Director's Report
July 2019

Whitewater Park

- The DNR has approved Interfluve's sampling plan. The lab fees will cost roughly $12,000 which is lower than their anticipated amount when they submitted their RFP. The sampling occurred on 7/20/2019. Interfluve communicated that the lab results will take approximately two weeks to come back and that it would take them approximately two weeks to complete their report.
- I forwarded the bathymetric survey data to Gary Lacy to be used in the whitewater park design.
- The DNR communicated that they would like revised cost estimates for the trail, riverbank restoration, and pedestrian bridge. The cost estimates should reflect Bacon-Davis prevailing wage rates as they would match the WEDC grant that are state funds with Land Water Conservation Fund dollars which are federal funds. They also asked us to request an extension for the grant from the WEDC. They have been encountering many delays with pedestrian bridge projects due to steel tariffs. The Finance Director communicated this with his WEDC contact and it should not be an issue to get an extension. The DNR also requested that the canoe/kayak launch be a 'lay of the land' type instead of in-water. They also requested that handicap parking be located nearby. This was communicated to MSA for the master plan and they will be providing updated cost estimates for both of these items.
- There was a staff meeting with the Finance Director, Utilities Director, Planning Director, Gary Becker, and myself to go over the timeline for the improvements. The RDA had money in the 2019 budget for the design of the pedestrian bridge and river walk. The group decided to move forward with the design and engineering for both and the Planning Director was going to reach out to Strand. Strand will be providing revised cost estimates for both the riverbank and trail design.
- Some members of the fair board continue to post on social media that the City is trying to kick them out of Mandt Park. An email was sent to the fair board president explaining the master planning process and who will be doing it. A Facebook post was created with links to the two pages on our website that give status updates for the projects.

Miscellaneous

- We interviewed four candidates for the Recreation Supervisor position. The position was offered to Tony King. He has 10 years of experience in municipal recreation and was recently the Recreation Coordinator for the City of Fitchburg. He started working for the City on July 8th.
- A meeting with the developer of Nordic Ridge Park and the Planning Director is needed before moving forward with outlot 7 in the development. The developer is vacationing out of state and will be returning in late July.
- Worked on revising the CIP budget and operational budget for 2020.
- Had committee meetings for Rivers & Trails Taskforce, Whitewater Park Steering Committee, and Friends of the Stoughton Area Youth Center.
- Attended the Stoughton farmers market on 7/13 with a booth for current park projects.

Criddle Park Playground

- GRG Playscapes has run into a few weather delays, but they communicated that they would have the playground completed the week of July 8th.

Youth Center

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- Worked with the Youth Center Manager on the annual report for Dane County.
- Completed monthly report for Dane County.
- Worked on the youth center budget.

Recreation

- There was a missing child reported at Troll Beach while I was away. I was thoroughly briefed upon my return. The lifeguards followed the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) procedure for the situation that they encountered. The EAP was refined after encountering a few issues during the situation. A weekly in-service training was incorporated last year. The missing swimmer drill along with other situations in the EAP are routinely practiced at these trainings. Troll Beach comes with additional risks since the bottom cannot be seen like a traditional pool.
- The large inflatable slide has a tear. Kris Custom Sewing believes they can fix the slide. A replacement is $10,000, so we are hoping that it can be salvaged. Many of the pieces of inflatable equipment are at the end of their lifecycle.
- Autumn Feith, our intern for the summer, has been helpful this summer. She was thrust into a situation where she is doing a few things that a regular intern wouldn't be. These things include doing a salary survey for our LTE/seasonal staff and working on our fall/winter programming guide.
- A few of our early summer programs have concluded and we are wrapping up the administrative tasks which include payments and evaluations.

Mandt Park Master Plan

- The kick-off meeting for the project has been delayed as Dan Williams, project manager, is out of state taking care of his father who is ill. He plans on being back in the area next week.