

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners
November 7, 2018
Police Department
Community Room
933 Michigan Ave.
Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

Amended AGENDA

Discussion and Possible action on:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the September 5, 2018 Minutes
- ~~3. Request to dredge a portion of Iverson Park Swimming area (McDill Lake Assoc.)~~
Item removed from agenda as per request from McDill Lake Assoc.
4. Adoption of 2019 Price Structure
5. Director's report
6. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 5, 2018

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the August 1, 2018 Minutes
3. Request to place "Forever United" monument in a city park (United Way of Portage County)
4. Request to have tree removed in Bukolt Park (Doug Lynch)
5. Idea of goose culling in 2019 (Deer Management Committee)
6. Director's Report
7. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present: Freckmann, Glodosky, Kirsch, Ald. McComb, McDonald, Okonek, Ald. Slowinski, Smith, Sorenson

Excused: Hall, Ald. Oberstadt

Also Present: Director Tom Schrader, Forester Todd Ernster, Attorney Logan Beveridge, Kevin Leahy, Fred Hebblewhite, Doug Lynch, Scott and Darcy Klinkert

2. Approval of the August 1, 2018 Minutes

Motion by Okonek, seconded by Smith, to approve the August 1, 2018 minutes and place them on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Request to place "Forever United" monument in a city park (United Way of Portage County)

United Way Representative Fred Hebblewhite addressed the Commissioners regarding the possibility of locating a new donor recognition monument in a city park. They are seeking a location that is visible, public and inviting; and one that would allow for a commemorative design that would be tasteful, attractive and functional without screaming memorial. The "Circle of Caring" site was developed in front of Shopko across from the bus terminal about 10 years ago. Because of the noise and traffic this site is not safe when there is a ceremony for a new donor. The United Way has worked with Jeff Bahling of Rettler Corporation back in 2015 and would like to move forward with Rettler Corporation in honoring the concepts of Jeff Bahling to complete this project in a park setting. We want it to "fit" with the community and be functional for residents.

Commissioner Okonek asked if they are looking for a shade shelter and one possible thought would be at Mead Park along with the Jeff Bahling pavilion which has not had the landscaping done since it was built. With the KASH playground this would be a good location so people could get out of the sun.

President Freckmann stated he has no particular favorites in this but thought the Admiral Grant Park doesn't really have much in the way of an attraction or distinctive feature and there is nothing competing with it or any normal activities that it would interfere with it.

Mr. Hebblewhite stated they welcome opinions of the Park Board because they have been looking for quite some time and have pros and cons for the locations they have been considering and the Park Board is familiar with all of the parks.

Ald. McComb is in favor of the Mead Park location and having it aesthetically tied into the pavilion dedicated to Jeff Bahling.

Commissioner Glodosky stated he would be in favor of the Mead Park as the choice for the monument just so we wouldn't be robbing green space from users of the park.

Commissioner McDonald is in agreement with either Mead Park or Admiral Grant Park as the site for the monument.

Commissioner Kirsch suggested if you're looking for traffic in an area look at the skateboard park area in Bukolt Park as designated on the map provided as site #1.

Motion by Glodosky, seconded by Ald. Slowinski to approve the idea of the United Way of Portage County to place "Forever United" monument in a park.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried

4. Request to have tree removed in Bukolt Park (Doug Lynch)

Mr. Lynch addressed the Commission stating that there is a 100 year old tree, 87 foot high (white pine), 35 inches in diameter located in the park that threatens his house, vehicles and family. Beyond 42 feet the remaining 45 feet left (the majority of the tree) overhangs his property. It leans 25 degrees off plum, more than 15 is considered dangerous. Recently other adjacent white pines fell down and now it's a field and he wants to know about that.

President Freckmann stated that trees fall down and there are reasons and in this case we don't know which trees fell down, why or when.

Mr. Lynch feels that as a Park Board we could tell him something about the trees that were taken down. He's asking about it and assumes the Park Board should have some knowledge about the trees he's talking about. He's told that the trees were blown down in a storm. He feels it's important to know about the other trees. He read the assessment report from his prestigious arborist to the Commissioners. Mr. Lynch volunteered to take down the tree his own cost.

Commissioner McComb asked to bring the discussion back to the Commission.

Commissioner Glodosky stated that Mr. Lynch made some good points and now the Commission needs to take some time to discuss the matter among themselves. He himself has removed trees from his own yard that he thought were a threat. There are things to think about like being a good neighbor.

President Freckmann state that there are legal points to be considered about procedure and responsibility.

Attorney Beveridge addressed the Commissioners and provided them with a photo that shows a shadow on the roof solar panels caused by the white pine and said the commissioners could draw their own conclusion about the tree blocking the sun for the solar panels. Our City Forester says it doesn't present a hazard and our insurance company has all the information and they are not concerned about the tree remaining to stand so he's recommending denial of this request.

Ald. McComb asked if the worst scenario did come true what would be the City's responsibility for any damage done to Mr. Lynch's property. If something happens we can evaluate it at the time. Based on the recommendations received from the Forester and Insurance Company he hasn't looked further into it. That tree has been there for 100 years and a house has been there for almost all of these years. The previous owner didn't contact the City with concerns about this tree. It hasn't frighten anyone before now so why now.

Commissioner Okonek stated that Forester Ernster is a certified arborist and that's good enough for him and he trusts his judgement.

Ald. Slowinski agreed with Commissioner Okonek that he has confidence in the City Forester and trusts his judgement too.

Motion by Ald. Slowinski, seconded by Sorenson to deny request to remove the leaning tree in Bukolt Park near the Lynch property.

Ayes all, nays none; motion carried.

Commissioner Glodosky stated that Mr. Lynch knew it was a park before he bought the house.

5. Idea of goose culling in 2019 (Deer Management Committee)

Commissioner Okonek stated he's the Chair of the Deer Management Committee and the issue of the geese was brought up to their committee. They have applied for a grant last year and have money to take care of the geese along Pfiffner Park. They used dog silhouettes last year and had limited success. This year added noise making materials. This year the geese didn't fledge until June because of the late snow in April. They never were concentrated in one area because of all of the activity in the park so they were all over the park.

Director Schrader stated he has been in contact with the USDA. USDA would first hold a public hearing meeting and if the community isn't in favor of culling geese it would never get started. The cost could be \$5,000.00. Could cull between 60-70 per year for 2 years in a row and the costs varies. It would be \$8.00 to \$10.00 per bird if taken to a meat processing plant for processing. It's ground up and distributed to kitchens that would accept it. Five to ten percent will be tested for PVB and lead. The young will be taken to a nature center and used for feed. The adults could be used for feed too and there would be no cost to process them but this issue is controversial.

Commissioner Glodosky thanked John for bringing this to the committee and stated he's in favor of something being done about the geese. This is the biggest complaint he hears from people who know he's on the Parks Commission. Reviewed health issues that arise from geese feces and the diseases they carry.

Commissioner McComb stated she is also on the Deer Management Committee and they felt optimistic and hopeful last January during their meeting when they reviewed plans and action for this spring. She's in favor of having the meat processed. We also need to beef up our publicity about not feeding the geese. It only makes it worse.

Commissioner McDonald stated we've been dealing with this goose issue for at least 10 years and she's in favor of the culling at this time. There might be some negative reaction in the community until they hear the issues that Commissioner Glodosky read tonight to the Commissioners.

President Freckmann suggested we need to look into the vegetation management because it's often said that geese congregate in areas where there is no cover for potential predators.

Director Schrader stated that in order for the vegetation to work the vegetation needs to be 30 inches high and the strip needs to be 20-30 feet wide. The Board agreed we don't have any areas that it would work. Ald. McComb would be in favor of trying it even if we don't have the 20-30 foot strips. Commissioner McDonald stated maybe we could try it in Bukolt but not in Pfiffner.

6. Director's report

Director Schrader reported

- The last few weeks of the summer was spent watering trees and sending out tree watering postcards to residents of the previous last two year plantings.
- Check out the rain garden at Mead Park. Have had it 3 years and it's beautiful.
- UWSP urban forestry students will be planting 31 trees along the reconstructed Isadore Street and another 130 trees will be planted throughout the city along streets, in parks, and city parking lots.
- Oak Wilt removal notices are being sent out. It is a bad year for the disease.
- A quote was submitted for crack filling the Goerke Tennis Courts. It was higher than expected.
- The Cultural Common project has started and the plans are here for anyone to view.
- Gus Macker is being held this weekend in the City

7. Adjournment

Motion by Okonek, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

Agenda notes

3. Back in August the Commission had a discussion as it relates to the possibly of the McDill Lake Assoc. dredging a portion on the swimming area in Iverson Park. At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed that the Commission would like to gather information and feedback on the proposal. Since I'm not sure how many Commission members have had conversations with their constituents as it relates to this subject, and in an effort to gather feedback I posted the proposal on the city's website and Facebook. To date I have received 42 responses via email of which only two were in favor of the proposal. There have been a number of posts on Facebook (17) all opposing the proposal. In nearly every case they are concerned about the safety of the smaller children that currently use the area. I also have received a number of phone calls and personal visits from residents opposing the dredging in Iverson Park. I have attached all the email comments that I have received for your review. I did not provide you with any of the Facebook comments, those can be found on the City's Facebook page.

I have also reached out to a faculty member at UWSP that has been monitoring the Plover River at Iverson Park since 2011. He stated that at Iverson Park the Plover River has very little total suspended solids in it and a silt trap at this location will most likely not capture a significant amount of sediment. He also suggested that the explanation for the enhanced silt loads in McDill Pond are probably related to the significant amount of plant growth occurring within the reservoir. Reservoirs naturally trap sediments in them and over time will fill in. However, when nutrients in the water are elevated this process will be sped up as decomposing plant and algae will also deposit in the sediments. He suggests that this is most likely what is occurring in McDill Pond.

As staff, I would recommend that we not dredge the swimming area in Iverson Park. It is one of the staff's and Parks Commission's main goal to provide enjoyable and safe parks for our users. And the feedback we have been receiving from the users of the park is that they do not want that area dredged. If dredged it will have negative impact on the park and possibly create a safety issue for children using the area.

Re Parks Commission Seeks Input on Dredging Iverson Beach Hello I am an Iverson Park user and McDill Lake District resident. I am in favor of dredging the Iverson Beach as described by the proposal. The inflow of sand/silt into McDill compromises habitat for fish and waterfowl, impedes recreational boating on McDill pond and worsens the health of McDill pond. As a property owner I maintain a wooded, natural shoreline, have minimal lawn, control my roof water and never fertilize. We are doing a lot to preserve the natural beauty and health of McDill Pond. I'd greatly appreciate the support of the city by allowing the dredging to create a silt trap. I'd be glad to host members of the Parks Commission for a tour of our property on the east side of the pond and to discuss efforts to improve the Pond. Thanks for your consideration.

I cannot stress enough the importance of the dredging of the sand in the Iverson Park beach area. I played and swam there as a child and some of my fondest memories include jumping off the walls into the water (deep enough then). Iverson Park is a city-owned parcel and I believe it is THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY to maintain the beach and surroundings, as they have in all the years past. I have the pleasure of living on McDill Pond and have kayaked up and down the river, to and from Iverson Park many times, and it is extremely evident that the river/stream is filling up with sediment (silt). We now have to portage our kayaks through several areas of the voyage. I know that the users of watercraft from Nature Treks have the same trouble we do. PLEASE consider the dredging A TOP PRIORITY for 2019. ALL residents of Stevens Point, neighboring cities and visitors alike will benefit from the dredging of Iverson Beach. Furthermore, the enhancements being constructed at the Post Road bridge area, will undoubtedly bring more people to McDill Pond for recreational activities. The city of Stevens Point deserves to be commended for their attention to maintaining its beautiful waterways for ALL to enjoy, now and for years to come.

That beach is used all the time by small children and families and should stay shallow. It would be very dangerous if it was deeper and it should be dredged somewhere else where all the kids don't swim.

I would oppose the dredging of the swimming area at Iverson Beach. Having a young son Iverson is one of the best swim areas for him as the depth is never too great and the dredging would add significant depth that would limit the area's usage by families with young children.

Dear Mr. Schraeder, I've frequented Iverson park beach area many times in the past couple years with my 3 year old and a bunch of his friend's. I find the current depth of iverson beach the perfect depth for small children to get used to the water and play without a parents fear of them going too deep or drowning. I read about possible plans to dredge iverson park swimming area and am strongly against this action as this would eliminate a beach that is toddler friendly. The bigger kids have fun in the water as well so if left as-is would be the perfect beach to take a family with small and bigger children as ive observed during the many visits we've made to Iverson.

Tom, I've recently heard news regarding a proposal on dredging the beach at Iverson Park. As a frequent user of Iverson Park Beach, this proposal concerns me. Over the past few years, my family has visited Iverson Park Beach roughly 8-12 times each summer. One of the joys of the beach is seeing all of the families with young children playing on the beach and in the water. We have brought our toddler there each year and we all enjoy our time there. My family considers it one of the great parts of our city. With the dredging, the depth of the water will make this beach essentially unusable for many families with kids under the age of 4-5 years old. We greatly enjoy the depths of the beach as they are now. Making the beach 4-6 feet deep would have a negative impact on the usage of the park. I understand the concerns with McDill Pond. Is there a different place that the silt trap can be made without having a negative impact on so many users of the park? I hope that the impact on families with young children is fully understood before any final decisions are made. Thank you for seeking input. If there is any additional information you would like, please let me know.

Hi Tom, Some questions and things to think about (some of which I'm sure have been discussed): -How much is the swimming area utilized? - What is the current depth of the area targeted for dredging? - What are the public safety ramifications of having a deeper swimming area? - Will deepened swimming area be "swim at your own risk", or require lifeguards, like it did years ago? If it's the latter, does the city have the funds to staff it? - I appreciate the District's attempt to rectify the eutrophication of McDill Pond, and to protect and maintain their property (which benefits the city, tax-wise), but is this a long-term solution, or something that will have to be re-visited every so often? - Finally, what is the long-term benefit to the city?

I am commenting on the Parks Depts. interest in dredging the Jordan River at Iverson Park. As a citizen, I typically stay away from commenting but this one has me perplexed. First, from an environmental standpoint, why would the City want to change the flow of the Plover River? Although I wouldn't tout myself to be an environmentalist, when we change the environment there is a reaction somewhere else or at some other time. If this is a life-saving strategy, why not do it farther down river where families don't take their children. Second, why do we want to put a drowning pit at a highly used swimming beach? Okay, that's a little dramatic. With my kids, who are all grown, and now my grandson, we have used that as a free place for fairly safe swimming without a lifeguard. Kids and parents can walk across the river and any increases in depth are fairly slow. Too be honest, I am really baffled by this strategy. I'm sure there is more to it than I have expressed. Maybe the rationale and alternatives need to be shared?!?! Thanks for "listening".

Our family enjoys recreation on both McDill and the Plover River at Iverson Park. I can sympathize with the Lake District concern about the shallow water on McDill. I do however have some concern about increasing the depth of the water in Iverson Park. This area is used heavily by families and many with young children. I would hope that is not lost if this proposal moves forward. Thanks for all you do to make our parks a great place!

This is both a comment on the dredging project and a concern... Prior to the sand being removed this fall, will levels be recorded so that it can be replaced to the same level in spring? This area is used by many families with very small children because it is the only beach in the area shallow enough to allow for safe play. My community and I are very concerned that the beach will be removed or altered to create deeper water. Am I correct in interpreting this to mean it is creating a place for sand to collect during spring thaw and will be monitored in spring to be sure the levels are back to current levels? Thanks for clarification.

Please do not dredge Iverson if it will result in deeper waters. As of right now the water level is much safer for the children of our area. One of the reasons we frequent Iverson is because of the shallowness and the children and caretakers thoroughly enjoy this

Regarding the Dredging in Iverson Park... Ask a Fluvial Geomorphologist how well that is going to work... I bet the answer is Not Well. An Engineer will tell you it will work because it is their job. Consider that the park and entire watershed that the plover river is in is all sand. You are not going to be able to stop sand from migrating into McDill pond. I would guess that the 2100 cu yard trap will fill in within a couple of months and you will still have sand being eroded downstream of the beach. I would also question the river velocity at that point, is it in the 1-5cm/sec range that would allow for proper deposition in the trap? My other point would be that even if you are able to trap the sand you would still have silt being deposited in McDill pond. So you are still not going to be able to stop sediment from being deposited in the "pond". If you want to stop sediment from being deposited in that area you have to increase the flow of water in the area. Which would be accomplished by removing the dam(probably not an option for these residents). Or by increasing the flow of water into the watershed, which would probably require shutting down all of the water wells in the watershed(farmers are most likely the problem here and this is probably not going to happen either). This is simply not going to work. Rivers and streams move an enormous amount of sediment, this is how rivers and streams work and you cannot change that. There is no point in getting the residents who use the beach(which there are many) all excited about messing with the beach when this project is not going to change the outcome for the McDill Pond residents. This is a lose lose proposal in my opinion. Cheers,

Hello Mr. Schrader, As a parent who regularly brings his small children to the beach at Iverson Park in the summer months, I was more than a little disturbed to see the map and numbers attached to the Plover River dredging project proposed by the McDill Lake District. Having just heard of this project for the first time this afternoon, a number of questions immediately spring to mind. First, has the safety of the beach for small swimmers been considered? Many families with small children use that area regularly - some because they don't have the means to head to other swimming areas in the county (of which there are already precious few), and some specifically because of the water depth and ease of keeping an eye on small children there without worry that they'll suddenly wade "too deep". Second, why dredge there? Of all the length of the Plover River, even between Iverson and McDill Pond, there certainly has to be another spot they could dig a trap to catch sand. The only reason I can possibly think of to do it there is "ease of access" for the dredging equipment, which is, frankly, a pretty lazy reason when weighed against the safety of young swimmers. Thank you for putting this information out to the public and for accepting comments and questions on the matter. I know I for one will be following this issue closely, and sharing on social media, news outlets, etc. to make sure other parents and park users can do the same. Thanks again, and have a good day,

Please do not dredge Iverson park swim area. My kids love it as it is. Dredging it will make it unusable for the majority of the children who visit the park. We go there several times a summer and most of children at the park are very young and are just getting introduced to the water, making it any deeper would ruin this experience for them.

A little torn on this one. I lean towards not impacting Iverson. My kids have enjoyed swimming there for years, especially the shallows that let them have more freedom. On top of that, McDill is a shallow dammed up pond. Silts going to happen, it's what happens when you dam up natural waterways. Dredging a hole isn't going to help that waterway a significant amount from what I read on the topic. I could be wrong, but it seems like putting a temporary band aid on something.

This won't prevent sand from flowing downstream for long, just look at the Portage area, they stopped constantly dredging the channel when they closed the canal, and the river filled in fast. I grew up on the Wisconsin there, and the sand shifts the channel from one side of an island to the other in a few years. Also, and more importantly, this would destroy the inviting nature of that beach where you can let your kids play without much concern. It's my favorite place to go to feel connected to this city and it's history. We'll go out for an after-dinner wade on a hot summer day, and the kids (ever since they were tots) will splash around in the shallows and catch crayfish. Making that area deeper would ruin it.

Dear Mr. Schrader, I am a kid who enjoys Iverson all summer and winter long. I am worried that dredging would reduce the fun for kids like me, and smaller kids especially. Dredging would be much more dangerous if it made the water 4-5 feet deep right off shore, because little kids often wander where they shouldn't and 4-5 deep water could be dangerous for anyone who doesn't swim well, especially little kids. Plus, why would we do this if the only reason is to make the McDill Lake District happy? Is that really what Iverson Park is for, to keep sediment out of McDill Pond? It seems to me since taxpayers pay for Iverson's upkeep, we should be able to enjoy it as a nice beach, not a park in the hands of the McDill Lake District. I think we shouldn't dredge and if we have to the McDill Lake District should surely cover all costs. All in all, I think Iverson will be safer and more enjoyable for all without dredging. Thank you for your time. age 13

Hello, My two kids and I enjoy spending time at Iverson Park, especially at the beach. I feel it's kind of a magical family place where parents can wade to cool off while talking with other adults with the peace of mind that kids can run around safely. My kids spent many summers playing in the shallow water by the beach, and when they got older made the big adventure to wade all the way across the river to the swing set. I don't want to see those positive experiences for kids and their parents taken away by dredging the area in front of the beach to 4-5' deep. If the McDill Lake District wants a sediment capture area, I feel they should apply to do so where the Plover River enters the pond. This location would not impact the public recreation of a whole community, and would likely be more effective in their objective. I have seen no evidence that dredging at the Iverson beach would be effective in reducing sediment entry to McDill Pond. Does anyone have evidence that it will be effective, or is this just being assumed? I have heard that most sedimentation in the pond comes from leaves and other plant matter, which does not settle easily. Is this true? Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Mr. Schrader. We read with interest the proposal by the McDill Lake District to dredge a silt trap at the Iverson Park beach and leave the spoils on the beach. Though not current residents of Stevens Point, our family has recreated at the Iverson beach for almost 40 years...first with our daughters and now with our grandkids. The shallow depth of the river in this "wide spot" provides a perfect zero-depth entry for small children. We understand the concept of trying to prevent siltation of Mc Dill pond. But it appears there are other options. A similar silt trap was excavated just downstream of the Patch Street bridge. Does the City / Lake District have any data on the effectiveness of that project? Has it been regularly maintained? It appears that the Lake District has opted for the cheapest option for a proposed silt trap. .wide, a flat open place to put spoils, easy access.... The Iverson Beach option will disrupt and change a long standing recreation option for families with small children. If the City is open to allowing dredging within Iverson Park, why not consider a location less disruptive to existing recreation uses? A similar "wide spot" is located within the park at the first bend downstream of the Main Street bridge. Access is comparable to the "beach" area dredging proposed by the Lake District. Who will hold the State permit required for the dredging? Will dredged materials be analyzed for contamination? While we recognize that McDill pond is a valued recreational resource that has been degraded by siltation we oppose the Lake District's proposed plan as reported in the City Times. We encourage the City to review the impacts to recreational opportunities for families with small children that the proposed project would create. We would be interested in reviewing any more detailed planning documents as they become available.

Greetings, I am writing in regards to the proposed dredging at Iverson park. I am very much opposed to this. As a parent with young children, Iverson park is a wonderful place to take my children swimming that is shallow without any major depth changes. As a resident, I am also concerned with the ecological impact that happens along with dredging. Thank you for your time.

Tom, This is in regards to the proposed silt trap at Iverson Beach. Deepening the water would change the whole dynamic for use at the beach. Currently beach users consist primarily of families with small children, who do much more wading than swimming. The existing deeper sections can be used for some swimming and by the older siblings present. The proposal all but eliminates the beachfront wading area which makes it much less desirable for parents of small children. Maybe the use by families of older kids or other groups will increase, but regardless the user dynamic changes. I can only say that as my kids age we are increasingly busy and have less time for park usage and that was the way it was when I was growing up as well. Thank you for your time.

Re: Iverson swimming area dredging. Has the proposed dredging area sediment been properly tested for contaminants? I'm concerned resuspension of contaminated silt may create future problems. To date I have been unable to find any intelligent environmental studies shared by this association/district.

I am emailing in response to the information being communicated about changing the swimming area at Iverson. We live very near the park and frequent the beach. I believe that changing the depth would be to the detriment of the park. I also believe we will see many incidences of injury and potential drowning if the depths are increased. The beach and swimming area is most frequented by very young swimmers that would not navigate the depth changes well.

Mayor Wiza, Just wanted to let you know that my wife and I are against dredging Iverson. We enjoy taking our small children to the beach swimming and it's nice to have a place where the whole family can enjoy a shallow and safe place to cool down. As a side note, I lived on McDill pond for over 8 years and enjoyed it very much. What the pond residents (and most of my previous neighbors) don't realize is that McDill is a nutrient rich, artificial flowage. McDill will never be Dubay due to shallow depths, overfertilization, and abundance of invasive milfoil.

So the McDill Lake District "feels" a silt trap will work to save their impoundment. Do they have any scientific modeling to back up their feelings? How many cubic yards of sediment is currently washing down the Plover River? It seems that the proposed silt traps are relatively small compared to the storage capacity of the pond and would fill in quickly. Removal of the deposited material would need to occur often and probably be too costly to be practical. Other Lake Districts in the state have attempted this strategy before with expensive, but limited success. Further, why is dredging proposed at the beach area and not somewhere closer to the impoundment? In Iverson, the river is channelized and maintains a moderate flow rate, so it's highly unlikely that silt and sediment will settle. Instead, the sediment traps should be located near Patch Street where the flow velocity decreases and sediment can be deposited. The deep traps would instead create a more dangerous recreational area for the public, especially young children who often recreate here. Streams and rivers that transport sediment, like the Plover River, are poor sites for impoundments.

Good Afternoon Tom, I totally disagree with the creating a silt trap by dredging Iverson Beach. What nonsense this is and I am glad the City Times put the article in their paper. The beach is used by many families and individuals for swimming including myself. The current water depth makes it ideal for families. Honestly the McDill Lake District can take a hike.... and that is putting it nicely.

To Whom it May Concern, I have spent countless hours playing at Iverson Park as a child and as a mom to my 3 kids. I have amazing memories of crayfish hunting, building sand castles and playing frisbee at the beach. One of the things I love about Iverson is the shallow water at the beach area. It is a great place to bring young kids to explore the water without worrying about them getting over their heads. I would hate to lose this safe beach area. If the dredging needs to be done I would prefer to see it done away from the beach area.

This is the one place in Stevens Point where you can bring a young child, put a life vest on him or her and allow them to safely play in shallow water. I can understand a partial dredging, but make sure this remains a safe place for families to play. Increasing the water depths from 6" to 30" would make sense, because this is still shallow enough for kids to play and it would also benefit kayakers. Don't make something that families rely on for safe play in shallow water unsafe.

The Iverson beach is a fantastic place for kids to play because caregivers do not have to worry about depth. If the area was dredged, safety would become a concern for all ages. I do understand the importance of dredging and request that you consider an alternate location.

Why? There is already a diversion channel for high flows. Is there flooding occurring during spring run off or significant rain events? You should give a reason why this is being considered. This is perfect for families. Shallow non-scary areas for younger children and parents and a nice deeper faster moving area by the bridge and sheet piling. I guess I need more info, but as it stands I'm against the change and use of funds.

Re: Dredging at Iverson First off, I wonder if the proponents for this at McDill have actual data indicating that the dredging of sand at Iverson will in fact slow the accumulation of material downstream of HH. There's a lot of land in between Iverson and HH and it seems more likely that their source of sedimentation is closer rather than far away. Is there an actual model of the river pinpointing where there sediment comes from? Second, it seems a bit risky to put this new sediment trap at one of the more highly used and visited portions of the Iverson waterway. Having deep water introduces more chances for very young people to find themselves "in over their head". Having an area where new sediment is settling can/will also create conditions similar to "quicksand" where a person stepping into loosely settled sand finds it hard to get out. It seems that a project like this should consider the entire segment of the river from Jordan to McDill and (1) determine where sediment is actually originating and attenuate it as much as possible; (2) develop a list of possible sediment trap locations; (3) select best trap site option considering safety, cost, feasibility.

I feel this is a band-aid approach to a umbrella land use issue. Dredging as well as aquatic vegetation removal simply shouldn't be required because it should be a river not an impoundment. Frankly, if you dredge the swimming area it'll create an unsafe situation (deep flowing water) for all of the children. Also, If the lake owners want a deeper pond then they can pay for it but don't place this burden on anyone else...

Is the McDill Lake District proposing to pay for this? Or at least cost share? McDill Pond already has a silt trap by the railroad tracks...is this not effective? Why would one at Iverson be more effective? My hunch is because then the city would be paying for the dredging (at Iverson) instead of the District (at the railroad tracks). Kind of like how they got taxpayers to pay to repair their dam? I would like to see cost estimates as part of the public comment period. Whether or not to dredge depends much more on some of these things, not just resident opinions on whether they would like the water deeper or not.

We are strongly opposed to the dredging of Iverson Beach. This beach is shallow and a very popular beach for families with small children. Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of death for children. Iverson beach has always been a safe beach for us to take our 3 year old daughter to. Many young children enjoy walking from one side of the river bank to the other, and downstream a bit looking for crawfish. Iverson beach is also very popular with our friends who have small children. I would guess that in the 70's when this beach was last dredged this area had a life guard on duty as most beaches with shelters like Iverson beach had. So unless the city is willing to employ life guards from sun up to sun down, we would no longer be able to enjoy this local beach.

I take my three and six-year-olds to Iverson as one of our favorite summer hang-outs. I'm unsure of what issues might be arising with the current water depths and don't see a need to do any dredging, although maybe there's something I'm not understanding. At it's broadest width, directly off the beach, the depth is great for tossing and diving after a frisbee on days when there aren't too many people around...

I'll assume many people (hopefully) will be commenting about the fact that very young and/or nonswimming children will be very much at risk with deeper water at Iverson Park. Therefore, I would like to add that when we go there we've always noticed that most of the young families and teens there are driving used Civics, not Escalades—if you get my drift. Let's not let one of our community gems available to them also be a place where potential tragedy always looms. The decision strikes me as a no-brainer.

Hello, We have been coming to Iverson park for my entire life strictly for swimming. Such fond memories swimming and looking at cray fish. As a current mother of a two year old, I wouldn't dream of taking my son swimming anywhere else. This is the only place in Portage county I am comfortable taking my child and future children swimming. If the dredging were to occur, I would no longer feel comfortable bringing my children there due to water depth. It would be unfortunate circumstances to stop visiting there.

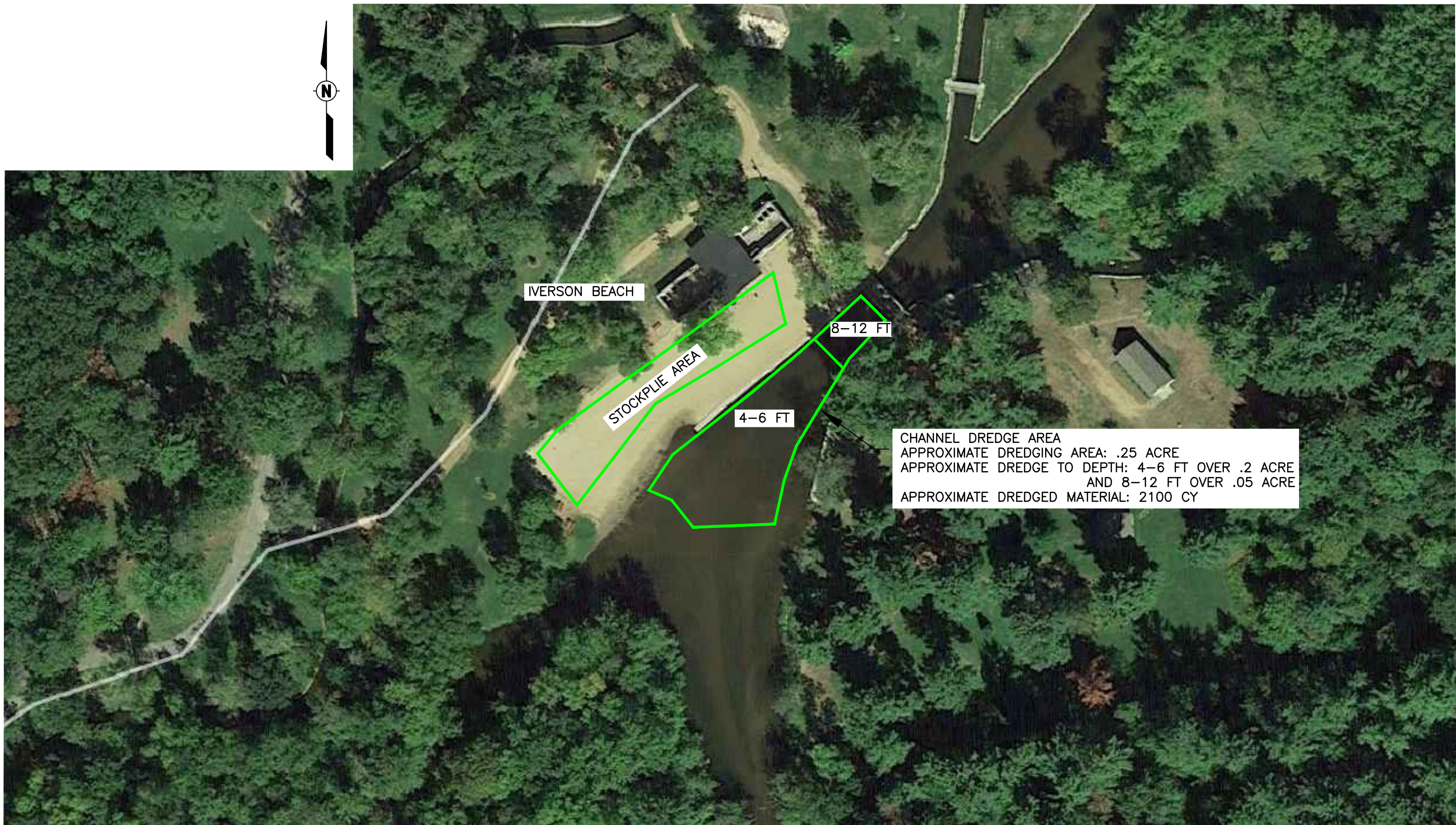
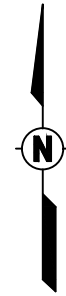
There is already an engineered silt trap on both sides of the patch street bridge that is not only more accessible for dredging, it was designed as such. The reason you can't tell they exist, it's due to the fact they haven't been maintained and dredged... what a concept!

This doesn't even make sense based on the Lake Association's goals. Look at it this way: 1. Their goal is to save money on dredging in the pond, which they routinely do in certain areas of specific concern like the narrow channels on the west side. 2. To do that, they intend to dig silt trap upstream. 3. Ignore the question of whether the silt trap will work, and presume it does. 4. Dredge out a volume of material, let's call that volume X. 5. Because we assume it will work, that dredged out area begins accumulating sediment, thereby preventing it from moving downstream. 5. Eventually, the silt trap will have accumulated a volume of X, and you're back where you started. 6. During that time, had the volume of X sediment moved downstream instead of being trapped, some amount of it would have been deposited in places that are not troublesome to the Lake Association. 7. So, once the silt trap has filled back in, the amount of avoided siltation in the areas important to the Association is less than the amount that was dredged at Iverson. X amount of dredging allowed the Association to avoid an amount of dredging that is $<X$. Therefore, it would be more cost effective to just dredge the areas of concern directly. Moreover, this ignores the fact that the dredging operation itself will massively silt load the water moving downstream toward the pond.

Hi Tom, I am emailing you to express our concerns with the dredging and implications on the Iverson beach area. Each summer the children from our program visit Iverson for swimming, cray fishing, etc. As there is no lifeguard in place, I would be concerned going forward in sending our children there for field trips. The children range in age from 4 years old to 12 years old. While I do think there are solutions to the concern I bring forth, I hope consideration is made to things such as this in either direction the project moves in. Thank you.

Iverson beach has been a family-friendly area for our children and grandchildren for nearly fifty years. The shallow water makes it safe for young children to enjoy the river. Making the swimming area deeper, as proposed, could create a potentially dangerous situation for young swimmers.

I think that dredging would disrupt the fundamental way in which people use the park, swimming. I think that making it deeper would be dangerous and risky for families that swim in this area. Perhaps dredging could take place in Jordan pond instead as I believe this is where a large amount of the sediment comes from.




IVERSON BEACH

STOCKPILE AREA

4-6 FT

8-12 FT

CHANNEL DREDGE AREA
APPROXIMATE DREDGING AREA: .25 ACRE
APPROXIMATE DREDGE TO DEPTH: 4-6 FT OVER .2 ACRE
AND 8-12 FT OVER .05 ACRE
APPROXIMATE DREDGED MATERIAL: 2100 CY

<p>MCDILL LAKE PHASE 1 PLANNING AND PERMITTING</p>		<p>IVERSON BEACH DREDGING LOCATION</p>
<p>MCDILL INLAND LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN</p>	<p>GEI Project 1800414</p>	<p>JUNE, 2018 FIG. 3</p>

Current Parks, Rec & Forestry Price Struture

PROGRAM	RES/NON /UNIVER	CURRENT 2018 Prices	PROPOSED 2019 Prices	PROPOSED 2020 Prices	PROPOSED 2021 Prices	PROPOSED 2022 Prices
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS						
Adult Tennis	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Adult Tennis	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Youth Tennis	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Youth Tennis	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Adult Tennis Leag	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Adult Tennis Leag	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Nature Camp	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Nature Camp	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Sport Camp	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Sport Camp	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Suumer Play	u	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Fun/Mother Natr	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Fun/Mother Natr	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Kiddie Korner	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Kiddie Korner	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Summer Playground	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
K.B. WILLETT ARENA						
Public Skating: Tues & Thurs / Sat & Sun	U	\$3.00/\$3.50	\$3.00/\$3.50	\$3.00/\$3.50	\$3.50/\$4.00	\$3.50/\$4.00
Open Freestyle	U	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Open Hockey	U	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Individual Pass	U	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Family Pass	U	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00
10 Use Fee	U	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Tot 1-3	R	31.00-46.50	33.00-48.50	33.00-48.50	35.00-50.50	35.00-50.50
Tot 1-3	N	41.00-56.50	43.00-58.50	43.00-58.50	45.00-60.50	45.00-60.50
Pre Alpha	R	33.00-49.00	35.00-51.00	35.00-51.00	37.00-53.00	37.00-53.00
Pre Alpha	N	43.00-59.00	45.00-61.00	45.00-61.00	47.00-63.00	47.00-63.00
Alpha	R	33.00-49.00	35.00-51.00	35.00-51.00	37.00-53.00	37.00-53.00
Alpha	N	43.00-59.00	45.00-61.00	45.00-61.00	47.00-63.00	47.00-63.00
Beta	R	37.00-52.50	39.00-54.50	39.00-54.50	41.00-56.50	41.00-56.50
Beta	N	47.00-62.50	49.00-64.50	49.00-64.50	51.00-66.50	51.00-66.50
Gamma	R	37.00-52.50	39.00-54.50	39.00-54.50	41.00-56.50	41.00-56.50
Gamma	N	47.00-62.50	49.00-64.50	49.00-64.50	51.00-66.50	51.00-66.50
Delta	R	37.00-52.50	39.00-54.50	39.00-54.50	41.00-56.50	41.00-56.50
Delta	N	47.00-62.50	49.00-64.50	49.00-64.50	51.00-66.50	51.00-66.50
Freestyle 1-4	R	37.00-52.50	39.00-54.5	39.00-54.5	41.00-56.50	41.00-56.50
Freestyle 1-4	N	47.00-62.50	49.00-64.50	49.00-64.50	51.00-66.50	51.00-66.50
Adult	R	37.00-52.50	39.00-54.50	39.00-54.50	41.00-56.50	41.00-56.50
Adult	N	47.00-62.50	49.00-64.50	49.00-64.50	51.00-66.50	51.00-66.50
Artistic/Power/Moves	R	72.50-90.00	74.50-92.00	74.50-92.00	76.50-94.00	76.50-94.00
Artistic/Power/Moves	N	82.50-100.00	84.50-102.00	84.50-102.00	86.50-104.00	86.50-104.00
Stars on Ice I & II	R	37.00-77.50	39.00-79.50	39.00-79.50	41.00-81.50	41.00-81.50
Stars on Ice I & II	N	67.00-87.50	49.00-89.50	49.00-89.50	51.00-91.50	51.00-91.50
Open Freestyle Less	R	72.50-137.00	74.50-139.00	74.50-139.00	76.50-141.00	76.50-141.00
Open Freestyle Less	N	82.50-147.00	84.00-149.00	84.00-149.00	86.00-151.00	86.00-151.00
Power Skating	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Power Skating	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Hockey Clinic	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Hockey Clinic	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Skate Rental	U	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Ice Rental - Prim	U	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$165.00
Ice Rental - Sec	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Ice Rental - Ter	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Non-City Ice Fee	N	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Arena Exhibition Fee	U	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Summer Ice Rate	U	*180.00/hr	*180.00/hr	*180.00/hr	*185.00/hr	*185.00/hr
Game Rate UWSP	U	\$1031.00	\$1031.00	\$1075.00	\$1075.00	\$1075.00
Game Rate SPASH	U	\$719.00	\$719.00	\$745.00	\$745.00	\$745.00
Game Rate JR B Teams	U	\$674.00	\$674.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Game Rate Red Panthers/JV Girls	U	\$501.00	\$501.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00

* Based on a 12 hour per day minimum

** Game rate includes ice rental fee and cleanup costs

***Learn to skate prices vary depending on length of session

COPPS SWIMMING POOL

Ages 0 - 3	U	free	free	free	free	free
Ages 4 - adult	U	\$3.00/\$2.00*	\$3.00/\$2.00*	\$3.00/\$2.00*	\$3.50/\$2.50*	\$3.50/\$2.50*
Individual Pass	R	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$ 75.00	\$80.00	\$80.00

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* \$3.00 is for all day/\$2.00 for evening session/3 & under free

PROGRAM	RES/NON /UNIVER	CURRENT 2018 Prices	PROPOSED 2019 Prices	PROPOSED 2020 Prices	PROPOSED 2021 Prices	PROPOSED 2022 Prices
COPPS SWIMMING POOL						
Individual Pass	N	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
Family Pass	R	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
Family Pass	N	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$140.00	\$140.00
1-50 Rental	U	\$85.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
51-100 Rental	U	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
101-500 Rental	U	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Teen Nite	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Swim Lessons	R	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Swim Lessons	N	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
WINTER RECREATION						
Basketball Team Fee	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Basketball Indivd	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Basketball Instruc	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Volleyball Team Fee	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Volleyball Indivd	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Volleyball Instruc	U	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered	not offered
Outdoor Skating	U					
Lodge Rental >50	U	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$170.00
Lodge Rental 51-100	U	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$190.00
Lodge Rental 101>	U	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$210.00
Toboggan Rental	U	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
FOOTBALL/TRACK RENTAL						
Football-UWSP *	U	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$925.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
Football-High School *	U	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$925.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
Football-Jr. High, Spoh, JV, 7th & 8th Grade	U	\$395.00	\$395.00	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
Football-State/Conf. **	U	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$1600.00	\$1600.00
Soccer: Varsity/JV & Lacross(only field & scoreboard)	U	\$875/\$450	\$875/\$450	\$900/\$475	\$900/\$475	\$900/\$475
Lighting	U	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Track Practice Fee	U	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Track Team Meet Fee ***	U	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Track State/Conf	U	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Stadium rental	U	\$115.00/hr	\$115.00/hr	\$120.00/hr	\$120.00/hr	\$120.00/hr
Practise rental for contributors	U	\$25.00/hr	\$25.00/hr	\$30.00/hr	\$30.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
* Add .05/student to Football Fee & \$1/ paid admission stadium fee						
** plus additional site prep costs to prepare stadium/field						
*** Track meet fee is per team plus staff costs						
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL						
Bukolt/Mon-Fri	U	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$120.00
Sat-Sun & After hrs	U	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$120.00
Iverson&Zenoff/Mon-Fri	U	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Sat-Sun & After hrs	U	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Lights	U	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Drying materials*	U	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
* Drying materials is based on our cost						
# SPSA,SPYBA,SPYGSA,Legion use the diamonds at no charge						
## Add staff costs to Sat. & Sun rental fees						
RECREATION MISC.						
Boat Slip Rental	R	\$575.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$625.00
Boat Slip Rental	N	\$675.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$725.00	\$725.00
Covered Slip	U	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
Public Beaches	U					
Non-Resident Fee	NON	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Gym Rental	U	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Lodge Rental-Bukt/Pfiff/ArtC	U	\$195.00	\$215.00	\$225.00	\$235.00	\$235.00
Lodge Rental-Boy Scout	U	\$165.00	\$185.00	\$195.00	\$205.00	\$205.00
Lodge Rental-All-Purp	U	\$195.00	\$215.00	\$225.00	\$235.00	\$235.00
Lodge Rental-Girl Sct	U	\$155.00	\$175.00	\$185.00	\$195.00	\$195.00
Room Rental	U	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Bandshell Rental	U	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
*Picnic table rental	U	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Mobile Concession per month	U	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
*max. of 20 tables						

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