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NOTICE OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: December 20, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Washburn City Hall

This meeting may have members participating via tele or web conferencing.

Public participants can listen to the proceedings on-line at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89265179952?pwd=bVJHdEJHbnFGQmxHaHdNTThCM3BaZz09> or by calling 888-788-0099 (Toll-free) and entering Mtg ID: 892 6517 9952 and Passcode: 122022. Limited seating will be available.

Agenda:

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of the November 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Updates from Public Works Department & City Administration
- Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant
- Update of Pump Track Development and Funding
- Discussion & Action on Concept Development Planning for Lakeshore Parkway
- Adjournment

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, other governmental bodies including the Common Council of the City of Washburn are in attendance at the above meeting. No action will be taken by any governmental body other than the Parks Committee.

November 15, 2022

City of Washburn Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

5:30 PM

Washburn City Hall and Virtual

Members Present:

Jennifer Maziasz (Council Rep), Angel Croll, Jamie Cook

Municipal Personnel Present:

Tony Janisch, Asst. City Administrator, Gerald Schuette, Director of Public Works

Absent:

Jeremy Oswald, Erika Lang

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM. Three (3) of Five (5) members are present; quorum is recognized.

Approval of October 26, 2022 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes -

Motion made to approve Parks Committee minutes of October 26, 2022 by Cook, second by Maziasz. Minutes approved unanimously.

Updates from Public Works Department - Public Works Director Gerry Schuette & Asst. Administrator Tony Janisch provided the following updates:

- A new water main was installed at Memorial Park.
- Both campground lift stations have been winterized.
- At the Athletic Field sand delivered for baseball diamond, electric upgrade at dugout, paving complete at ice rink area.
- A meeting occurred with Deb Terry, the Mayor and the City Administrator to discuss ways to fund playground replacement at Thompson's West End Park.
- At City Council meeting the night prior, a motion was passed to approve campground expansion at the Overflow Area and to send the Open Field site back to the Parks Committee for further conceptual development and to report back to Council at the March meeting.

Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal

Management Grant – Janisch presented a draft of the Walking Trail entrance sign was shared with the full committee. Suggested changes are 1. Mark trail as dots or dash, 2. add parking icon at athletic fields. Signs to be erected at Washington Ave and Marina with the new grant and the main signage photo will change picture perspective to match location of sign.

Discussion and Action of mowing procedures and locations outlined in the Walking Trail Land Management Plan

- Lang provided comments in an email that was read aloud to the Committee. Kliver shared thoughts on the agreement with the Condo owners for viewshed maintenance, ie mowing. Discussion on defining "walking trail" versus "green space" and re-examining at next review/update of the management plan in 2023.

Motion was made by Cook to open the floor for Public Comment; second by Croll. Motion carried.

Roth Edwards, 221 W 6th St., stated the management plan should be revisited the area in front of the condos; he apologized for his tone during the public comment period at the October 26th meeting; he encourages the use of a city-wide survey regarding the management plan.

Discussion & Action on updating the Walking Trail Management Plan and preparing Memorial Park Campground Development Plan – The decision was made to delay topic until March or the completion of the City Council task.

Motion by Croll to close the floor to Public Comment; second by Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm

Angel Croll
Secretary, Parks Committee

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To: Parks Committee
From: Tony Janisch, Assistant City Administrator
Re: Updates – 2022 Campground Usage
Date: December 8, 2022

Attached you will find the campground site usage for the 2022 Season. These reports include the monthly/season totals for Memorial Park & Thompson's West End Park. As well as the daily usage per site for each campground.

Memorial Park Campground was at 75% capacity for the season, generating \$125,222 of income. West End Campground was at 85% capacity for the season, generating \$147,815 of income. And a combined \$41,141 was generated for the Park Designated Fund.

WEST END PARK SITE USAGE 2022

MAY 13 - OCTOBER 17

*Seasonal P-Premium

SITE	MAY (19)	JUNE (30)	JULY (31)	AUGUST (31)	SEPTEMBER (30)	OCTOBER (16)	TOTAL NIGHTS USED	TOTAL NIGHTS VACANT
1*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
2	0	17	29	27	21	8	102	55
3	4	14	29	31	28	5	111	46
4	0	18	27	25	16	6	92	65
5	1	21	29	31	18	7	107	50
6*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
7	0	17	31	31	24	10	113	44
8*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
9	2	20	29	29	20	8	108	49
10*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
11	2	17	30	31	27	6	113	44
12*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
13	0	11	28	27	17	3	86	71
14	4	29	31	29	19	4	116	41
15	4	10	31	31	15	2	93	64
16	9	27	31	31	27	9	134	23
17*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
18	7	23	29	31	23	5	118	39
19*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
20	2	12	30	29	11	1	85	72
21	3	26	31	31	28	9	128	29
22*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
23	10	30	31	31	23	7	132	25
24	4	23	30	31	19	4	111	46
25	0	10	27	30	11	1	79	78
26*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
27*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
28	8	29	31	31	30	12	141	16
29*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
30*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
31	15	25	31	31	27	8	137	20
32	17	30	31	31	30	13	152	5
33	13	28	31	31	30	16	149	8
34*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
35	19	30	31	31	26	9	146	11
36*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
37	1	27	31	31	27	11	128	29
38P	15	27	31	31	27	7	138	19
39*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
40P	13	27	31	31	25	10	137	20
41	2	27	30	31	26	16	132	25
42P	11	25	31	31	30	16	144	13
43	4	22	31	31	29	9	126	31
44P	1	30	31	31	23	8	124	33
45*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
46P	1	28	31	31	30	8	129	28
47	19	26	31	31	30	15	152	5
48P	0	22	29	30	21	4	106	51
49	5	23	31	31	23	4	117	40
50*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
OVERFLOW	11	46	133	113	30	4	337	0
Sites 1-50								
TOTAL	519/950	1261/1500	1523/1550	1528/1550	1291/1500	533/800	6655/7850	1195/7850
CAPACITY	55%	84%	98%	99%	86%	67%	85%	15%
Sites + Overflow								
TOTAL	530/950	1307/1500	1656/1550	1641/1550	1321/1500	537/800	6992/7850	1195/7850
CAPACITY	56%	87%	107%	106%	88%	67%	89%	15%
Excluding Seasonal (Sites 1-50)								
TOTAL	196/627	751/990	996/1023	1001/1023	781/990	261/528	3986/5181	1195/5181
CAPACITY	31%	76%	97%	98%	79%	49%	77%	23%

WEST END PARK - SITE USAGE BY DATE - OCTOBER 2022

*Seasonal

DATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total Nights Used
SITE																	
1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									8
3	1				1	1	1	1									5
4					1	1	1	1	1	1							6
5	1				1	1	1	1	1	1							7
6*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
7	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		10
8*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
9	1	1				1	1	1		1	1	1					8
10*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
11	1	1		1	1	1		1									6
12*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
13	1												1	1			3
14	1					1	1	1									4
15	1							1									2
16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							1		9
17*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
18	1			1	1		1	1									5
19*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
20								1									1
21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								9
22*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
23	1		1	1	1	1	1	1									7
24						1	1	1	1								4
25								1									1
26*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
27*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					12
29*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
30*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									8
32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				13
33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
34*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								9
36*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
37	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1				1	1	1		11
38	1		1	1		1	1							1	1		7
39*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
40	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1					10
41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
43	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1						9
44	1		1	1	1		1	1		1	1						8
45*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									8
47	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
48			1	1	1	1											4
49	1					1	1	1									4
50*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
OVERFLOW							2	2									4

TOTAL 67% 533/800

MEMORIAL PARK SITE USAGE 2022

MAY 13 - OCTOBER 17

*Seasonal P-Premium

SITE	MAY (19)	JUNE (30)	JULY (31)	AUGUST (31)	SEPTEMBER (30)	OCTOBER (16)	TOTAL NIGHTS USED	TOTAL NIGHTS VACANT
1	2	14	31	31	30	16	124	33
2	0	21	26	31	30	16	124	33
3*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
4*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
5*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
6	4	22	31	29	14	8	108	49
7*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
8	2	3	24	22	11	2	64	93
9*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
10	0	9	29	24	5	3	70	87
11	10	14	30	31	22	11	118	39
12	0	7	25	23	15	7	77	80
13*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
14	2	21	31	28	16	5	103	54
15*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
16	5	16	31	31	18	5	106	51
17*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
18	0	21	30	28	11	7	97	60
19	3	9	30	25	12	9	88	69
20	6	28	31	28	27	9	129	28
21	5	15	29	29	20	6	104	53
22	0	13	31	30	17	6	97	60
23*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
24	3	10	30	31	30	12	116	41
25*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
26	0	14	24	26	20	8	92	65
27*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
28	6	6	24	25	4	3	68	89
29*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
30*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
31	5	11	28	30	15	3	92	65
32	0	12	28	30	10	8	88	69
33*	19	30	31	31	30	16	157	0
34	2	26	30	31	19	6	114	43
35	2	23	29	30	21	9	114	43
36	2	24	28	31	23	6	114	43
37	15	23	31	31	21	16	137	20
38P	12	30	30	31	30	12	145	12
39P	9	24	31	31	24	15	134	23
40P	15	28	31	31	23	10	138	19
41P	12	27	28	31	28	13	139	18
42	5	9	23	28	7	4	76	81
43	1	15	26	27	5	5	79	78
44	0	6	25	27	20	5	83	74
45	0	13	28	27	11	4	83	74
46	1	12	26	23	10	5	77	80
47	0	11	28	29	13	5	86	71
48	2	16	27	31	30	16	122	35
49	1	5	26	31	6	3	72	85
50	5	26	30	28	24	9	122	35
OVERFLOW	0	0	18	30	0	0	48	0

Sites 1-50								
TOTAL	403/950	1004/1500	1454/1550	1464/1550	1062/1500	511/800	5898/7850	1952/7850
CAPACITY	42%	67%	94%	94%	71%	64%	75%	25%

Sites + Overflow								
TOTAL	403/950	1004/1500	1472/1550	1494/1550	1062/1500	511/800	5946/7850	1952/7850
CAPACITY	42%	67%	95%	96%	71%	64%	76%	24%

Excluding Seasonal (Sites 1-50)								
TOTAL	137/684	584/1080	1020/1116	1030/1080	642/1116	287/576	3700/5652	1952/5652
CAPACITY	20%	54%	91%	95%	58%	50%	65%	35%

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DATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total Nights Used
SITE																	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
3*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
4*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
5*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
6	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1								8
7*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
8							1	1									2
9*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
10						1	1	1									3
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						11
12		1	1	1		1	1	1	1								7
13*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
14	1				1	1	1	1									5
15*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
16	1				1	1	1	1									5
17*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
18	1		1	1	1	1	1	1									7
19	1	1		1		1	1	1					1	1	1		9
20	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1							9
21	1			1	1	1	1	1									6
22	1			1	1	1	1	1									6
23*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					12
25*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									8
27*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
28						1	1	1									3
29*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
30*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
31						1	1	1									3
32	1			1	1	1	1	1					1	1			8
33*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
34	1	1		1	1		1	1									6
35	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1					9
36	1						1	1					1	1	1		6
37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1			12
39	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							1	1	10
41	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
42								1	1						1	1	4
43			1		1	1	1	1									5
44	1		1			1	1	1									5
45	1					1	1	1									4
46	1				1	1	1	1									5
47	1				1	1	1	1									5
48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
49							1	1	1								3
50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								9
OVERFLOW																	0

TOTAL 64% 511/800

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To: Parks Committee
From: Tony Janisch, Assistant City Administrator
Re: Concept Development Planning for Lakeshore Parkway
Date: December 8, 2022

At the November 14th City Council meeting, Council approved the Overflow Area for campground expansion. Council further approved that the Parks Committee discuss conceptual development of the Open Field Area and report back at the March Council meeting.

For your reference, I have included the draft minutes of the November 14, 2022 Council meeting, which will include Council discussion as well as the public comment on campground expansion. You may also watch the meeting at the City's YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5GbV4p6xHc&ab_channel=CityofWashburnWisconsin

5:30PM

Washburn City Hall & Remote Call-In

City Council Members:

Present, in-person:

Karen Spears-Novachek, Tom Neimes, Mary McGrath, Carl Broberg, Laura Tulowitzky, Jennifer Maziasz, Dave Anderson,

Present, remote:

none

Municipal Personnel:

Present in-person:

Mayor Mary D. Motiff, City Administrator Scott J. Kluver, Assistant City Administrator Tony Jaisch, City Attorney Max Lindsey, Director of Public Works Gerry Schutte

Present, remote:

none

Absent:

none

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Motiff. Roll call attendance depicted six (6) of seven (7) members of the Common Council in attendance. Quorum of the Council recognized. Broberg arriving late.

Approval of Minutes – City Council/Historic Preservation Meetings of October 10, 2022 - A motion was made by Novachek to approve the October 10, 2022 minutes of the City Council and Historic Preservation Commission, second by Neimes. Motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures – A motion was made by Novachek to approve the monthly expenditures as reviewed, second by McGrath. Motion carried unanimously via a roll-call vote.

Public Comment – Jared Trimbo, 24 E 3rd St., spoke about campground expansion stating that he understands the purpose of expansion is to raise income for the City. He continued that his family uses Holman Lakeview Dr. for walking/biking all the time. And that the overflow area has looked pretty chaotic as times with all the tents and campers, and that an expansion there along with a bathhouse would be great and easier to use. Regarding use of the open field, Trimbo stated that he is not a fan of huge RV’s, instead looking at yurts as an option. He concluded stating that he loves the green space in the city but sees the need for increasing income.

John R. Hopkins, 631 W Bayfield St., stated that there is no question that the City needs more revenue. He continued that in 2015 it was discussed to expand West End Park camping up to 70 sites. Hopkins stated his concerns of the 2-acre greenbelt or green corridor and what will become of Holman Lakeview Dr. after Hwy. 13 construction is done. Memorial Park & West End have trees that buffer them from traffic, but the 2-acre spot isn’t and having camping in this spot along a traffic area will be noisy for people. He concluded that the 16-acre jewel above the Walking Trail is the buffer from the road and losing this buffer will cause issues.

Linda Barnes, 5 W 3rd St., stated that she remembers when the 2015 West End Plan was done but did not recall in the planning process any discuss of market analysis and what justification and pay-back there is for a half-million dollars of expense, and are there other ways to generate income for the city with a half-million-dollar investment.

Bill Scripps, 228 W 4th St., began by saying that we all agree on two things; we all love Washburn, and we know that bills have to be paid. He continued that hopefully other sources of revenue can be found other than raiding the lakeshore. He thought that yurts might be a good option, but with the wood smoke that might be hazardous to health and fears that developing the one lot would set precedence for developing the other open lots. Scripps continued that he can see the lot from the Trail, and if he can see the green grass he can see any structures that may be there. He concluded with three suggestions for revenue; eliminate the seasonal camping rate, add the RV site per the 2015 plan or yurts, and develop other campsites including rustic campsites which are easier to maintain.

Susan Lince, 631 W. Bayfield St., began by stating the importance of greenspace and natural corridors and keeping all 16-acres free from development is really important to a city that wants to flourish in the future. She continued that people come this area for the greenspace and that any development can be seen from the Trail and its hard to imagine that the Trail will be kept a natural and quite space. Lince concluded that in speaking with visitors to her art gallery, these people love the lakefront.

Roth Edwards, 221 W 6th St, began that the fight for the best development of Washburn's lakefront has been fought on the streets. He continued that we need to lift this conversation and get off this narrow path and arrive at a compromise and solution that benefits the City not only for the next 100 days, but the next 100 years. Washburn born with pride survived the loss of sawmills, the closing of the DuPont plant and disappearance of shipping. This was statement made when Washburn celebrated it's 100 years in 1983. He continued that yes; we are going to have to compromise over matters of Washburn's lakefront overall development. The 16-acres of Holman Lakeview Dr. have long been at the center of development controversy, but there is a simple solution. Begin any development affecting Washburn's jewel with a community wide survey. By involving the community, we can achieve a community and make Washburn an enjoyable place to live and raise children. If done well, in 100 more years we can live up to the 1887 motto of the Washburn News: Washburn first and last and all the time. But moving into the future, our children might add; At the time of the first awareness that our Earth is a finite ecosystem, our mothers & fathers following the example of their own mothers & fathers thought first and last and all the time the blue Earth belongs not to us but to itself and with each decision we make, however big or small, let's think not first ourself, but our children and our children's children. Through addressing our differences and truly learning from one another we'll claim the reality as well as the work we seek a Washburn plan, a forever lakefront plan of the people.

Leann House, 329 W 5th St., referenced the discussion 10 years ago and the drive to expand the campgrounds, but being raised in Milwaukee, she suggested the idea of a botanical gardens like in Milwaukee. She continued that why couldn't the money being proposed for a campground be used for a garden, and maybe it could be incorporated into educational programs. Northland College students could get credit for working or volunteer and Master Gardeners might want to be involved. A botanical garden is a creative niche, no one else up in the area has one. It would bring people to the area, and possible draw businesses up here, maybe seed companies to test plants in a harsher, northern environment. She concluded by referencing the lyrics to a song: Cut down all the trees and put them in a tree museum and charge the tourists a \$1.50 to see them. Don't it always seem to go, you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. You've paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

Amy Trimbo, 24 E 3rd St., stated that she liked the proposal for campground expansion. Washburn needs progress forward and she gets a lot of business from people at the RV park. The area needs more places for tourists when they come and enjoy the green spaces.

Jane Heim, 102 E 5th St, compared Washburn to the show Mayberry, and how at the end of each show the conflicts were resolved. She then thanked that the concept of campground expansion was bought before the people. She continued that this huge decision affects us all. She further asked that the City do away with the seasonal rate and keeping the campground area where it is. She made comment that the City is not charging enough for seasonal campsites and many park a trailer and only come up on weekends. And that everyday that these campsites are not being used, its one less person buying gas or food at the grocery store, or other business. The entire town loses money. She concluded by asking the city to Think Big and gave examples of other small communities that had big development occur in them, and to look for something that could be monumental.

Sarah Randa, 320 W 8th St., stated mixed feelings for campground expansion. She understands that it could create a couple new jobs for cleaning yurts, and Air BnB fees would come in. But there are pros & cons, with a strong wind that would blow campfire smoke in, and with year-round yurts there would be smoke smell all year. She concluded by suggesting that the campgrounds be reservable, so people know that they can come up and have a spot.

Joe Kochevar, 209 E 4th St., said that the discuss feels like a zero-sum game: you're either in favor of campground expansion or totally against it. He further stated that he is not in favor or opposed, but that the lakeshore trail should be unchanged. He is in favor of campground expansion if the campsites were more spaced out and vegetation in between, so that it doesn't look like an RV park but looks like nature with recreation interspersed. He continued that the finances need to work and need to be able to recoup the costs as long as its in line with managing the resource. He added that he has seen vacant sites and to look at eliminating seasonal campers for a season or two to see if there is an increase in revenue. He concluded that he is not in favor of all the mowing along the Walking Trail and along Holman Lakeview Dr. and to maintain as a greenspace.

David Bratley, 402 2nd Ave. E, spoke that he is concerned about the lakefront and has spoken with campers and residents while along the trail about expansion and most have said leave it as it is and don't change anything. He continued to leave the space as a natural corridor between the parks. He added that getting ride of seasonal campers could bring more funds in and that the golf course is putting in a campground and there would be competition. The younger generation is more interested in silent sports and nature, and the future predictions are not in RV camping and gas prices are raising. He concluded that Council opened the discussion up to the public and believe that most people in the City enjoy the greenspace.

Dawn Bellile, 714 W 5th St., noted that nobody so far has address borrowing a million dollars but how are you paying it back. And that there are no statistics on how much money is spent vs. brought in at the campgrounds. She shared a concern that the West End Park is in dire need of a new playground. If the City can't take care of a playground, will they take care of a new campground. We need to protect what we have, and the expansion of a campgrounds is not going to be the answer. We need to figure out how we're going to pay for things first. She concluded that the public is who you should be representing.

Michele Reiswig, 423 W. Pine St., stated that she visited Washburn as a child and ultimately moved here to live and what she, and her family & friends enjoy is the greenspace. And she hoped that Council would consider the other options like eliminating seasonal rates and to maybe look at long-term, big-picture options for the city, but keeping the lakefront as it is.

Mayoral Announcements, Proclamations, Appointments - The Mayor nominated Jeff Bellile to the Housing Authority and Matt Simoneau to the Joint Review Board. A motion was made by Novachek to appoint Jeff Bellile to the Washburn Housing Authority for the term expiring October 2026, second by Neimes. Motion passed unanimously. Novachek further motioned to appoint Matt Simoneau to the Joint Review Board, second by Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation & Discussion with Representatives from Cinnaire Solutions on Proposed County Housing Development Plans and Process – Jerrell Harris and Nicole Solheim of Cinnaire Solutions presented to Council regarding the proposed housing development by Bayfield County on the east side of the city. Cinnaire Solutions submitted a proposal and was chosen by Bayfield County for a mixed-income, senior and family housing development on 9.5 acres of county property. It was stated that 56 units would be constructed providing affordable rental housing for both seniors and families ranging from one to three bedrooms; along with garages, walking/biking paths and outdoor gathering space. The presenters concluded by stating that WHEDA funding would be applied for to assist with project costs and once completed, a property management agent from the area would be sought out. Maziasz stated appreciation of health & wellness objectives with pathways and outdoor space and suggested areas for outdoor gardens, as well as managing storm water. Broberg shared concern of unit size, stating that the 53 senior units currently in the city account for 73% of the ambulance runs; and that these units have narrow hallways, doorways and small bathrooms making it difficult for EMS.

Discussion & Action on Thompson's West End Park Camping Expansion and Park Committee Recommendation on Topic – The Mayor began discussion of campground expansion and mentioned points identified in the 2015 Expansion of West End Park plan: enhance camping opportunities, integrated with existing trails, financially viable for the community, pg. 5; public input indicated that rustic or tent camping would be more effective at meeting the goals of the community including glamping or yurts, pg. 12; maximizing space is desired, rustic camping is appealing, and glamping sites offer an opportunity to set apart

from other destination in Northern Wisconsin, yurts would be well suited for winter camping, pg. 22; the first priorities includes up to 30 new campsites, new bathroom/shower house, and children's playground, in project phasing near-term includes pursue grant funding for habitat restoration which is being done along the trail, glamping & rustic sites and the children's play area, pg. 39. The Mayor further stated that estimated costs have been identified but until it is determined what is exacted needed, the exact cost and available funding is not yet determined. Maziasz thanked Council for letting this come to the Parks Committee to seek public input. She then thanked the Parks Committee for its work hosting two public input meetings, along with an article in the paper and tabling at the IGA. She continued that two points from the public input were to follow the 2015 park plan and be very careful with the development of the open field and that more formal camping could be done in the over-flow site. She concluded that its short sighted to only look as revenue as the goal, but to look at other ways to enhance the area for the community and visitors. Maziasz moved to approve development the Overflow Area according to the plan from Cooper Engineering and to send development of the Open Field back to the Park Committee for concept development, seconded by Novachek. Novachek acknowledged the survey that was completed with 51 respondents and asked what specific information is further needed. Maziasz answered to identify rustic camping opportunities and further discuss use of the corridor and desired future conditions. Discussion ensued. The Mayor questioned developing the overflow area since it is already generating revenue and to look further at developing the open field area. Anderson commented that this area is an old industrial zone; the marina wasn't there until the City built it. McGrath commented that campground expansion has been discussed for decades; she's fine with a balance on development, but it needs to be moving forward. She added that besides campers bring in revenue to the City, they bring revenue to the downtown businesses. Broberg moved to amend the motion to have the Parks Committee report back to Council in March, seconded Novachek. Motion to amend the original motion carried unanimously.

Masizasz moved to open the floor, seconded Tulowitzky. Motion carried five (5) to seven (7), McGrath & Broberg voting against. Roth Edwards thanked Council for its time, service and diligence on the matter. He further commented the roll and job of the Council is to seek, determine and follow the majority will of the people of Washburn. All of the people are valuable, but you do have to do what the people want. This is not a question of campground expansion, Edwards stated, he has never opposed expansion, but the question is where. You cannot have nature preservation and RV/yurt camping in the same area. Edwards concluded that 67 respondents is only 3% of the population, however in 2004 a citywide survey reached 600 people representing 33% of the population and that's what we need again to find, discover, and follow. If you develop that area of Holman Lakeview Dr., that does set a precedence. Neil Hunt, 815 8th Ave. W, stated he grew up in Washburn and recently moved back, and he remembers how industrial that area was. After moving back, Hunt has walked the Trail and seen the field and new it is a beautiful shoreline. Masizasz added that the 2004 survey that Mr. Edwards referenced was actually a referendum on condo development in that area. Tulowitzky commented that a large-scale survey may not be feasible. Leann House stated that listening to comments received tonight, tourism isn't the only thing that Washburn survives on. If other communities can draw in and survive on other businesses, we should keep an open mind. She added that before it was an overgrown industrial area, it was a pristine area; and we should look at other ways to increase revenue like raising rates. She concluded that we don't want to lose paradise for the sake of a parking lot for RV's. The Mayor responded that tourism support 1 in 4 jobs in the area. Bill Scripps stated he walked door to door handing out information and most responses were to keep the Trail the way it is and to protect the lakeshore. Kathy Hinson, 116 Jones Rd., commented that if the bathrooms are going to be year-round, why not look at yurts instead of RVs in the Overflow Area. Novachek moved to close the floor, seconded Neimes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to approve the amended motion for campground development in the Overflow Area and the Parks Committee to present develop plans for the Open Field Area to Council in March passed Six (6) to One (1), Anderson voting against.

Discussion & Action on Certified Survey Map for 101 Williamson Road – Mark Stilton, Petitioner – Novachek moved to approve the certified survey map for 101 Williamson Rd, seconded by Broberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Resolution #22-009 to Amend the Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) Charter to Include Price County – McGrath moved to approve Resolution #22-009 amending the BART Charter, seconded by Broberg. Neimes stated that there would be no changes of service to the City or Bayfield Co. with Price Co. coming on board. Motion carried unanimously.