



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Stoughton, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting as indicated on the date, time and location given below.

Meeting of the:

Date /Time:

Location:

Members:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 6:00

Hall of Fame Room/City Hall (381 E Main St, Stoughton WI 53589)

Sonny Swangstu, Dave McKichan, Eric Olstad, Greg Jenson, Donna Olson

CC:

Attorney Matt Dregne, Department Heads, Stoughton Newspapers,
Pili Hougan, Debbie Myren, Sean Brusegar, Council Members

* Note-For security reasons, the front doors of the City Hall building (including the elevator door) will be locked after 4:30 p.m. If you need to enter City Hall after that time, please use the entrance on the east side of City Hall (the planning department door). If you are physically challenged and are in need of the elevator or other assistance, please call 873-6677 prior to 4:30 p.m.

Item # CALL TO ORDER

1 Communications:

Item # OLD BUSINESS

2 Racetrack Road Parking

Item # NEW BUSINESS

3 August 3, 2011 Minutes

4 Lowell Park Playground

5 Future Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday August 3, 2011

Recreation Department

Present: Alderpersons Greg Jenson, Eric Olstad, Sonny Swangstu, Dave McKichan, Mayor Donna Olson and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch
Absent and Excused:
Guests:

Call to Order

By Olstad at 6:15 PM

1. Communications

Lynch updated the committee on a potential project to install savannahs and prairies to some of the parks to lower maintenance costs.

Old Business

2. Meeting Day and Time

The committee decided to meet on the 1st Wednesday each month at 6:00 PM.

New Business

3. Approval of June 20, 2011 Minutes

Motion by McKichan, seconded by Swangstu, to approve the minutes from June 20, 2011. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Youth Center Program Option

Lynch reported that his office has been working on a plan to bring a program to the youth center that would accomplish the goals, raise money for the program and increase attendance. This program has the potential to receive funding from an organization at \$50,000 per year. The City's budget would remain the same.

5. Mandt Park Pool Plan

Lynch presented a plan to improve the Mandt Park Pool for 2012. The plan consists of finishing off the concession stand, re-shaping the pool basin, removing the diving board, change the disinfection system, install aeration, and create a Norwegian theme. The changes would cost about \$40,000 to come from the park development fund and or community sponsors. The yearly savings with this plan is conservatively estimated at \$12,500 per year.

This item was for information only. More details will be gathered moving forward.

6. Future Agenda Items

Youth Center program
Mandt Park Pool

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 by McKichan, seconded by Swangstu. Motion passed 4-0.

Racetrack Parking

Current Parking	170 Stalls inside the park 40 Stalls on the street			
Four diamond usage	105 stalls per round	210+ stalls during transition	May-July	Mon-Thurs-Tournaments
Mini ball Soccer	100 stalls per round	150 stalls during transition	April –May Sept-Oct	Sun Evening Sun Evening
Youth Flag Football	100 stalls per round	150 stalls during transition	Sept-Oct	Sat Morning

Summery

There is enough parking in the park for most of the activities that take place a Racetrack Park.

There are not enough parking stalls when all four diamonds are used. This generally happens Monday through Friday from Mid May through July.

There are not enough parking stalls when there are tournaments on the weekends. This happens four to six times each Summer.

There is room for grass parking for 25 cars along the north edge. This area is used for teams as a staging area to prepare for the next game. Wet conditions could be a negative for the park.



Map

Photos



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Jennie Masten
Beth Kohlhoff
Stoughton Inclusive Dream Park Committee
Stoughton, WI
September 8, 2011

Stoughton Park and Recreation Committee
Sonny Swangstu
DaveMcKichan
Eric Olstad
Greg Jensen
Tom Lynch
381 E. Main Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

Dear Gentlemen:

As residents of the community we recognize your commitment to the development and growth of Stoughton. This is certainly visible in the number of beautiful parks in our city and the recreation opportunities available to our residents.

It is this inherent beauty and social accessibility that we would like to supplement with the addition of a completely inclusive Dream Park. A Dream Park, by definition, is a large playground that sparks a child's imagination and encourages a child to stretch the boundaries of play in order to realize their inner potential. It is our vision that the Stoughton Inclusive Dream Park will become a meeting and recreation location for Stoughton and the surrounding areas. Inclusive recreation space for all members of society, including adults, is an essential component for any recreation program. Currently, the area around Stoughton would be better served with a inclusive recreation setting and an additional playground space would only serve to supplement the existing beauty that is the Stoughton Park and Recreation Program.

This correspondence outlines the general scope of the project we are hopeful will become a jewel in the Stoughton Community.

We would like utilize the space of Lowell Park on Milwaukee Street that currently contains a Community Garden, a basketball court, an existing play structure, and a wooded area and improve it to provide the community with an inclusive play structure and shelter area including wheelchair accessible restrooms. The shelter area would be available for the city to rent to community members for a fee and serve as income to assist with park maintenance in the future. Due to the nature of the Inclusive Dream Park it is our belief that the shelter and park area will be a highly desirable location for meetings and family outings. The environment the park will provide will not only serve Stoughton residents but bring in tourists from outlying communities. This increased traffic to the Stoughton area can only serve to benefit local businesses, other recreational and educational offerings.

Lowell Park is an ideal location due to the current wooded area that exists on the property. It is our desire to retain much of the wooded area to provide much needed shade and natural beauty. This wooded area can also serve as an educational resource to allow local students to examine and study the trees and plant life that exists there.

After studying the other parks in the Dane County area and additional research on inclusive playgrounds we are proposing that our park contain various attributes specifically geared toward people of varying abilities. This includes, but is not limited to, people with physical, visual, auditory, and sensory challenges. This does not mean that people who are lucky enough to be entirely free from these challenges will not achieve pleasure from the park. We are intending to make the park available to all people through our unique ideas and recreational offerings.

We understand that this proposal may initially seem out of reach for the city at this time but we are intending to undertake a comprehensive fundraising program in order to alleviate a financial burden on the city to achieve our goal.

In order to move forward on our project it is imperative that we gain a partnership with the city as we believe this will be a community involved effort and approval from the city will be required to garner acceptance from the community as we move forward.

The initial budget we intend to begin fundraising for will be approximately \$400,000 and will include the purchase of the playground equipment, the underlying surface, tree and brush removal, parking lot establishment, and other expenses deemed necessary. We intend to include a shelter in the initial establishment of the playground, however, should it be necessary to complete the project in phases, the shelter facility will come secondarily.

We intend to augment our cash fundraising with goodwill donations from the community. This includes, but is not limited to, the physical labor required to build the playground and prepare the land.

We also intend to form a fund that will assist with continued maintenance of the playground structure. It is not our intent to place undue burden on the city and we intend to build the structure keeping in mind that future maintenance be as limited as possible. With the establishment of a fund it is our hope that future donations assist with the upkeep as well as the placement of a for-rent shelter to continually provide for the park.

It is our goal that this playground be available for public use the weekend of Syttende Mai, 2013.

Sincerely,

Jennie Masten

Beth Kohlhoff

Stoughton Inclusive Dream Park Committee

An example of an existing Dream Park in Sun Prairie, WI



An existing Dream Park in Monona, WI



An existing Dream Park in Deerfield, WI



An existing Dream Park in Fitchburg, WI





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August 26, 2011

Sean Brusegar
Stoughton Parks and Recreation
321 South Fourth Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

Dear Sean,

Below is the updated parts list for Lowel Park

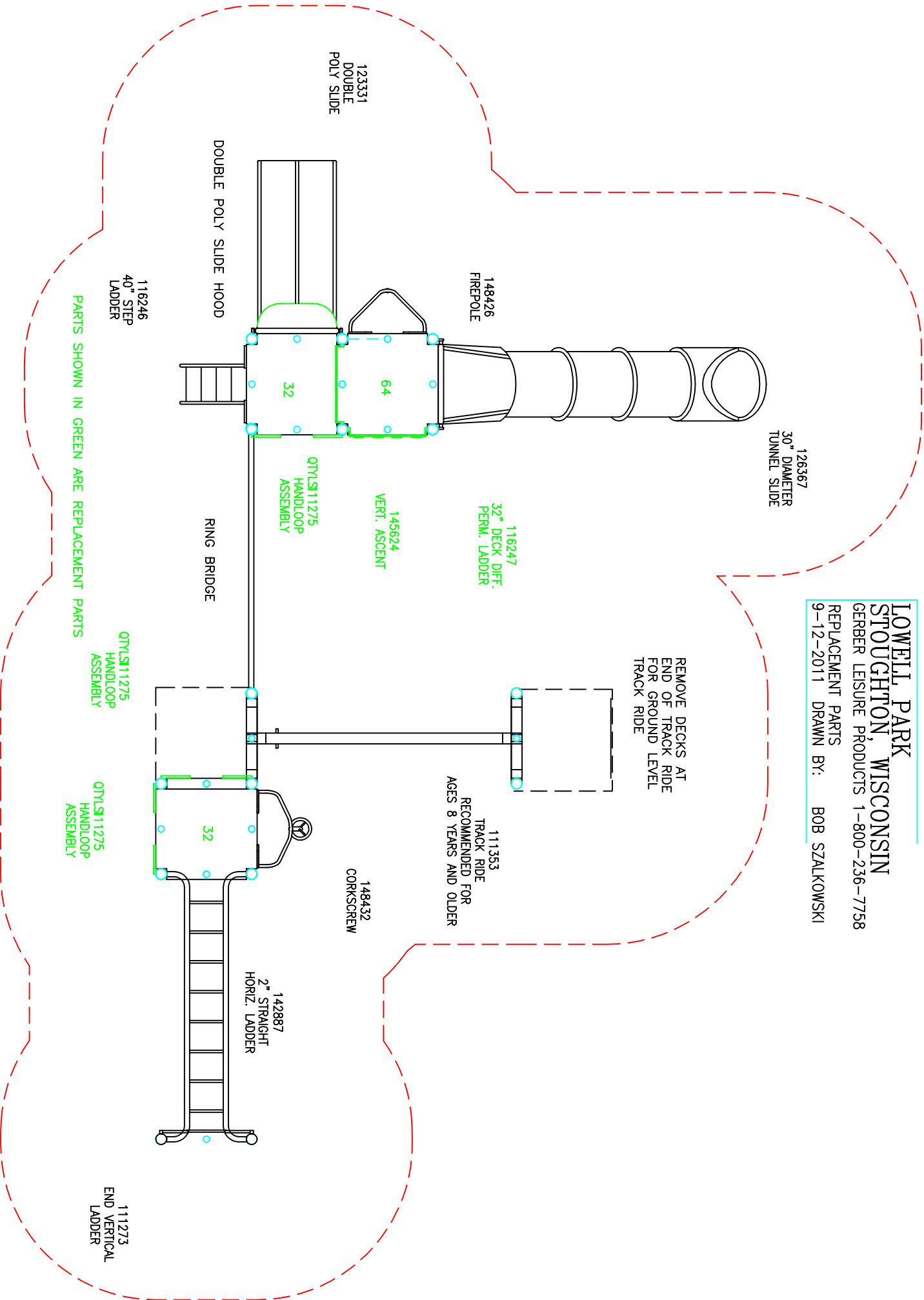
Replacement Tenderdecks in Place of Wood Decks	725.00 each	\$ 3,625.00
Replacement Corkscrew Climber		\$ 792.00
Replacement Step Ladder		\$ 1,213.00
Replacement Chain Ladder		\$ 771.00
Zoo Panel to Replace Fire Pole		\$ 425.00
Eight Rail Assemblies \$ 158.00 each		\$ 1,264.00
Seven Handloop Assemblies \$ 163.00 each		\$ 1,141.00
Replacement Slidehood for Double Poly Slide		\$ 530.00
Replacement Exit Section for Tunnel Slide		\$ 210.00
Replacement Elbo Section for Tunnel Slide		\$ 232.00
Replacement post caps. \$ 19.00 each -19		\$ 361.00
Total		\$ 10,564.00
Shipping		\$ 490.00
Total Delivered Materials		\$ 11,054.00
Installation of all above parts.		\$ 2,980.00
Total Installed		\$ 14,034.00

If you would like to discuss any other options for your playground please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Bob Szalkowski
Encl.

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September 12, 2011

Sean Brusegar
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Dear Sean,

Below is the parts list and design suggestions we discussed for durability and safety improvements at Lowell Park. Please refer to the attached drawings. The parts used in these changes could also be used for any future re-design for this park area.

Replacement Tenderdecks in Place of Wood Decks	725.00 each	3 Units	\$ 2,175.00
Vertical Ascent Climber to Replace Chain Ladder			\$ 955.00
Deck to Deck Permalene Vertical Ladder			\$ 672.00
Double Slide Hood			\$ 530.00
Permalene Handholds Pairs	210.00 each	3 Units	\$ 630.00
Shipping			\$ 317.00
Total Cost for Materials			\$ 5,279.00

Above prices are for materials only and do not include installation. The rails under the Permalene Handhold Pairs would need to be moved to the outside of the deck posts. The footer for the Double Poly Slide would have to be moved when the new decks are attached. The two decks and ground posts at the end of the trackride would be removed. If you have any other questions about these replacements or how to install them please let me know.

If you go ahead with these changes we will also supply stainless steel hardware for your old connections so you can change those out as well if you want.

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