

**Outagamie County Meeting Minutes  
User Group Input  
Plamann Park  
Rettler Project No. 18.022  
Thursday, August 9, 2018**

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Brief project introduction about the existing park site and its uses pertaining especially to user groups. Discussion about the Plamann Park planning process, goals and objectives. Introductions of attendees.

### **Pop Warner**

- Generally very happy with partnership since 2003
- Mainly use park in fall, with a few other events throughout year
- Concerned about parking and traffic
  - Broadway entrance spreads out cars coming and going
  - An additional Meade St entrance might work sometimes, but during busy Saturday events, concern about bottleneck of traffic
  - Removing Pop Warner traffic from the main road loop would be an asset for other park users during those events
  - The park has sufficient parking overall, but many users are unwilling to park at a distance and park informally rather than walk to fields
- Would like an additional 80 yd accessible field for the Challenger Program
- Not seriously concerned about playing surface, synthetic turf not required at this time
- Concerned about adequate storm shelter when large groups are present
  - Large, multi use building supported
- Reporting stable enrollment of approx. 850
- More and improved playgrounds a minor concern
  - This will follow master planning process so as not to waste material
- More permanent seating desired
  - Current bleachers must be moved seasonally from Pop Warner to Fields 1 & 2
- ADA accessibility also important

### **Grand Chute Baseball**

- Parking is biggest concern
  - Field 6 does not have sufficient parking and nearby Plamann Lake lot is not available or nearby to spectator area
    - Neighbors complained once about parking on street
  - Fields 1 & 2 may not have parking when pavilion events are using majority of the main parking lot. North parking lot near park office requires walk through wet field.

- Not just more parking areas, but more strategic parking
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority concern is drainage
  - Projects are ongoing to improve conditions, including proposed drain tile between field 1 & 2, area south of fields, and across road from fields
- Bathroom access is 3<sup>rd</sup> priority concern for League
  - A centrally located, multi use large building would be desired
- Field 3 gets inconsistent use due to age groups
  - Adding shorter base paths would increase desirability
  - A synthetic infield would be a good solution
- Fields 4 & 5 have not been used for years and are not needed
- Existing number of fields is adequate and not excessive
- Batting cages should move
- Consolidating fields to one area would provide concessions and restrooms for all games, but field 6, though remote, is in best condition
- Stable enrollment of 200-250

### **Mountain Bike Club**

- Would like to see a year-round multi-use single track trail system developed in the Fox Valley
  - No trails within a 30 min drive that provides a 20 minute ride or longer
  - Would like to provide an hour's worth of riding
    - 5-10 miles of trail, obstacles, turns, hills, etc slow down and require shorter distance
  - Use would be slow, cross country cycling and fat tire cycling in winter
  - Would like a professional designer to build trails, then local groups would maintain
  - Begin with beginner/intermediate trails, but eventually would like to see all levels of trails
- Woods behind Chris Brandt Shelter would be good area for pilot program
  - Support trail fee program
- View Ridge Natural Area potential for development of trail system too

### **Priorities for Improvements**

- Parking and vehicle circulation improvements
  - Especially concerned with safety and segregating pedestrians and cyclists off roadways
- Drainage/ storm water improvements
- Building facility improvements and access, especially bathrooms
- Preservation of open space and natural resources
- ADA accessibility improvements with all other projects



**Next Meeting – Public Input Session #2, August 20, 2018**