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NOTICE OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: September 21, 2021

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Washburn City Hall

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Limited seating will be available at the meeting and guests are asked to keep a six-foot distance.

Agenda:

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of the August 11 & 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Updates from Public Works Department
- Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan & WI Coastal Management Grant
- Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan; Eric Howell, NWRPC
- 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.

August 11, 2021

CITY OF WASHBURN PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM

Via In-person and Video Conference Call

Members Present:

Kyleleen Bartnick, Jamie Cook, Angel Croll (late), Erika Lang, Jennifer Maziasz (Council rep)

Municipal Personnel:

Asst. City Administrator Tony Janisch

Other:

Eric Howell, NWRPC

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm. Quorum met.

Approval of the June 15, 2021 and July 20, 2021 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve minutes by Bartnick, second by Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Committee members were reminded that the next regularly scheduled Parks Committee meeting is next Tuesday, August 17 at 5:30 pm; and will meet at Thompsons West End Park by the boat launch.

Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan

Eric Howell, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, began discussion with the overall draft goals and objectives for the Outdoor Recreation Plan were reviewed. Committee members discussed Objective 6.1 Cost Effectiveness a bit more to enhance its clarity.

All individual committee members need to look through the City of Washburn Parks & Recreation Inventory Review and provide input if they haven't already. This information will appear in the Outdoor Recreation Plan And will capture short and mid-term infrastructure investments. Short-term activities can be 1-5 years out, and mid-term can be 6-10 years out. Information will then be organized and presented at the parks committee meeting on September 21.

Adjournment

Date and time of next meeting will be August 17, 2021. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Erika Lang
Secretary, Parks Committee

August 17, 2021

CITY OF WASHBURN PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM

Thompson's West End Park boat launch

Members Present:

Jamie Cook, Angel Croll (late), Erika Lang, Jennifer Maziasz (Council rep)

Municipal Personnel:

Asst City Administrator Tony Janisch, Public Works Director Gerry Schuette

Absent:

Kyleleen Bartnick

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm. Quorum met.

Approval of the August 11, 2021 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes were not available.

Updates from Public Works Department

Public Works Director Gerry Schuette and Janisch gave the following updates:

- Parks budget has been expended, due to unforeseen events like broken water lines and electrical issues
- Gerry has submitted the budget for the 2022 season
- Lots of aesthetic improvements were made this past year
- The walking trail was re-graded and view corridors were maintained as prescribed in the management plan
- The bridge on the walking trail by the marina entrance will be removed and the stairs too. The trail will be relocated slightly so it is less steep. A boardwalk over the small wet drainage may be needed in the future as it has been a dry year.
- The bridge by the condos will be removed and extended in a slightly different location to lessen the steep approach. The stairs shouldn't be needed after that.
- Public works staff will be replacing the picnic table boards, and additional picnic tables will be placed on walking trail
- City Council approved the goose control measures along the shoreline at Thompson's West End Park. This will occur starting September 1 and may continue through October. Campsite managers have been notified. It will take place in early morning by the police department, and they will abide by DNR rules to take up a maximum of 5 per day
- The invasive plant moneywort was found in one of the ravines along the walking trail. Treatment will occur in a test plot.
- There is a partially sunk sailboat just off the city's beach along the walking trail. It is located within the state of Wisconsin's jurisdiction and the owner has been given 30 days to remove it.
- Janisch has been in contact with Wisconsin Coastal Management Program about its upcoming grant program about grant proposals for additional work along the walking trail and erosion at Memorial Park.
- Janisch has also been in contact with DNR about re-grading the trail near Memorial Park.

Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan and Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant

- Additional contract work will be done to remove/control invasive plants this fall, and we'll be organizing a volunteer day to help as part of match for the grant. Maziasz mentioned that high school students may be able to volunteer, and a Wednesday might be a good date. Lang will coordinate with her.
- Lang continues to work on the interpretive sign for the trail's entrance and will coordinate with Janisch
- Members discussed the location for the future interpretive sign. Members agreed that the walking trail could be extended from 6th Street to the artesian well area via the edge of the overflow camping area.

Discussion & Action of Artesian Well and Overflow Camping Area Management & Desired Conditions

- Discussion first focused on the overflow camping area. A few years ago, some trees and shrubs were cleared due to their poor condition and to make more room in the overflow camping area. Overall, there is a desire to keep this area open so it can be utilized. However, woody vegetation is starting to grow back, and maintenance needs to be done so this area can be kept open. Public Works Director Schuette recommends mowing it, till it, power rake it, and seed it with an annual rye for now. It will be kept the same size. The City will be discussing the future condition and use of this area as part of its comprehensive plan update. Some ideas have been a camping area or pavilion.
- For the overflow slope, discussion centered around keeping the vegetation short on the majority of the slope, and creating a management plan for trimming, planting native plants as needed, etc. Goals should be focused on keeping some view corridors, fostering safety at the road intersections/corners, providing some access through the slope to the road and dock below, and providing wildlife habitat and slope stability. Croll and Lang will assess the slope and work on a plan with public works staff by end of October.
- For the artesian well, we need to define our desired future condition before doing any on-the-ground work. If the goal is to remove some of the current species, city staff first needs to understand what technique should be used to do this. For example, trimming/mowing some of the vegetation will just encourage it to grow back. Lang mentioned that conifers could be more aesthetic year-round and also help slow the flow of water across the landscape. Committee members will continue to think about this area related to goals and desired future condition before any work occurs.

Discussion & Action of Inventorying City Parks and Check List Walkthrough

- All individual committee members need to look through the City of Washburn Parks & Recreation Inventory Review and provide input if they haven't already
- The committee will continue to do park inventories as they work on the Outdoor Recreation Plan

Follow-up Discussion of Outdoor Recreation Plan

This will be discussed at the next Parks Committee meeting in September.

Future Topics

- Outdoor recreation plan work
- Overflow camping area slope regarding management and desired future conditions
- Additional project work on walking trail and coastal management grant opportunity

Adjournment

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Secretary, Parks Committee

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City of Washburn Parks & Recreation Inventory Review (Last Updated: 9/10/2021)

Comments: **Tony Janisch**, **Jamie Cook**, **Erika Lang**

THOMPSON WEST END PARK (Thompson's)



Existing Facilities:

- Campground
- Campsite Cable Hook-ups/Electrical sites and WIFI.
- Shower & restroom facilities in ADA compliance.
- Information kiosk and payment pipe
- Sewage dump station.
- Two Flowing wells.
- Festival area.
- Covered picnic shelter.
- Picnic area.
- Swimming beach.
- Playground area.
- ~~One 75' fishing pier.~~ – This has been removed. – This is not the old broken fishing pier/dock?
- Boat launch & docks.
- Storm water conveyance pond.
- Should the walking trail be included? And the exercise equipment?

Recommended Improvements:

- Extending water & sewer utilities to campsites.
- Replacement of playground equipment.
- Additional covered picnic shelter.
- Extension of Lakefront Trail through park.
- Construction of year around ADA compliant restrooms within festival area. – ??
- Purchase of an automated Beach Rake. – ??
- Extending water utilities to festival area.
- ~~Replace fishing pier~~, to include ADA compliance. – Gone, is one still needed?? No one has asked for it to be replaced since it was removed. – Seems hard to maintain/remove.
- Construct roof structure overflowing wells and upgrade piping.
- Construct equipment storage building. – There is a storage building at the entrance of the campgrounds. It is currently not utilized. – Duplicate.
- Extending adequate power facilities to festival area. – There is power to that area. But what does adequate mean? This area is used for Book Across the Bay, but I'm not sure if they are also using a generator.
- Paving of parking lot with permeable materials.
- Expansion of playground area.

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- Construction of gazebo by waterfront.
- Drive, for surface water management and park expansion. – Huh??
- Pathways and access trails in park that comply with ADA. – Yes, especially for a walkway from the playground/pavilion area to the bathrooms.
- Expansion of Maritime Trails signage within park. – I'm not sure if this is needed within the park/campground itself. Maybe something at the entrance, or bathroom, or pavilion. But it seems interpretive signage is more appropriate on the historic walking trail.
- Erosion control along lakefront.
- Construct campfire program area with seating. – ??
- Storm water management improvements. – Has been occurring.
- Reduce lake level of Lake Superior. - That isn't something the city has any control over and should probably be removed.
- Development of additional campsites.
- Development of additional camping areas.
- Landscaping of current and any additional camping areas.
- Expand restroom/shower facilities within campground, with ADA compliance.
- Extension of municipal utilities to additional campsites and restrooms.
- Development of additional picnic and recreation facilities e.g. playground equipment, **disc golf course** and public pavilions.
- Construction of appropriate parking facilities for park facilities, including boat ramp and beach.
- Artesian drinking fountain near beach and playground such as what is at Maslowski Beach in Ashland
- More shade trees in strategic locations but not blocking the view
- Improved beach volleyball court
- Pollinator garden for aesthetics
- Expansion of playground area probably not needed but playground should be updated
- Gazebo by waterfront - where would that go as there is already a picnic pavilion and that needs some maintenance
- Shelter for artesian well
- Improved interpretive sign on kiosk
- Erosion control along lakefront should probably be better defined
- Native landscaping if the city would do any
- Invasive plant control as needed.
- Should we determine what parts of the master plan we'd like to include???

Comments: 2015 Master Plan not implemented. Popular recreation site.

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WEST END PARK BOAT LANDING



Existing Facilities:

- Lakefront & Maritime Trails Trail head – i.e. **Walking Trail** - Isn't the lakefront walking trail part of Thompson's West End Park?
- Fitness Area and Equipment
- Boat Docks
- Boat Launch
- Overflow Camping Area
- Paved & Grass Parking Area
- Sailing, Kayak, Rowing Shell Instruction Beach

Recommended Improvements: – Can we merge some development/expansion/replacement categories (seems repetitive)?

- Extending water & sewer utilities to public facilities at boat launch – **Why??**
- Construction of ADA compliant restrooms – **Where??**
- Storm water management improvements. – **Is occurring.**
- Construction of community center – I'm not sure if this is a desire anymore, but potentially another pavilion would be nice.
- Construction of access roads and parking by community center
- Removal of pilings to permit better water access to landing – **Guessing this was done when the landing was redone.**
- Construction of larger boat and trailer parking lot by boat ramp
- Extension of Lakefront Trail through park – **Duplicate.**
- Addition of picnic tables and benches
- Expansion of Maritime Trails signage within park – **Same comment as above, given the this area is the trailhead for the walking trail, not really sure historic signage it needed.**
- Relocate instructional facilities, and indoor storage for sailing, kayaking and rowing programs – **This has been a long-time discussion point, and honestly might be the best location for this type of activity. – Duplicate with West End Park**
- Landscaping and tree planting
- Purchase of buoys to mark channel to boat landing
- Dredging of the boat ramp area – **Have to check if this was done during the reconstruction.**

Comments: Recent improvements to the boat launch significantly enhance the usability of the site.

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PUBLIC LANDS - THOMPSON WEST END PARK TO SOUTH CITY LIMITS

Existing Facilities:

- ATV & Snowmobile Trail – **Multi-Use Trail**

Recommended Improvements:

- Extension of Lakefront Trail and Maritime Trail from Thompson's West End Park westward along lakefront to the south city limits (Summit Avenue).
- Construction of parking lot at trail head by Summit Avenue (south city limits). – **I don't think there is enough space for a parking lot at this location.**
- Design and construction of cross-country ski trails.
- Transition old railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing. – **Yes**
- Construction of pedestrian bridge across Thompson Creek.
- Grading and surfacing of ATV/snowmobile trail along old railroad grade. – **This has occurred recently.**
- Completion of ATV/snowmobile bridge across Thompson Creek. – **A bridge was constructed and is in use.**
- Installation of signage along trails.
- Installation of benches and picnic tables. – **Where & Why?? - Benches and picnic tables don't make sense; where would trail shelters go?**
- Construction of fishing pier south of Thompson Creek. – **Huh?? This is all private land.**
- Purchase additional lands. – **Too late... The private lands that adjoined city land, which included the mouth of Thompson's Creek has recently sold. The sale was to a real-estate company and will likely be on the market, but likely priced well above what is affordable.**
- Construction of trail shelters.
- Construction of boardwalks over marshy areas of pedestrian trail.

Comments:

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FORMER RAILROAD GRADE WITHIN CITY



Existing Facilities:

- ATV & Snowmobile Trail
- Multi-Use Trail
- Bike route also?

Recommended Improvements:

- Purchase remaining railroad right-of-way in private hands between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road. – Potential donation of right-of-way from 4th Ave. to Superior Ave. Discussions of the section to Gary Rd. are occurring from NCCA.
- Construction of ATV/Snowmobile trail and/or silent sports trail between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road. – The potential donation from 4th Ave to Superior would have the caveat of being non-motorized.
- Transition old railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing.
- Install signage as required.
- Landscaping as necessary.
- Grade and resurface trail throughout the city.
- Relocate overhead power lines. – I doubt that this would be possible.

Comments:

LAKEFRONT PARKWAY – aka Lakefront Historic Walking Trail & Parkway



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Existing Facilities:

- Gravel trail from 6th Avenue West to 1st Avenue East
- Maritimes Trail & Historical signage
- Picnic tables and benches
- Parking & trail head at 4th Avenue West – It's actually 6th Ave. West., also Washington Ave, and the Marina. - small parking area at 4th Avenue West, access at Washburn Marina parking area
- Bridges over ravines
- Landscaping with native species - Native habitat and forested areas (I wouldn't call it landscaping)
- 6th Avenue West to Washington Avenue is ADA accessible
- Unguarded beaches
- Parking & trail head at Washington Avenue – Yep.

Recommended Improvements:

- Improve trail heads and parking lots. - Improve trailheads and parking areas, including access point near Washburn Marina
- Pave entire trail for ADA accessibility. – *Yes!
- Install additional benches and picnic tables.
- Relocation of trail within Washburn Marina. – Huh..??
- Expansion of trail from 1st Avenue East to Memorial Park. – Yes.
- Update of management plan. – This was accomplished and approved by Council in 2020.
- Renovation of trail between Washington Avenue and Marina with switchbacks and bridges across ravines to insure ADA accessibility.
- Install decorative and safety lighting as necessary. - I'm not supportive of decorative or safety lighting
- Expansion of picnic or pet exercising areas. – A dog park needs to be in the discussion, as there is support for one, just not sure of the location.
- Dog poop bag station (as long as a trash can is offered somewhere)
- Expansion of Maritime Trails, historical and informational signage within parkway.
- Expansion of Trail from 6th Avenue West to Summit Avenue.
- Replace existing and install new bridges across ravines as necessary. - Improve older bridges and stairs
- Remove invasive plant species, plant native species. – This is in progress.
- Improve trail drainage to minimize erosion
- Extension of trail to campground;
- Water pump at beginning of walking trail or another entrance;
- Vault toilet at main trail entrance;
- Small picnic pavilion or gazebo along trail somewhere (maybe not at entrance as there is already a lot there);
- Additional parking area at beginning of trail;
- Improved and additional interpretive signage;
- Invasive plant removal and control;
- Native plant landscaping with climate change in mind

Comments: Consider possible complimentary uses for adjacent vacant parcel near the parking area (Lakeview Dr/Harborview Dr)

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WASHBURN MARINA



Existing Facilities:

- 138 Boat slips
- Piers & Docks with utility hook-up
- Outdoor boat storage
- Boat lift
- Covered picnic shelter
- Store
- Petroleum sales
- Boat launch
- Fish cleaning station
- Paved and unpaved parking areas
- Restrooms & shower facilities
- Office building and repair building
- Lounge
- Area for boat washing to minimize movement of invasive species

Recommended Improvements:

- Addition of campsites. – While this is in the development plan for the Marina, it is not a priority and can probably be removed. - I agree to remove campsite reference
- Replace pier decking on piers. – **Done**
- Landscape to eliminate industrial look - Native landscaping to improve aesthetics
- Replacement of existing office building with enlarged office, store and lounge.
- Construction of laundry facilities.
- Construction of playground area. – The suggested location for this is above the coal dock beach. So, could be moved to that area. Is this a feasible location for a playground.??? - A playground near the marina seems odd as it does above the coal dock beach as there are trees and shrubs between the beach and the road up there so it wouldn't be easy for kids to move between the two. Maybe a small playground somewhere else near the end of the trail?
- Build enhancements to lakefront trail. - What is meant by build enhancements to the lakefront trail???
- Extension of south break wall to better protect interior basin opening.
- Installation of safety equipment on break wall and piers.
- Construction of picnic area. – **Done, pavilions were constructed this year.**
- Construction of additional marina basin for 50- 100 additional slips.

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- Relocation of lakefront trail. – Huh???
- Repair and expansion of parking areas.

Comments: Improvements (2016) launch ramp, parking, restroom facilities, washdown station, fish cleaning station.

COMMERCIAL DOCK & BEACH



Existing Facilities:

- Mooring bollard for commercial boats
- Fishing area
- Beach

Recommended Improvements at Beach:

- Upgrade parking at beach area - Not sure how this would be done
- Install benches or picnic tables - There was one there for awhile
- Construct ADA bathroom – ??? I don't think there is enough space for this.
- Construction of premier (yurt style) campsite - How would there be room for this and where? Maybe above the beach along the trail somewhere?
- Purchase beach grooming equipment - Is beach grooming equipment needed considering the beach is small in size?
- **Construct beach access (stairwell) from picnicking area. - stairs leading to beach from parking area**
- **Water bars to improve stormwater management on slope leading to beach**

Comments: 2016 storm did significant damage to the commercial dock. Funding for wall reconstruction provided through DOT HAP (2017). Worked completed on rehabilitation project in 2019. Site is multi-use, four-season access to Lake Superior.

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ATHLETIC FIELDS & SKATE RINKS



Existing Facilities:

- Regulation softball field
- Regulation baseball field
- Regulation little league field
- 2 ice rinks
- Restrooms, concession stand, warming building
- Parking and access road
- ~~Snowmobile trail~~ – While the snowmobile/ATV traffic still use this route, the land has been sold along 1st Ave E and I believe the road right-of-way has been vacated.

Recommended Improvements:

- Reconstruction of skate park ramps.
- Re-contouring of skating rink walls to permit better maintenance of landscaping.
- Paving of parking lot.
- Additional tree planting and landscaping.
- Electronic scoreboards at all fields.
- Installation of lighting at fields.
- Pave access road to concession stand.
- Reconstruct little league dugout. – Occurring, the little league field has been relocated since the Bayfield Co. plan was written.
- Construct press box and announcer's stand at all fields. – Really, why??
- Extend lakefront parkway walking trail through park.
- Install additional benches and picnic tables at park.
- Construct new access road to park via 2nd Avenue East. – Not possible, the road right-of-way has been vacated.
- Relocate and reconstruct skate park. – Huh..where??
- Better sealing of east skating rink basin to permit it to hold water better. – Rink liners have been purchased, but sealing would be nice too.
- Improvement in storm water handling.
- Complete fencing of little league field. – Done
- Installation of bleachers at all fields.
- Construction and paving of pedestrian walkways throughout park that are ADA compliant.
- Extend water lines to softball field and little league field. – *Yes
- Install better directional signage to park.
- Construct covered picnic pavilion at little league field. – ???
- Prepare park development plan for Athletic Fields Park.

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- Place fencing around baseball field and skate park at other locations.
- Construct equipment storage buildings. – **There are already multiple sheds for storage,**
- Install additional paved walkways.
- Construct field sports area including **paved athletic track**, bleachers, lighting and fencing. – **I don't think we need a paved athletic track.**
- Construct dugouts at boy's baseball field and repair other dugouts. – **Occurring.**
- Purchase additional lands.
- **Potential – Pump Track & Curling rink**
- **Improve/Install water lines for rink flooding.**
- Add basketball hoops near blacktop/ice skate area.
- Update warming shed to be all year round bathroom/concession usage.
- **Maybe a vault toilet if we don't have funds for year round bathroom? Is use of this area high enough to warrant this?**

Comments: Recreational trail bypasses this facility due to private parcel along 1st Ave East. Barricaded access still used for foot travel? Recent enhancements to site facilities, with additional improvements underway (dugouts). Seasonal warming house on property (possible summer uses?)

MEMORIAL PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Campground
- Covered picnic shelter
- Dump station
- Electric and cable TV service to some sites and WIFI. – **Electric & WiFi in all sites.**
- Playground
- Historic kitchen building
- Picnic areas
- Pathways and bridges across ravines
- Restrooms and shower building
- Information kiosk and payment pipe
- Parking area
- **Park gate** (South 6th Avenue East) – **Huh?? Oh, maybe the archway at Bayfield St.**

Recommended Improvements:

- Preparation of campground development plan.

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- Renovation and redesign of campsites to facilitate access and identification. – **Occurring and maybe Done**
- Install additional benches and picnic table.
- Expansion of lakefront trail through park. – **Huh??** - Maybe we can better link to the old railroad trail that the city will receive through donation?;
- Construction of primitive campsites. – **Huh??**
- Construction of premier (yurt style) campsites - Maybe a yurt or two or maybe those would be better at Thompson's West End since there is more room there?;
- Extension of water lines within park. – **Occurring/Done**
- Construction of additional ADA compliant trails and pathways within park. - Are the paths not already ADA compliant in at least a couple of locations?
- Construction of concession stand. – **Huh??** - I'm not in support of a concession stand unless this would be 3rd party and rent would be paid to the city.
- Construction of additional pedestrian bridges across ravines. – **Three bridges currently, two were rebuilt. Maybe this should be moved to existing facilities.**
- Pave access roads. - In terms of paving access roads, how many are there and would that even make sense?
- Construct new or renovate restroom/shower building to ADA compliance. – **Needed.**
- Construction of fishing pier. – **Huh?? Really??** - I don't think a fishing pier is needed as there is already good access to the lake and a pier would mean more maintenance.
- Renovation & expansion of playground area.
- Replace playground equipment.
- Expansion of maritime trails, historical and informational signage within park. - **Yes, to more signage**
- Re-establishment of fitness trail within park. – **Fitness Trail?? Where was it?** - I've never heard of a fitness trail but I do agree that a trail of some sort would improve access to the public who isn't staying at the campground.
- Reconstruction of caretaker's house. – **Huh?? Where was this?**
- Upgrading and expansion of electric service to campsites. – **All sites now have electrical service.**
- Extension of sanitary sewer lines within park.
- Purchase of additional lands.
- Construction of additional picnic pavilion. – **Not a bad idea, but where??**
- Construction of beach access steps. – **There were steps to the beach, and they were removed several years ago. Trail access was recently redone, and a small section of stairs were constructed.**
- Construct bandstand. – **No...** - No bandstand - why would we do that?
- Install sand lot volleyball courts. - **Where would volleyball courts go?**
- Construct campfire program area with seating. – **Maybe...** - Who would use a campfire area?
- Storm water management best management practices.
- **Should we flesh out addressing the slump/erosion on the lakeshore a bit more?**

Comments: Popular recreation site. Ped bridges currently being replaced. Outdated playground equipment. Recent changes to campsite configuration (lakeside). Bluff erosion and slumping ongoing, closing winter access point. Opportunity for alternative camping options on adjoining city-owned property (yurt(s)?)

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INTER-COMMUNITY TRAIL

- I'm not sure how to comment on this one, since all/most of the land/trail required for this is outside of the city limits.
- ATV-snowmobile usage
- This seems like a strange thing to have in the plan since the City has very little, if any, jurisdiction?

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad corridor between Washburn and Ashland for mixed use activities.
- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad or existing highway corridors between Washburn and Bayfield for silent sports.
- Legal work to purchase lands and acquire easements as necessary.
- Surface trail with gravel or asphalt as warranted.
- Provide trail heads and parking as needed.
- Prepare maps and trail brochures.
- Undertake clearing and grade trail as necessary.
- Install bridges as necessary.
- Install signage as necessary.

Comments: Sounds like there are willing property owners within the city portion of the corridor, unknown north. This could be part of broader initiative to connect/link trails in Washburn.

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DUPONT LINEAR PARK

– *Where is this?*

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Prepare & publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park and establish trail heads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Install gates at access points to limit motorized vehicles.

Comments: Work needed to identify feasibility.

I agree that more work needs to be done to understand interest and feasibility. Maybe it could be call Dupont Trail Network instead of park? I think more people would be supportive of that as park makes it sound more developed and more maintenance.

WASHBURN GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare trail development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Purchase of trail maintenance equipment including ATV, trailers and accessories.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Install gates as necessary to prevent access of motorized vehicles.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park and establish trail heads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Prepare & publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase of snowmobile and cross-country skiing trail grooming equipment.
- Bridge ravines and streams as necessary.

Comments: Work needed to identify feasibility.

Where is this? Could we include a map or photos?

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JACKIE'S FIELD



Existing Facilities:

- Playground set
- Benches
- Sandlot ball field
- Picnic tables
- Gravel parking lot

Recommended Improvements:

- Construct covered picnic shelter.
- ADA compliant pathways throughout park.
- New backstop and fencing at ball field.
- Construction of soccer field.
- Extend utility lines to park. – I assume this would be water & electricity, but maybe sewer if a bathroom is installed.
- Informational signage.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construction of restrooms. - Maybe a vault toilet instead of a bathroom facility?;
- Pave parking lot
- Landscaping and tree planting. - Native vegetation planting
- Improved storm water handling.
- Add water spigot.

Comments: Pavilion or covered shelter could enhance this site. Ballfield receives minor use. Soccer net is present (not provided by the city). Site was very active during visit 4/6/21

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EAST SIDE TENNIS COURTS



Existing Facilities:

- Tennis courts
- Benches
- Fencing
- ½ court basketball court
- Tennis backboard

Recommended Improvements:

- Resurface tennis courts.
- Install drinking fountain. - Is a drinking fountain really needed?
- Expand basketball court to full court. – I don't know if this is needed. Potentially, a basketball court could be installed at the skate rink, on the asphalt pad. - I also don't think a basketball court is needed.
- Fence basketball court.
- Provide ADA compliant paved pathways. - Where would ADA paved pathways even go as the park is pretty small
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Paint mural on tennis backboard. -??
- Construct maintenance building. - ??, maybe a shed for the tennis club to utilize, but they also use the Hillside courts. - Why is a maintenance building needed?
- Renovate tennis court lighting.
- Landscaping & tree planting. - native vegetation planting
- Improve signage.
- Purchase additional lands. – I'm not sure where/how you would purchase additional lands here. - What additional lands would be purchased?
- Restrooms or move these amenities to another location with restrooms. - Why would we need a restroom?

Comments: This site appears to have some minor drainage issues. Court surface appears to be in fair condition. Adjoining ½ basketball court backstop missing. Tennis backstop also present. Unsure of current level of use.

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SMALL TRIANGLE

We should probably label this as a park or greenspace rather than just Small Triangle.



Existing Facilities:

- Flower gardens
- Benches

Recommended Improvements:

- Renovate flower gardens.
- Install benches. – There are benches, maybe repair the existing ones.
- Landscaping and tree planting. – Native vegetation planting; no water source is needed
- Construct sculpture. – **YES**
- Construct walkways and plaza. – Maybe improve current sidewalks.
- ~~Install drinking fountain.~~ – No

Comments: Small, irregular pocket park at Central/Washington Ave intersection. Would make an interesting gateway site. Sidewalk is deteriorating. Unsure of current level of use. Tony indicated he was unaware of any use at the site.

LEGION PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Veteran's Memorial
- Flag poles
- Flower gardens
- Pathways
- Benches

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Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan. - Yes, to a plan
- Extend utilities to park.
- Replace pathways with ADA compliant walkways. - Replace pathways to at least improve them
- Install drinking water fountain. - I'm not sure if a drinking fountain is needed
- Renovate and expand flower gardens.
- Install benches.
- Renovate veteran's memorial. - Yes to renovating the veteran's memorial - I'd recommend removing the flags and putting in something different which would also free up some room in the park for more of it to be utilized
- Upgrade electrical service to park.
- Construct fountain. - No to fountain and fountain plaza
- Construct fountain plaza.
- Construct sculpture.
- Landscaping and tree planting. - native vegetation planting
- Install picnic tables.
- Install park lighting. - Do we need park lighting?

Comments: Flags are no longer maintained by the American Legion, as there is no local post. City? Flags could be replaced with a formal memorial.

CITY HALL PLAZA

Existing Facilities:

- Fountain
- Lighting
- Walkways
- Flag poles
- Plaza
- Flower gardens
- Benches

Recommended Improvements:

- Renovation of fountain electrical controls – Maybe this was done..??
- Replacement of plaza lights
- Replacement of plaza walkways
- Benches – and picnic tables
- Landscaping
- Renovation of flower gardens

Comments: Small plaza fronting City Hall along Bayfield St/Washington Ave. Possible gateway site. Aesthetically pleasing. Does this function more as a public space than a park or recreation site?

This is a small space to fit too much infrastructure but a gathering area like a picnic table would be nice. I agree that the area functions more as a public space.

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WIKDAL PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Benches
- Lighting
- Picnic tables
- Flower gardens
- **Informational Kiosk**

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Renovate flower gardens.
- Renovate outdoor lighting and upgrade electrical capability for festivals.
- Construct gazebo or band stage. – **Good idea.**
- Construct restrooms. – **Would be nice.**
- Construct ADA compliant pathways and walkways.
- Install drinking fountain – **Absolutely**
- Place benches and picnic tables. – **Yes, more is needed**

Comments: Highly visible park space fronting Bayfield St. This site hosts many local activities & vendors during community events/festivals. Option discussed with Tony for the creation of a bandshell or like performing stage. Shelter/pavilion could greatly benefit this site.

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HILLSIDE PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Playground
- ½ court basketball court
- Benches & picnic tables
- Tennis courts
- Sand lot ball diamond
- Tennis backstop

Recommended Improvements:

- Resurface tennis courts.
- Renovate and expand playground.
- Extend utilities to site.
- Construct covered picnic shelter.
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Construct full basketball court. – There would be room here for a basketball court.
- Construct ADA complaint pathways.
- Renovate tennis court lighting.
- Fence sand lot ball diamond. . – ???
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construct parking lot. – Yes
- Install signage as necessary.

Comments: Somewhat “hidden” park located in low-density area of the city. Proximity to school amenities probably impacts level of use. Outdated recreation equipment present. Could consider alternative recreational uses for this site (dog park, splash pad, pump track, etc.)

– I think a good location for a pump track would be next to the athletic field.

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THOMPSON CREEK PARKWAY

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Purchase lands along Thompson Creek for park. – **As commented earlier, not sure if we could purchase any more land along the creek.**
- Prepare park development plan.
- Construct access roads to park site.
- Extend utilities to access points.
- Construct hiking and cross-country ski trails.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Erosion control along stream banks.
- Construct picnic pavilion.
- Construct trail shelters.
- Construct parking lots at access points.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Construct bridges across Thompson Creek as necessary.
- Install additional signage.
- Construct boardwalks across wetlands.