

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House 1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Daniel Cortte, Brian Gallagher, Travis Kadow, Erin Lamal, Robert Reed Jr., Jason Scharping, Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Adam Wachowski-Council Rep, Scott Stechmesser-Council Rep

PRESENT
Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Council Rep Scott Stechmesser
Brian Gallagher
Jason Scharping
Dorothy Tinkham Delo

ABSENT Robert Reed Erin Lamal Travis Kadow Daniel Cortte

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jason Scharping, Seconded by Brian Gallagher.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Veterans - Flag Burning question - looking for alternative locations. Meeting 8/12/2024 was held with Buckley, Mathis, and Dekok and some progress has been made.

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each)

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

Dogs at beach - while the current policies are a bit confusing, it is still covering what needs to be from a policy standpoint. Simplifying the language is not going to make the public follow the rules. More police patrolling of the beach, continued sharing of the map on Facebook could help, it was also added to the Parks & Rec website if people are googling the question.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Parks and Open Space Planning - survey & open house results.

ARB has reviewed the survey results and discussed the associated comments (attached). Unfortunately, there was no attendance at the Open House intended for community feedback. It's important to note that the Parks and Open Space Plan is a long-term initiative, and there are currently no funds allocated for its implementation. The dead trees at Washington Park will be addressed.

Motion to approve the Parks & Open Space Plan with amendment to remove the RC track at Picnic Hill was made by Dorothy Tinkham Delo, and seconded by Jason Scharping.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Program and Event Updates

Website Updates - added new Community House tab with sub-sections: Fitness Center, Shelter Rentals, Facility Rentals (Behringer Room, Koska Room, Gymnasium), Open Gym, Splash Pad, Ice Skating Loop, and Farmers Market. Forestry tab has also been updated and will eventually include a link to the tree condition inventory report.

Two Rivers Water Trail Facebook page - permissions given to Mike Mathis & Joe Metzen. Parks has now absorbed those trails.

Program Updates - Completed Girls Softball, Boys Baseball, 4k Tball, & 5-6 yr old Tball detailed updates in the attached slideshow. The programs have come a long way since Kenny Shillcox took over. Great job Kenny! Other completed programs include Swimming lessons at TRHS through the Summer school program, Tennis, & Golf Camp. FREE family events "Kids Night", "Chalk it Up", "Family Night", and "Gone Fishing". It has been a very busy summer!

Event Updates - It has been a very busy summer with many events including Senior Center 70th Anniversary Party, Concerts in the Park, Downtown Friday Night Series, and Bands on the Beach, 20 regular Farmers Market Members, & 4th of July. Plus all the other events that we don't put on but have a part in including Cool River Boat Show, Latino Americano Event, Bryan Lee Day, Fish Derby, Schmitt Family Reunion, Snow fest, Scenic Shore Bike Tour, and Great Bike Giveaway. More details on everything can be found in the attached ARB slideshow.

B. Parks and Facilities Updates

Paddlers Park - There is a lot of kayaking and fishing that takes place out of this park. Some improvements that are needed would be planting native tall grasses to deter the geese, pave the kayak launch. LNRP Grant will help with the costs, and help has been offered by both EAB and Rotary. See attached ARB slideshow for details.

Zander Park - Fall improvements include a water spigot for the dog park, and possible shaded area. Nature Playground improvements have been made including a nature playground, Story walk, puppet stand, and games. Zander Park is a very wet area and native planting have been

placed in the wetland areas with some turf grass where the landscape allows. Please see ARB slideshow for pictures.

Golf Simulator - Updated Golf Simulator with Multi-Sport package hopeful to launch at end of September.

Disc Golf Course - There is a big disc golf tournament that will be coming to Manitowoc County. Explore Two Rivers funding for signage to indicate that there is a disc golf course located at Picnic Hill. Work will be done making more permanent t-boxes. We are hoping to have many volunteers to help get the course fixed this fall as well as future upkeep. There use to be a dedicated group that took care of the Disc Golf Course and trying to get that going again.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

None

10. NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2024 at 6pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Brian Gallagher, Seconded by Council Rep Scott Stechmesser.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Hooper

Parks & Recreation Office Manager





May 1st to September 30th, 10:00 am - 11:00 pr

a. Leashed dogs are permitted from 6:00 an Neshotah Beach.

Parks and Open Space Plan

- Thoughts and suggestions?
- Next Steps
 - Public Comment Window
 - City Council Approval

Program and Event Updates - Website

- Forestry
- Community house, rentals, splash pad
- Twin Rivers Water Trail
- https://www.two-rivers.org/

Program and Event Updates -June/July GIRLS SOFTBALL

- We had a total of 74 girls playing softball this summer. We had two teams at each level.
- All the girls' softball teams competed in the Manitowoc Youth Baseball Association (MYBA) throughout the summer. We saw great improvement by all our teams the the year. The girls' softball teams also competed in the MYBA end of the year to We had 5 teams in the tournament that placed in the top four.
 - Two Rivers Purple Ponytail team 1st place.
 - Two Rivers Gold Ponytail team 2nd place.
 - Two Rivers Gold Single A team 4th place.
 - Two Rivers Gold Double A team 1st place.
 - Two Rivers Purple Double A team 4th place.

Girl's teams that played softball this summer.

Ponytail (Grades 1-2) Two Rivers Gold Team and Two Rivers Purple Team Single A (Grades 3-4) Two Rivers Gold Team and Two Rivers Purple Team Double A (Grades 5-6) Two Rivers Gold Team and Two Rivers Purple Team

We had a total of 68 boys playing baseball this summer. We had two teams at each All the boy's baseball teams competed in the Manitowoc County Youth Baseball Le summer. Our teams also competed in an end of the year tournament. We didn't have teams that placed in the top four, but we did see a great improvement in their de throughout the year. Great job!

Boy's baseball teams that played this summer.

Peanuts (7–8-year-olds) Two Rivers Gold Team and Two Rivers Purple Team Peewee (9–11-year-olds) Two Rivers Gold Team and Two Rivers Purple Team Pony (12–14-year-olds) Port Sandy Bay Team and Krajnik Chevrolet Team

4k T-ball

This is a new program that had 39 kids participate in learning the basics of baseb improvement and development of these young boys and girls over 6 weeks was g

5-6-year-old T-ball

We had 51 kids participate in our program. We split into 6 teams and practiced ar games weekly. Again, great improvement by all the kids throughout the summer.









Concerts in the Park -

- (7/11) Erin Krebs Jazz quartet West Central Park (300 people)
- (7/18) Two Rivers Comm Band Frank Sinatra (100 people)
- (7/21) Lakeshore Wind Ensemble West Central Park (250 people)
- (7/25) Manitowoc Marine Band Central Park (200 people)

Downtown Friday Night Series -

(7/19) - West Central Park - Glo and Joe (300 people)

Bands on The Beach –

- (7/7) Stephen Cooper and the Nobody Famous Band Rotary Pavilion (450
- (7/14) Panchromatic Steel Rotary Pavilion (600 people)

Program and Event Updates –

- June/July
 Swimming at TRHS second session (July 8th July 12th) (July 15th July 19th) (55 people)
- Tennis (July 9,11,16,18) 4 kids, Neshotah Tennis Courts
- Golf Camp July 22,23,25th) Eastwin Golf Course (11 kids)
- Kids Night (July 9 Chalk it up at Washington Park) 120 kids
- Family Night July 30 at Washington Park (90 kids)



- Concessions Net Revenue for the month of July was about \$17,721.
- Farmers Market 20 regular farmers market members this year in East Park
- Events -
 - 4th of July (community sponsored event) Walsh Field (3000 people)
 - Cool River Classic Boat Show (July 6) Paddlers Park (200 people)
 - July 12-13th Latino-Americano Event Neshotah Beach (1200 people)
 - Bryan Lee Day (July 13th) East Central Park (Organizer: Main Street)
 - Kiwanis Fish Derby (July 20th 21st) Walsh Field (Organizer: TR Kiwanis Club
 - Schmitt Family Reunion (July 20th) West Central Park (Organizer: Schmitt Fam
 - Snow fest (July 26-28) Neshotah Park (organizer: friends of snow fest)
 - July 28th Scenic Shore Bike Tour Neshotah Beach (Organizer: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society)
 - July 31st Great Bike giveaway Walsh field (Organizer: TR Optimist Club)









Program and Event Updates - Upcoming



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 15 - 23

THURSDAY AUGUST 15

Concerts in the Park: Two
Rivers Community Band
"Highlights of 2024"
Central Park West 6 PM – 8 PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 16

Downtown Friday Night Live: Nettle Hill Central Park West 7 PM - 9 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST

Bands on the Beach: Road Trip Neshotah Beach 5:30 PM -8:30 PM

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AUGUST 23

Downtown Friday Night Live: Suzie & the Detonators Central Park West 7 PM - 9 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

Bands on the Beach: Big Mouth & the Power Tool Horns Neshotah Beach 2 PM - 6 PM

THURSDAY AUGUST 29

Concerts in the Park: The Work Central Park West 6 PM – 8 PM



Paddle-Palooza Event - Sept. 14,



Woodland Dunes Wildflower Outdoors Manitowoc County Soil and Water **NOAA Shipwreck Sanctuary** Friends of Point Beach Two Rivers High School Fishing Club Manitowoc Maritime Museum Master Gardeners - Extension Camp Tapawingo USCG-Auxilary Flotilla 47-03 Glacier Land Resource Conservation and Development Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers Friends of the Twin Rivers Watershed







Parks and Facilities Updates

- Stangel's Tree Service removing dead street trees
- Vet's docks extended
- Washington Park playground equipment installed
- Set-up and clean-up for many events
- Removed dead ash trees along Mariners Trail
- Washington Park path sealed
- Vietnam wood chips
- Neshotah playground fixes
- New scoreboards installed at Vietnam
- 17th St. Senior Center doors replaced
- Rotating Adirondack chair at beach



Beach Warning System





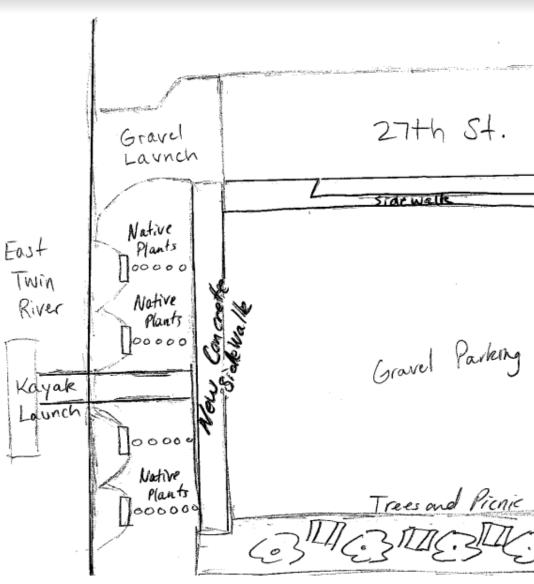
Paddlers Park Shoreline Improvements – LNRP Grant





Paddlers Park Shoreline Improvements - LNRP





Zander Dog Park – Fall Improvements



Golf Simulator

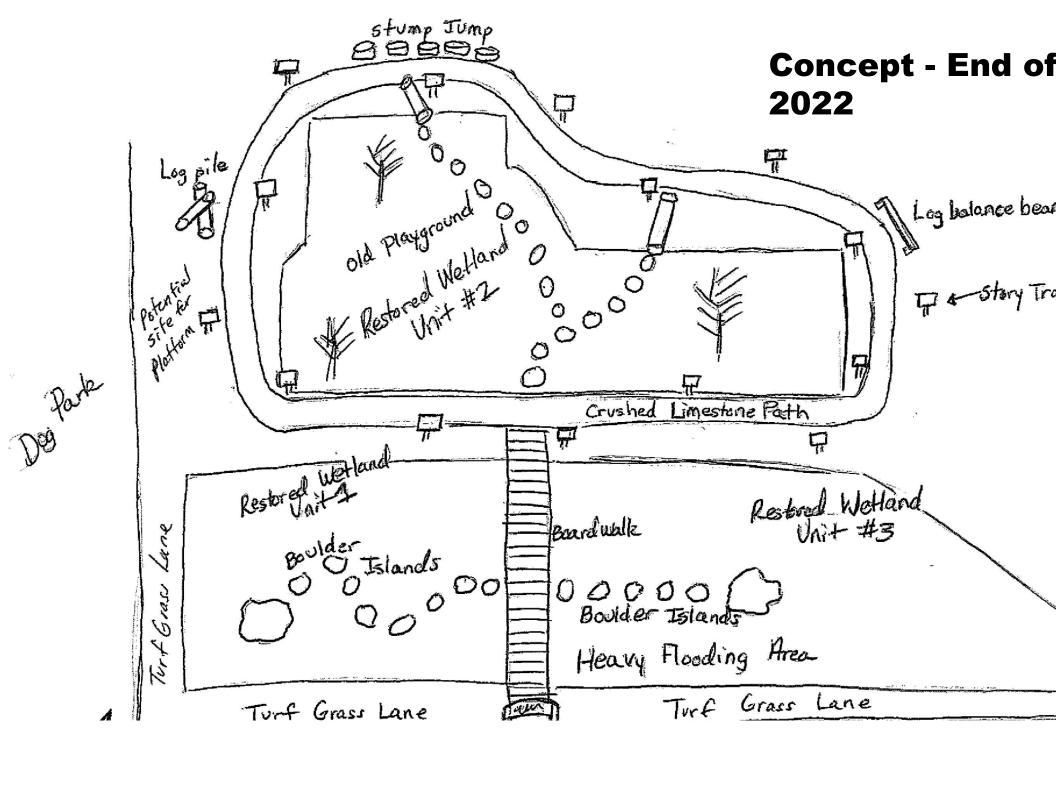


Disc Golf Course

















WELCOME to the STORYWALK®

We hope you and your little ones experience much joy in the coming years as you hop, skip, jump, or dreamily meander along this path.

StoryWalk® is a way for children and adults to enjoy reading and being outdoors.

Follow the path and read the story together.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Do the activities—and make up your own. Be **ACTIVE!**

Promote literacy through **PLAY** (because that's the **BEST** way to learn!).

As you **read** and **play**, **talk** about the sights around you. **Listen** to the sounds. **Smell** the smells. **Touch** objects to note the textures.

It's our job as adults to teach children about plants, rocks, sticks, trees, water, and all things that creep, crawl, scamper and fly; to instill in them **love** for the land, lake and sky; and to maximize **WONDER** for our wildly unique place in the world.

Funding for this project:

In early 2023, the Lester Public Library Foundation was the recipient of the West Foundation's \$50,000 Directors'
Choice Imagining Grant as "a non-profit agency that designs a program or service focused on the arts, culture, or environment in Manitowoc County."

The StoryWalk® project promotes early literacy and environmental awareness in partnership with the City of Two Rivers Parks & Recreation Department and Woodland Dunes Nature Center & Preserve. Grant funds were utilized to not only erect the StoryWalk® structures, but to restore a large portion of Zander Park to the wetland it once was, with a raised boardwalk and natural play features added.

Thanks to the **West Foundation**, the new StoryWalks® are here along the library path and at Zander Park for all to enjoy!

















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Tell us your thoughts on the full draft of the Park and Open Space plan. What parts of the plan do you like? Is anything missing? Are there any community needs that are not addressed?

Definite updates to the Library Park the bridge has been broken for years and the park is always in use.Zander Park has always been mosquito park great start but needs more.Would love to see updates and definitely an affordable community pool with better hours than Manitowoc.

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I can see updating central park east, but nothing to crazy. It looks nice the way it is. How is all of this going to be paid for?

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Hamilton/Eggers old property on Jefferson Street - improve parking lot Promote it as a kite flyers park.

No tree planting, keep it an open space for kite flying, playing football, playing catch, Running with dogs- these kinds of things that an open space is needed. Think about having the car show in that space instead of closing Washington Street.

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This seems like an amazing plan. I am wondering about the idea of a public pool/aquatic center. I know that was tossed around when the swim club closed. I know there was a committee formed, but I feel like it wasn't discussed at all in here.

I absolutly love the Beach/Lake Michigan, but it really would be a great addition to have a true community pool. The swim club always felt exclusive, but if we have a pool run by the city I think it would be an absolutly great addition. It doesn't need to be a huge thing like the Manitowoc aquatic center, but just a nice outdoor pool that has a shallow end where young kids can learn to swim. Maybe a small slide.

Since the North side is lacking parks one od the area's you mentioned for a North Side park could make a great location.

In addition to the Beach and splash pad we would be set for kids, families, and adults of legitimatly all ages. The beach is not an apprpriate place to learn to swim. There is a serious lack of places for swim lessons. I had my daugter signed up for lessons at the HS this winter and they were cancled last minute due to schduling conflicts. The Y lessons fill up almost as soon as the classes open so yoy pretty much need to be

member to get into them since members get early acess to booking classes.

The HS needs the pool for their own things/teams so I really thinking opening a outdoor community pool can fill a need in our area:)

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I think the plan is amazing and has covered all of the valuable amenities.

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The plans look great. However, until the current problems are addressed, seems incorrect to move forward with plans that would only increase the current problems. Jets skis are a wonderful fun activity. But when they are being allowed to be where all the swimmers are at the beach, they are a huge danger. So many close calls with swimmers almost being hit because the jet skis seem to think they own the water. The dogs. Too many people not cleaning up after their dogs. It is disgusting to dig in the sand only to find poop. Or vacate vehicle only to find you have stepped in poop left in the parking lot. Restrooms. On the 4th of July, yes, long line at the restroom right by the beach, but 50 yards down the beautiful cement path, and a huge restroom, completely empty. My family and I go to Neshota Beach all the time, maybe parking is an issue, but address your current problems before trying to add more people into the mix.

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Exercise equipment at parks like manitowoc has in washington & lower schuette park would be awesome

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The city needs growth , tax payers can't afford all the fancy jewelry stop bleeding us!

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Tell us your thoughts on the full draft of the Park and Open Space plan. What parts of the plan do you like? Is anything missing? Are there any community needs that are not addressed?

Instead of developing whole new parks (like at the swim club right next to Magee????), an investment in what we have would make the most sense. Zanders has been without equipment for years, and Neshotah gets more. Seems sketchy.

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Tell us your thoughts on the full draft of the Park and Open Space plan. What parts of the plan do you like? Is anything missing? Are there any community needs that are not addressed?

Dead trees in Washington Park should be removed. Big pile of dirt eyesore by southeast walking trail should be addressed and removed. Sweep walking trail in the Park and river walk to remove geese debris more than once a week.

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You have a park that was a golf course. It's not city owned, but a non-profit. You have to comply with noxious weed ordinance as weeds are everywhere. So are fleas, ticks, gnats. Wasps and hornets are terrible. Mosquitoes, too. We used to look out our window onto a well maintained golf course view, and now concerned about weeds four feet high, without a fire break to our homes and neighbor's homes. Could City of Two Rivers handle a fire, if that acreage were to burn? Non profit must be overwhelmed with no maintenance in place.

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It would be helpful to have map inserts for each of the areas under discussion in the plan so that people reviewing it could understand what is actually being considered. The combined map following the descriptions is good, but a map colocated with each description would be more beneficial.

The Eggers River Walk could be used as a connector between the Ice Age Trail segment (that currently appears to run between Park Road at the south end of Point Beach State Forest and the northern start of Martiner's Trail) and the segment that ends at the intersection of 12th and Columbus Streets. This dovetails with the trail system goal. Crossing Memorial Drive in this area is undesirable since, despite the 25 mph speed limit, it appears rare for northbound vehicles to be traveling under 35 mph (and I would not be in favor of speed bumps or a stop sign).

Still disappointed that the Community Center eliminated the racquetball courts and replaced them with the golf simulator. A paddle ball court would likely have been more in demand (though sufficient space appears lacking).

"Diverse Recreational Amenities" appears to be an overused term for each park area and both dilutes and renders this goal meaningless. Diversity in recreational amenities is appropriately achieved by having numerous and diverse facility areas, with each park area offering its unique strengths (e.g., swimming at Neshotah Beach, boating at Paddler's Park, etc.). Trying to have every park be everything is likely to result in no park excelling at anything. Swimming or disc golf at the cemeteries would not be practical. Focus on the strengths of each park area.

A second dog park is desperately needed due to the appearances of impromptu dog parks throughout the city.

The various goals appear to need prioritization.

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This plan is completely missing the National Scenic Ice Age Trail, which enters the city on the north from Point Beach along Park Road and continues into Neshotah Park. This oversight should be addressed and this trail incorporated into the plan (connecting it to the planned trail system).

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Thank you for the thoughtful hard work that went into the plan.

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I wish we had a big enclosed rentable building.

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Regarding the unnamed extension of Neshotah Beach, under the "cons", you should definitely mention that the beach, for all practical purposes, is non-existent when Lake Michigan water level is high. That consideration should lead one to hesitate when considering additional investment in the site. We should avoid pretending the current water level will continue indefinitely.

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We have enough parks.

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All the ideas sound great, but where is the funding going to come from? Someone in city government has to have a more realistic vision of what can be done! I've lived in TR most of my life, and have watched many senseless projects that did not come from community input. We lost half the parking on 45th street for the bike lanes that are seldom used.

Central park west was another waste of money. A splash pond that's seldom used. A synthetic ice rink, that has the WORST ice surface that I've ever been on. That's probably the reason there's so little use. Less green space, less seating area and a smaller stage.

Tennis courts have declined in number over the years. No tennis courts on the north side. LB Clarke has a tennis team, but it's courts were removed and now students have to be bused to the high school.

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The plan is pretty comprehensive and visionary(like the New North-End Park and Trail, C&N Railroad Corridor, Fisher-Hamilton Site). There are lots of potential projects and priorities will need to be set for funding and implementation.

My concerns about Picnic Hill Park proposals(p.19):

Putting a RC car racetrack there is not a compatible use with preserving the wooded, natural condition of the park, unless it is located on the flat area northeast of Walsh Field, currently being used for a dumpster and storage of park trailers, etc.

However, this area is about the only good place for a parking lot to provide access to Picnic Hill Park. It would require a trail to be developed off the Rawley Point Trail further east to ascend a less steep portion of the hill to enter the park. The previous access trail to Picnic Hill off Sandy Bay Highlands was abandoned at the request of adjacent property owners on the cul-de-sac. The access from the west near the water tower has no parking currently, although perhaps a few spaces could be created for parallel parking on the south side of the road there.

The roadway in Picnic Hill functions as a walking trail, and people can also use the disc golf pathways to explore other areas. Further trails will damage the wildflowers which are a unique feature of the park in springtime. Some encroachment into the edge of the park by homeowners in the adjacent Sandy Bay Highlands needs to be monitored.

RC car folks are currently using the parking lots and rock pile area at Neshotah Park for their hobby, and could also use Riverside Park.

Some better promotion of the Coast Guard Park and North Pier Beach with signage at Neshotah Park and on 17th Street near the drawbridge may help relieve some of the pressure and parking issues at Neshotah during the summer. The gravel parking lot there is fine and now there is a Beach Hazard Warning sign there.

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My name is Lee Mueller. I live in Wauwatosa but born and raised in TR. Still have 2 brothers living there.

I'm writing not to comment onevway or the other on the survey results but to ask the some sort of signage be created to commemorate the existence of Washington High School at the corner of 27th and Washington.

The area of the "new" Washington Park sits on what for 70 some years was the old high school bowl. Football games and track meets were contested there.

The area now occupied by the townhouses is where the school building and after 1966 the physical ed building Sat.

Thousands of kids, including myself used these facilities. Thanks to Carl and Chris Liebich the old ticket building was saved from destruction, but how many people living in TR even know what used to occupy that site.

I believe some kind of historical signage should be created to tell this story. In the grand scheme of things I would not think it would break a budget.

Thanks for your consideration.