

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

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
- 2nd 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 3rd 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