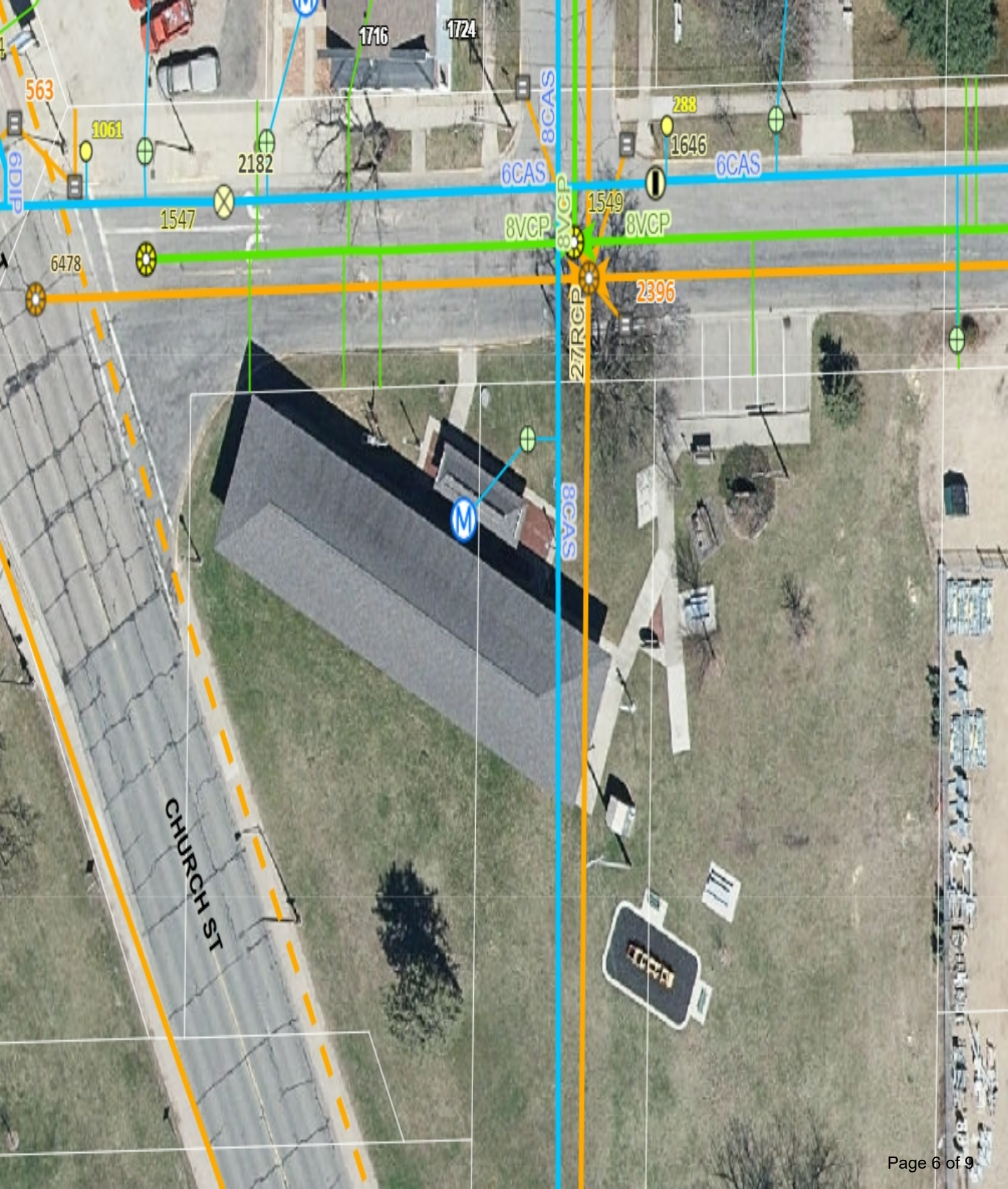
8. Director's Report

- **Goerke Park Master Plan - next discussion planned for August 6**
- **July Park Commission meeting not being held (Riverfront Rendezvous)**
- **Plover River Crossing project update**

No action.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.





FRIENDS OF 2713

Working to preserve Stevens Point area rail road history.

4/25/2025

Mr. Kremer:

This letter is in regards to naming the steam train display owned by the city, located on the southeast corner of Monroe St. and Church St. The Friends of 2713 was started in 1995 and continues to the present to maintain the display. We are requesting that the City of Stevens Point designate the land the display sits on a city park. We also request it be named "Leary Park" in honor of Herb and Theresa Leary and the many family members who worked for Soo Line and in 2004 donated \$80,000 to construct a roof over the display. This donation made a significant improvement to the historic presentation of the train while greatly reducing maintenance on Engine 2713 and Caboose 158. The donation also acted as a catalyst to raise additional funds to finish the display.

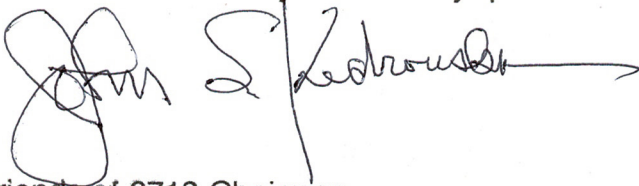
Engine 2713 was donated to the city in 1955 and caboose was added some time in the 1970's. The Stevens Point Common Council designated the train display a local land mark in 1995.

The display sits on a piece of Wyatt Ave. that was vacated when the Church St. underpass was built around 1939. In 1987 an adjacent parcel lying to the east was donated by the SooLine railroad before they stopped train operations in the area.

Some people think that the train display is part of Veterans Park which is located across Church St. to the west. I have not found any documentation to verify that or if the train display has ever been designed a park.

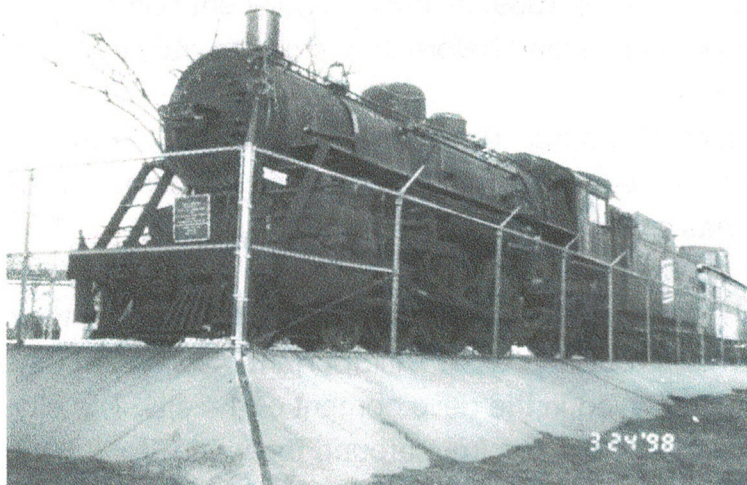
I believe it is time to designate this area "Leary Park" to honor their donation to building a quality train root to protect an important display that pays tribute to the importance the train played in the development of the city. The city can be proud of the display to its citizens and visitors from around the world.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

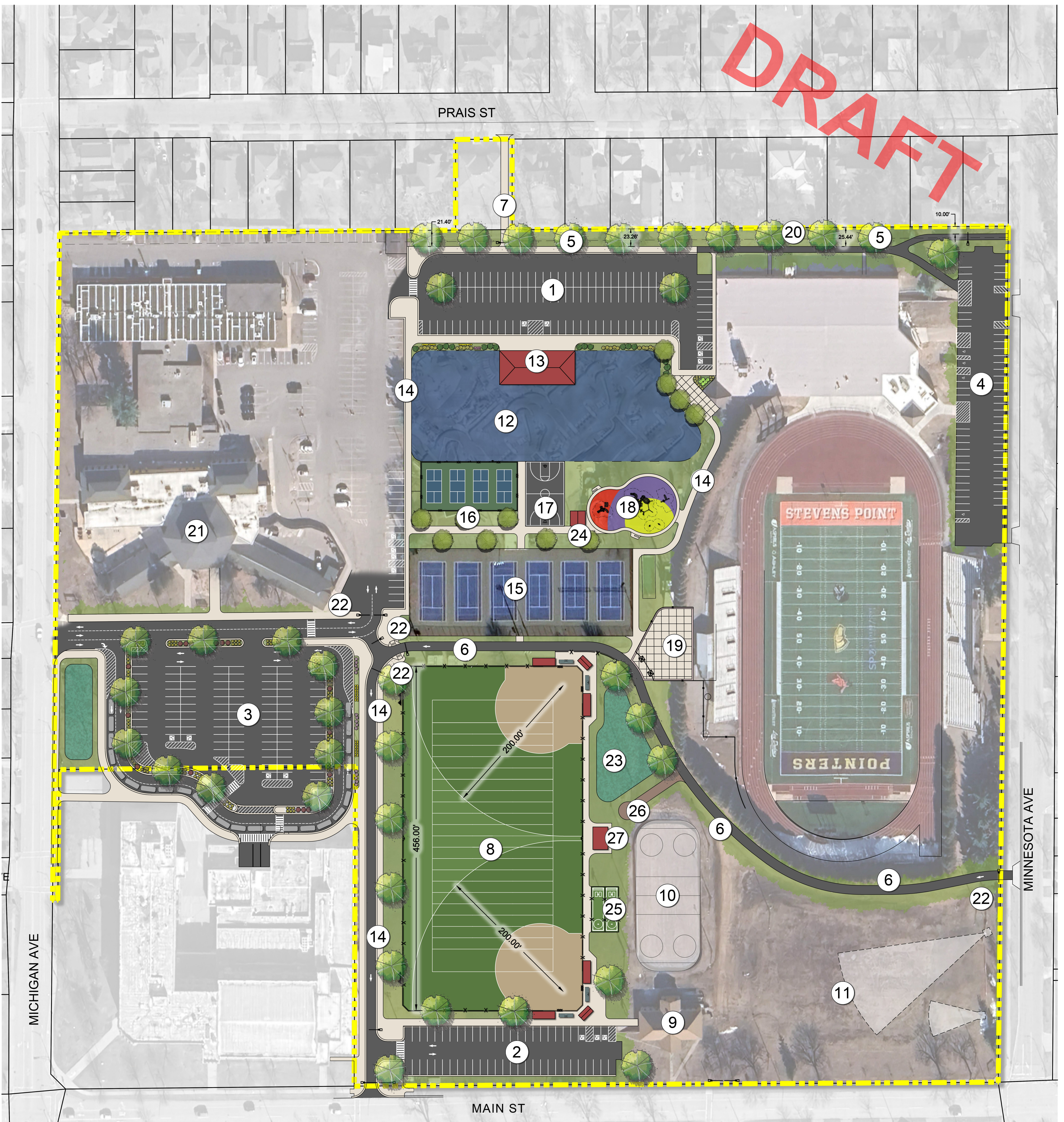


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Below are before and after the train roof.



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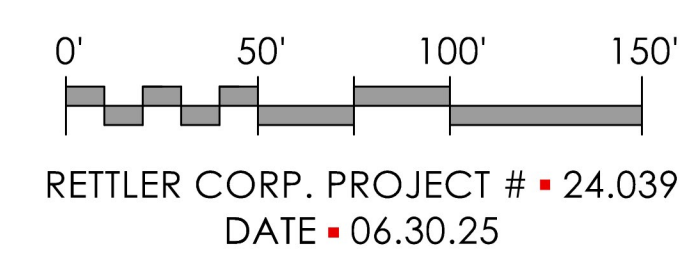
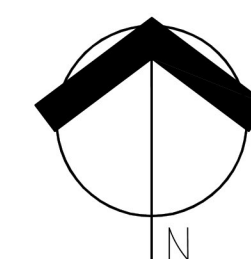


KEYNOTES

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| 1 NORTH PARKING AREA (~100 SPACES) (SUBSURFACE DETENTION) | 8 MULTIUSE FIELDS (NATURAL OR SYNTHETIC)(WITH DUGOUTS, SCOREBOARDS, BLEACHERS, SCORERS BOOTHS, ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING, REMOVABLE OUTFIELD FENCING, AND BACKUP NETTING) | 15 MAINTAIN EXISTING TENNIS COURTS | 22 GATE |
| 2 SOUTH PARKING AREA (~55 SPACES) | 9 MAINTAIN EXISTING PARKER BUILDING | 16 PICKLEBALL COURTS (4) | 23 POLLINATOR FRIENDLY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS |
| 3 REDESIGNED PARKING AREA WITH DROP OFF LANE (~105 SPACES) (NORTH OF PJ JACOBS) | 10 MAINTAIN EXISTING HOCKEY RINK FOOTPRINT | 17 BASKETBALL COURT | 24 20'X20' OPEN AIR SHELTER |
| 4 RESURFACE EXISTING PARKING AREA | 11 MAINTAIN EXISTING DISCUS/SHOT PUT/OVERFLOW PARKING/ICE RINK | 18 PLAYGROUND (WITH BENCHES) | 25 DOUBLE BATTING CAGES/BULLPENS |
| 5 PARK MAINTENANCE ACCESS/ PEDESTRIAN PATH (NORTH) | 12 AQUATICS AREA (50,000 sf) | 19 ENTRY ARCH AND PLAZA | 26 MAINTAIN EXISTING FIRE HYDRANT |
| 6 PARK MAINTENANCE ACCESS/ PEDESTRIAN PATH (CENTRAL) | 13 AQUATICS/CONCESSIONS/RESTROOM BUILDING (WITH EXTERNALLY ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM) | 20 VEGETATIVE BUFFER | 27 POTENTIAL BUILDING |
| 7 MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN/SERVICE ACCESS | 14 CONNECTING WALKS | 21 MAINTAIN EXISTING ARMORY | 28 |



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