

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PARK COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
January 4, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission was held on Wednesday, January 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michealene Day, Kris Keckler, Dan Klemack, Dave Klimisch, William Mills, Cindy Schwab, Jim Bandura (Alternate #1), and Brock Williamson. Also present were Tom Shircel, Assistant Administrator; Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director; John Steinbrink, Jr., Public Works Director; and Ruth Mack-Stoner, Executive Secretary and Stacy Mason, Communications Coordinator. No citizens were present.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS - NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

Dave Klimisch moved to approve the Park Commission Meeting minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting presented in their written form: Seconded by Kris Keckler. Motion carried 7-0.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- 5. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Michealene Day:

-- move on to Director of Public Works report.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Madam Chair and members of the Commission, I do have one item this evening. Off to your left of the dias here is Stacy Mason. She's our newest employee to the Village. Actually just started this evening at 5 p.m. Actually worked her last job. She was in this morning, planned on starting tomorrow. And we asked her to come in and sit in on a Park Commission since she will be taking care of this Commission for us in place of Ruth who is retiring on January 17th. Stacy is a communications coordinator with public works department. We're very excited to have her on board. And you'll be seeing her at least on a monthly basis here and every day over at public works.

Michealene Day:

Terrific. Welcome, Stacy. Ruth, I think you've been with us almost as long as I've been on the Commission, and you will be very, very much missed. But congratulations on your retirement. It's

well deserved. John, did you have any other announcements?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That was the only one.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) **Review concept plans for Village Square and Neighborhood Commons Parks and recommend revisions.**

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Madam Chair and members of the Commission, if you guys remember back earlier this year we did enter into a contractual agreement with Ayres and Associates to do some planning for two of the parks that we have within our Village Green subdivision. And so the slide shows kind of the general location where they are with the stars. The aerial shows a pre-development, kind of how it is right now with the farm fields and the roads showing as they sit just to give you an idea where it is.

In past projects that we've done with developers, they went down and did a conceptual layout of where these parks are going to be and how they may lay out, how the road structures are going to be and some of the other improvements that we have in here. And so we kind of took those two stars, and we overlaid them with where they were in the old JJR plans. We have two parks, one is the Village Square off to the east, and then the Neighborhood Commons off to the right.

On November 9th, and I believe most everyone on the Commission was able to attend it, we did have an open house. Ayres and Associates Blake Theisen came out, and we did a series of events where he had some concepts, and we put some stickers on. If you liked something it was green, if you didn't like the concept it was red. We took all that information that we had off of that November 9th meeting, and then he had the plans which I'm going to present before you this evening.

We gave the plans internally for Jean Werbie's staff to go through and review and make some comments on, and we concur with all the plans that we have on there. And I'm going to turn it over to Jean at this time to kind of go through her plans. And the goal at the end of the day is to see the Commission's position on some of these concept drawings that we have, the comments that staff had made. And then we'll bring it back to Ayres and Associates to make those revisions, have another public meeting, and then hopefully approve these plans. Ayres and Associates will take the plans, develop some grading plans, some infrastructure plans, and just a general layout.

And so what will happen is that when this does get developed at whatever time that a developer chooses to develop it, they're going to know, okay, we need to have a pond here. This pond needs to have a bridge. There's going to be some sort of a main entrance feature. There's going to be a pavilion here. We're not going to have the details of the pavilion or those other things at this time, but just conceptually where it's going to go and what it's going to be. And then at the time of development, whenever that could be, it could be six months, it could be six years, it's unknown because the Village isn't developing this. So I'm going to turn it over to Jean and walk through her comments with you, and then we can just have an open discussion on the plans that you have in

front of you this evening.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Madam Chairperson, members of the Commission, just referring back to the previous slide that was up on the screen, and that was the illustrative master plan that we had been working on with JJR for a number of years, primarily dating back to the early 2000s. And as part of this downtown development we felt that it was very important that there be at least some public presence in the downtown, specifically these two public park areas, the Square and the Commons.

And in looking at some of my comments I think it's important to note that obviously we had a certain vision planned when these two parks were going to be developed, as well as the developer, and you've also now gone through a public process. But from our perspective these are very, very valuable pieces of property for the downtown. So in looking at both of the concepts one of the things that I just didn't want anyone to get too overwhelmed with is that there's a lot of trees out there. But they're not all the most desirable trees. Some of them are a lot of scrub trees and such.

And our recommendation, and it has always been that these be park developments, and the good trees should be maintained, the oak opening areas should be protected. But just to keep all the scrub brush and stuff like that on these two park plans is not in the best interest. We want these to be large gathering areas of the downtown, whether it's going to be festivals, bazaars, tree ceremonies, whatever it might be. And we just don't want to have a lot of thick brush and coverage of trees that could cause some concern for safety or hindering us in being able to use these parks.

So moving ahead to the very first one which is the one closest to 39th Avenue, the Square, we put some comments together. And my first concern is that to get this input to you and to the staff so that we could get another draft of this. But the second is that the plan that you previously saw which is the illustrative master plan, I think it would be very important to not only have this blown up detail of these two parks, but really see how this looks as it fits into this overall plan and see how it interrelates to that area. So I think it's important to show it on that plan as well as separately.

So the next thing I wanted to identify is that we should pull out the topographic information from the previous engineering plans that we did and lay things out. And maybe the designers did this, I'm not sure, we want to make sure that this is relatively flat in the direction flow and the topography, that everything works with respect to the storm water basin and the pond and the work that's going to be shown on there.

One of the other big pieces with any downtown in particular, our downtown, and everyone recognizes this when they go to the post office, is that there's not adequate parking. And so in addition to street parking, the staff would like for these plans to consider that there might be, maybe not so much this first one but the second one, that there be some opportunities in looking at how the parking is going to be provided to these two park areas. Again, the reason why we need to show these in relation to the big picture is everyone just going to street park? Are we expecting everybody to walk or bike there? If not, we should probably be looking at whether or not it makes some sense to have some small parking areas somewhere in here. Again, the second plan will address that a little bit more.

One of the other pieces relating to the infrastructure is there are roadways abutting to these properties, and so we want to make sure that those are integrated into both of these in the sense that we've got, for example, in the first plan 39th Avenue with a very large, wide sidewalk, ten foot wide sidewalk. Do we need another five to six foot wide sidewalk immediately inside the park right at that location? Maybe we do, maybe we don't. But I guess I wanted there to be a little more thought, and maybe this was something that people wanted to be able to walk on all four sides of the park. I'm not really sure. But we should look at potentially what that infrastructure is going to be immediately adjacent to it, especially if it's a road. Then do we need road, sidewalk, sidewalk. I don't know that we need that much sidewalk, and maybe we just focus on the walking trails, unless the one center ones that bring us to the center.

A couple other comments. We thought maybe a curvilinear path around the pond might be more interesting rather than a straight sidewalk around the perimeter. We didn't know if there was any consideration if part of this pond could actually be identified for ice skating or not, especially in an area north of that bridge. We do like that bridge connection. The other thought we had with respect to this was, and maybe this was part of the previous discussion that I was not at, the splash pad, is that the location that everyone kind of agreed to to have the pavilion, the splash pad, and then it looks like the swing sets and the playground area. I just wasn't sure if there was any discussion with respect to that.

In addition, just the trees, the row of trees, I just thought that that was kind of a strange alignment unless we're trying to create something right there. And then, again, trees on the property I would not say that any of them out there are truly significant, but we should probably have a tree survey done or something that identifies that for a park we want to have some trees, we just don't want to have rows and rows of trees.

The second concept which we used to refer as Eyebrow Park and now we refer to as Neighborhood Commons, again, that one is the one that things need to be drawn to scale. We should re-examine how many trees we want on the property. I wasn't sure if these were just clusters of trees or just the tree area. This is another one where since we have streets on all four sides or all around the site whether or not some small parking areas like you just installed up by Village Green the neighborhood park, but just some small parking areas, or are we relying totally on street parking.

Should the sidewalks be in the right of way, not in or on the park? And if all of our streets in this area are proposed to have sidewalks, so maybe it's a walking trail or something else as opposed to a sidewalk next to a sidewalk. Again, I think it should be superimposed on the overall illustrative master plan. We had some questions regarding the pond sizing and the accuracy of that. We weren't sure because we didn't have that information.

The biggest piece of this particular park is that there's a roundabout that is proposed at the intersection of where 101st would intersection with Springbrook Road. And so that might play pretty much into this feature at the very southeast corner. So I'd like to see how that roundabout feature figures in in here and whether or not maybe some artwork. I'm not really sure if this was fencing or what they were proposing at that location. But I think that since there's going to be a lot of traffic right there and turning around in that roundabout, if it is a roundabout, then I guess I'd kind of maybe want to re-look at that particular corner unless that's really intended to be a sitting area, a playground area, I'm not really sure. I'm not sure what the black lines with the dots is. I

think it's fencing.

Kris Keckler:

Jean, can I ask a quick question? On the left side on this map where you have the markings, the darker shades, and I don't know if that's just like waist high shrub or what on either side of the sidewalk there where potential parking, for example, the one outlined in red right there, conceptually how many parking spaces could fit in that?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

You know what, I did not have time to lay that out.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That was something that we would have to verify with the tree survey and figure out what could be kept and what couldn't be. I think just conceptually when we go back to Ayres and Associates it's going to be we'd like to have some more parking in these areas. And then they'll make a determination of the best configuration, the best shape and bring it back for review. That's kind of where we're at with the parking process. So they're bringing in some very conceptual plans based off of the public meeting that we had. We have staff comments, Commission comments and approval, and then we'll go through and bring it back to Ayres and do it. So I really don't have a number for how many spaces that could be. And it really depends on the grading and everything else.

There was a site survey complete before the snow hit the ground so we're good with that. We did not do a tree survey, so that's something we still have to do to determine which trees would stay, which trees would go. And then we can determine the size of the lots. And these guys are really good at saying, well, if we move this and we do that and we put this here, and you see, you know what, that's a great idea. So we'll bring these comments back in a general fashion and then have them kick back one more iteration which we will hopefully review in February.

Kris Keckler:

I do remember that from the showing when we were here that there was a concern for the parking, both what would be street parking and potential use of some of the land area. So I hope that's included with the total space amount, too.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, it's definitely a great comment. I'll make sure we pass it along to Blake.

Kris Keckler:

Thanks.

Michealene Day:

Especially either one, on 39th Avenue that's kind of a busy road, and people do drive a little fast. Parking, and then on the second one the Neighborhood Commons, if you have an amphitheater there you're really talking about having a lot of people. And street parking just is not going to cut it.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

And maybe even if it's just handicapped accessible parking or senior parking. I mean it doesn't have to be a big parking lot. But there are some folks that might need to have a little bit more assistance. I would just hate to see that just all covered with shrub and brush and trees as opposed to trying to program that space or something. And maybe it's overflow of people from the amphitheater.

Michealene Day:

The concern of, like you said, people having to walk distances or park on the roads. And if neighborhoods now are going to be complaining that there's cars all over and they can't get through to their own homes. I think we have to address where all these people are going to park or we're going to have a lot of issues with the park itself.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

And maybe the other thing is that the downtown did envision the possibility for larger open flat parking lots as well as possible parking structure. Again, we don't have all that completely designed out yet. I just don't want to over commit. Even the park plan identifies option A and B of this particular area depending on how this gets built out by the community.

Dave Klimisch:

Jean, I like the changes that were put in place with the bridges especially. I know one of the ideas was to put -- the original plan was a long bridge across that first park, and now there's an island in the middle to make two short bridges. There's a bridge on the Neighborhood Commons plan, I like that. One thing I don't see on the Neighborhood Commons on the top right, the entry plaza. I don't know if we want it or need it or plan for it. The other corners of both parks all have entry plazas.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe that just the Village Square concept plan off of 39th Avenue and around the 100 block had that kind of architectural feature coming in off of there. That was kind of the gateway to the park, to the Village Green Center. We're not sure what that is going to look like, whether it's going to be artsy or structural. That's all yet to be determined, but that was kind of like the base location. I don't believe that we came up with a concept for a huge archeological feature or any sort of a main entrance focal point. That's not saying that it can't be. I mean if that's our comment it's a great idea to have one there also because still this is our downtown, it's our neighborhood, it's a secondary park, we can add that in without a doubt.

Dave Klimisch:

Do you know what would be involved in making the pond an ice skating pond? Does it need to be shallower or just --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Cold weather is definitely the key with that one. I don't think it really makes a difference of the depth.

Dave Klimisch:

Put benches around or something.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right. I mean whether it's a foot or one foot deep or three foot deep. A lot of time when you do the pond you want to make sure that it's at least three foot deep to keep the cattails from growing up through it. And I'm sure when they design the ponds, and they have the grading information, and they understand the MS4 permit requirements that we are required to do. I think it would be a great idea to have a little pond in that area. It's kind of a smaller area. It's something that we would probably maintain, scrape the snow off. Whether we have some sort of a mechanical leveling device that we use out there on a regular basis. It's kind of separated from the large pond with the bridge. It kind of say, all right, keep in this area so a rescue if they would have to do it they kind of know where the ice skating area is. I think it's a great comment to have.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

And if I could just add to that. Typically storm water basins are not used for ice skating just so you know that because of the safety issues. But I didn't know if, like John was mentioning, if that's a very shallow finger that's coming north maybe we could do something to create kind of a neat feature. It doesn't have to be a huge ice skating rink. But I just thought that might be a neat feature with respect to that.

And I actually have one other comment. A lot of times we like to have focal points at the ends of streets. And I didn't mention this previously, but where 100th Street dives into this park, the square park, it would be kind of nice if that focal point was right at the end of the street. It looks like it's shifted down a little bit. But if it could be more in alignment so then when you're coming -- we have a couple subdivisions back through there that come straight through. And if they could come right into that kind of a neat feature, something of a focal point for people to see. So if it doesn't mess with this too much maybe if it could be shifted just a little bit further north I think that would be a nice feature.

Tom Shircel:

Could I make a comment or two? I agree with Jean's comment as well. If you look at the Neighborhood Commons concept plan, if we could have some kind of curvilinear path around that

pond as well I think that would be a good touch similar to what Jean suggested for the Village Square plan. And I like the idea of adding some parking. But, remember, these are more or less downtown parks. So I would suggest some parking but not a whole sea of parking.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

No.

Tom Shircel:

If you think of downtown parks many of them don't have a dedicated parking lot. You do park on the street. But I do like the idea of some off street parking for these parks. That's a good idea but not too much.

Brock Williamson:

The other thing you could do kind of like Kenosha does, too, is they leave some areas where you could park on the grass. If you guys have a really big event then there's some areas you could drive up on ramps and it would be a solid kind of stable area that would be a little bit higher ground. I agree with what you guys are saying to have some of these entry points. And then to see how it would actually fit with the master plan because then those lines would be better with the roads and crosswalks and stuff like that. Do you guys know about how big these parcels are acreage wise roughly?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I could look it up.

Brock Williamson:

Just to get an idea of how long the walking trail may be if they were to put one in.

Dan Klemack:

I have a comment on that. I like the idea with the walking trail, right, and if you don't have enough parking that means you're going to have more bicycles. So the width of those trails. And I've had circumstances where I've had run ins with bicyclists. And even admittedly sometimes when I was the bicyclist I had a run in with a pedestrian, right? But making sure there's plenty of room for both, the pedestrians and the bicyclists if we're not going to have a lot of parking.

Dave Klimisch:

Yeah, because the path around Lake Andrea a lot of times you have to step off to the side if there's a couple people coming by.

Tom Shircel:

That's a good point. And playing off of that perhaps, I don't know if it's too detailed at this point, but they probably should show some bike racks in these plans as well, locations for those. That's a good point.

Dave Klimisch:

Following up on yours, is a five foot sidewalk wide enough for pedestrians and bicyclists? The path through the middle shows an eight foot sidewalk. The one on the outside is five foot. I don't know what you need for a shared path.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think the path on the outside is the sidewalk, standard is five foot. All along the 39th Avenue corridor we had extended out to a ten foot wide that's very nice. And that was going to be one of my additional comments to have us do that. In the bike and ped plan that we approved back in I believe 2008/2010 time frame, it does say that the minimum path width for a combined use path is ten foot. So any time that we make a path, any time that we do any construction to a path including on Lake Andrea we revised it out to a ten foot.

And when we reconstruct Lake Andrea we'll probably do it and possibly even 12 foot just with the combination that's out there. It's more of a funding issue right now. Back in 1994 we were just happy to have a path around the lake per se. But now that it's been so much more popular and so much widespread and used, and I use it on a regular basis, and I see all the issues that you guys are talking about especially with the combination of the bikes and the pedestrians where it really does become dangerous. So we are looking in the next couple years as a part of our general fund paving program to increase that path. We're applying for grants on a regular basis. We hope to get some additional funding to assist us with that also. But definitely a great comment having them wider, and five foot is definitely too narrow. Especially the bigger guy that you are I take up two thirds of a side walk.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

The Square Park is 3.421 acres, so 3.4 acres. And the other park, the Commons Park is 4.493 or 4.5 acres.

Brock Williamson:

So we can maybe get a mile walking path out of each one.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And we can make sure that in the legend that Ayres actually has how long those paths are for us just for our review.

Cindy Schwab:

Back to the biking and walking paths, a good example of where it works really well is in Kenosha at Harbor Park where they actually have two different sidewalks. One is designated for bicyclists and anybody on wheels, skateboarders and rollerskaters, and the other one is a walking path. I know it's more expensive but it's definitely a safer situation than just having one sidewalk with everybody. It's kind of separate out there and quite a bit safer.

Brock Williamson:

So what you could maybe do is like you're saying do that with like a concrete, and then do like a crushed granite or something or crushed limestone for the walking trail.

Cindy Schwab:

There they have grass separating them. But I've also see it like in London they do it where it's one path but they just have a line. They put a line and all bikers have to go or on wheels on one side. And it just keeps that multi use and keeps everybody happy. It keeps the bikers and rollerskaters and everybody like that happy and keeps the walkers safe. It's obviously painting a stripe [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We will take those comments to Ayres and see what they can come up with. I'm sure they've encountered the situation before. And I do believe that Ayres actually is the consultant for Harbor Park and some of those other parks in Kenosha. So maybe they have experience in designing exactly what you've said. We can try to incorporate that within our new parks at the Village Green Center.

Dan Klemack:

I have a quick pond comment here. So I notice that there's tall grass pretty much around the entire pond. Is that leading me to believe that this will not be a fishing type of a pond.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It will not be a fishing type of a pond, correct. It's more of a storm water management type of a pond. So there will be water coming in and water coming out, and nobody likes all the fish [inaudible].

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I don't really care for the tall grass. But they also use it because it minimizes the geese population --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

-- from walking through there. So that's why it's good to have.

Brock Williamson:

And it kind of shows basically these whole parks are going to be like a 100 year storm event?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Excuse me?

Brock Williamson:

The whole park would be a 100 year storm event?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, it will meet all of our storm water requirements. And I'll make sure that Matt Fineour our Village Engineer has them all per our Village ordinance.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I have one other quick question. With their amphitheater help me understand is this just grass, you bring lawn chairs? Or is it terraced? And how many seats does it accommodate?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I do not know how many seats it accommodates. I think at this time it's just conceptual. Would we like to have an amphitheater here? And then if we do then they can get into the detail of what kind of surface would you have, what kind of elevation variances do you have. We'll have that at the next iteration. I think before we spend too much time and the Village spent too much money on it, we just want to say do we agree that having an amphitheater here is a good idea? If we say yes then they'll go back and create that detail versus them spending the money within our contract and then being way off in left base. So I can make sure that they answer those questions for you. Is there anything that you'd like to see in particular in that surface area of the amphitheater? Would you like to see like some gravel roads where chairs can go separated by grade elevated grass? Or do you have an idea of what you'd like to see?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

No. And I think that if this is still conceptual maybe they have photographs of various different amphitheatres in other communities and they could bring five examples back and say, okay, what would you think before they go and do a whole design on something. But just bring back visual examples for the Park Commission to look at.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure. That's a great idea. I'll make sure that at the February meeting Blake is here with those for us to look at if we agree that we do want to have an amphitheater and we want to have it in this location.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I have one more question.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure, that's what we're here for tonight.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Will they put a budget together for us, even a ballpark budget?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes. Part of the contract is going to be a grading plan, utility cross-sections and then a budget for construction based on the concepts that we provide them. And so the path, the width whether it's five foot or ten foot, whether it seats 100 people, the parking lot and all that stuff will be put into a budget that we can have and give to a developer which I'm sure he will just happily take and create and donate to the Village.

Michealene Day:

And then as you're talking about it also brings up questions if you're supposed to bring in your own chairs. Again, you need to have handicapped parking because you're not going to expect somebody in a wheelchair or older people or more handicapped people to walk four blocks carrying chairs.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure, excellent point. And then the Commission will have to make a lot of policy decisions once we approve these parks of how are we going to have these events. What are going to be some of the rules for the events? So you guys will be involved with this at whatever time, at the appropriate after it's constructed obviously.

Brock Williamson:

I think Jean had a good point about having an inventory done of those tree areas, of the native areas to kind of see what's in there and if it's even worth keeping anything. Because that could be some really useful space for other things if it's junk.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, I have that down in my notes, and I'll make sure that we have that completed hopefully by the February time frame. I'm not sure if you can do a tree survey year round. You would probably know better than I.

Brock Williamson:

Yeah, you can.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

All right, so there's no excuse not to have it done.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

John, Marty Hanley might have done some tree work, tree preservation and tree survey work.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That would be great. I can reach out to Marty then and find out just so we're not duplicating efforts.

Dan Klemack:

I have a quick question on the ice skating portion. Is there another outdoor ice skating pond type setup in Kenosha County somewhere?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

There may be something in Kenosha County, but I know there's not one in Pleasant Prairie. I do know that City of Kenosha has one in a park in the past. I'm not sure where it is or what the status of it is.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Right on Lake Michigan not too far from the band shell. That's where we used to go. I don't know if it's still there.

Kris Keckler:

I don't think it's been there the last couple of years. But they've had issues.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's normally funding issues, operationally what it takes to set it up and maintain it. As things get cut within your budget based on levy limits that seems to be the first things to go normally.

Dan Klemack:

And is the though for that piece right there is the use for folks to just skate around in a circle or kids to play hockey? If it's more of like a Milwaukee or Chicago where you're skating around in a circle then we might want to make it more of a circle lengthwise.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I'd like to see that. I just watched all those Hallmark movies. I don't know that that's big enough unless they elongate it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I can make a note to Ayres also that if we are going to have ice skating on it that they can accommodate an appropriate ice skating circumference.

Dave Klimisch:

And if we're talking about ice skating are we wanting a warming house at some point, some kind of temporary warming place that we can set up for a weekend if we have a big event there?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Whether that's a temporary tent, whether that's a permanent structure that's used for multiple purposes is something we would probably have to discuss. I can ask them about that and then add it on that north section of where that ice skating pond would be. I'm sure they can incorporate that as a multi use feature, add some trails to it.

Dave Klimisch:

If it's on the west side maybe it's used as a second pavilion or there's a gathering space over there for something.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Great idea. We'll have that also --

William Mills:

The Village Hall is not that far from that spot, though, either, correct on the map. So potentially you could use this space even for warming. Just thinking of cost.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, we're going to take all these comments and bring it back to Ayres. And I'm sure we're going to come back with something that looks conceptually a little bit the same but much more detail oriented with all of our comments that we had over the course of the evening.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I have just one more quick. Are there going to be fountains in the ponds during the summer or no?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, there will be fountains for aeration.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I couldn't tell if that's what that was.

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Yeah, number 12.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I believe they're shown at number 12. It's really small and hard to see especially as your eyes get worse.

Tom Shircel:

But they don't show [inaudible] in the Neighborhood Commons.

Michealene Day:

In the square, yes, but not in the Commons.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But I think the fountains in the ponds definitely is a nice feature, and I would recommend having them in both of them.

Dan Klemack:

I'm looking at the one year storm, the 100 year storm. Is the elevation in the Village Square, does the elevation of that little island come into play, and if the water gets too high will that little island

potentially go under water?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'm going to say no. I'm going to say that they would design it to have the outfall structure which drains down underneath 39th Avenue at a lower elevation than the flood stage for that center pond. And so by having a controlling structure underneath 39th Avenue they can control the height of that pond. As long as they make that center island two or three feet higher than the outfall structure it should never flood unless it plugs up. Things happen.

Dan Klemack:

But the bridges connecting them are they going to be at an angle then?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We do not -- we're not at that type of detail right now. But I'm sure that we could get some cross-section view at a later time as a part of our review. Right now just conceptually we're just kind of showing we want to have a bridge here so it's showing a bridge. And then if we agree that there is going to be a bridge then they'll get more into the detail of bridge elevations, height that you need to have above the water. You can have canoe races underneath where you don't want to bump your head, so now they need to be four feet higher. Different issues like that we'll probably have to work through at a later meeting. We're just at a very conceptual stage. But these are all great ideas that are very important to talk about and go through now so that when we get to these other stages all these concepts are put into place.

Cindy Schwab:

I have one more thing on the Village Square concept plan, and Jean you kind of mentioned it, like six and five with two playgrounds stacked like that, is there a way like maybe five could go on the other side. And I'm just thinking for parents they could sit at that pavilion and watch their kids. But how it's stacked now if your kids are playing at number five you really can't sit at the pavilion and watch your kids. So it just seems like a little bit of a goofy setup.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think it's a great comment. It makes sense. And to answer your original question it's very easy to change it right now.

Cindy Schwab:

It's just a though.

William Mills:

The bike trail from -- now maybe this was a couple of iterations ago, but we at one time talked about a bike trail from the RecPlex to like the North Shore trail. Where does that come through this area in the bike plan?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's actually a little bit to the north of here. And so are you familiar with the Village Green Park and that new paved path?

William Mills:

Yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's actually part of the path that you just spoke of. So as development occurs whenever it does occur we are putting those pieces in. One of the next phases that you're going to see is going from Village Green Park through the woods and getting out to 39th and possibly through the All Saints property and then tying onto the North Shore bike trail at that location. So it doesn't directly go through here. We're definitely going to have a branch that's going to feed to this as a destination location. But that path will not go directly through here. I guess it could if the Commission decides to alter the park and open space plan and the bike and ped plan to have it go through here. And then when it gets built it goes through here. You guys definitely have that authority to make that happen.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Now's the time. That's why maybe looking back and looking at that overall plan and have a large version one and just kind of take a look at that and compare it to your bike and open space plans.

Kris Keckler:

Thanks for putting all these together here.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And one of the things that we're probably going to go through as staff and a Commission is we're due to update the bike and ped plan. It's been a number of years since we've updated it. Our bike and open space plan expires for grants in 2018. So we're probably going to have to go through next year and revise that. So we may end up trying to jump the gun a little bit. If we want to get this main east/west connector identified and change it we can do that now as Jean had mentioned and run something through here conceptually.

Actually Item b) on the agenda is making an alteration to that bike and ped plan. And so it's definitely within your authority to make those changes at any time you guys see fit. So we can start. I wasn't sure if I wanted to tackle both projects at the same time. I'd like to finish this one. But as the Commission has says it makes sense to change that part of it. But then when these two parks are done I planned on bringing to the Commission and update the bike and ped plan and then revise our park and open space plan which will take up through 2018 probably.

Michealene Day:

Jean, I have a question for you. You're saying now is the time to maybe address it. I'm kind of jumping ahead here, but it's not addressed in this recommendation to revise the bike and pedestrian trails now. Are you suggesting that we --

Jean Werbie-Harris:

So I think that -- John, can you go back to the conceptual master plan. So it's hard to see, but there are actually walking trails, like roller lading and walking trails throughout this entire plan. They're very hard to see. They're in light, light brown. You can see them like wrapping around the pond at the north end, and they go around the buildings and through. So most of the wider streets in the downtown were envisioned to have bike lanes. So the question is maybe as a part of this we just look at where all those bike lanes are shown on the streets because we have all those profiles, and where the bike paths are throughout just to make sure that there aren't any conflicts with the two parks that you're looking to do. We certainly an amend it at a later date, that's not a problem. But we don't want to get a plan that's finalized and say, oops, we forgot to take into consideration our big picture here by looking at where they all are shown on that illustrative master plan.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

One of the things the staff is going to do for the February meeting is we are going to go through and actually make these amendments and bring them to you. So we'll come up with some staff recommendations, put together some slides, some PowerPoints and then bring them to you. And they will be incorporated within these two new concept plans when we come back to you in February.

Michealene Day:

Okay, so you'll have the --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, we will make those changes. So the changes will be in the Neighborhood Commons and the Village Square concept plans. And then we'll also make an amendment at that time to the bike and ped plan as part of the park and open space plan.

Tom Shircel:

One more comment. I'm not sure. Again, I'm looking at the Neighborhood Commons concept plan with the proposed amphitheater. Is there a certain direction that amphitheaters face? If you look at this that amphitheater is facing north/northwest. Which if you look at the illustrative plan is where most of the residential areas are. So the sound would be going towards the residences. But if you want to perhaps turn that so it faces east towards the commercial or south towards the post office just a suggestion.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

We talked about that as a staff. But I was hoping that the architects or the land planners would be able to say what's the best direction. We don't want the singers facing the sun, and you don't want the people sitting there necessarily facing right into the sun. So it's got to be somewhere between.

Kris Keckler:

That's usually what governs a lot of this is when and where the use of the actual entity would come into play and then what would be the experience of any performers or anybody performing anything out there and what the audience would experience as well.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'll make sure that I bring these comments also of the direction of the amphitheater and the traveling of sound to the architects also. I may just give them this whole transcription because it's going to be a lot of notes.

Dan Klemack:

One more thing for the transcription. If we're going to do the fountains, it would be nice to have good fountains, cool fountains, maybe something that light up.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Like what they do here at Village Hall you're saying. It's got the lights, it's got the different features, that concept you're looking for. Okay, I can make sure to pass that along.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

[Inaudible] should have really cool signs.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Really cool what?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Signs for the parks, and their location should be shown on here unless I'm missing it. So wherever the park sign is we should make sure that --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Would you want to do a different concept than what our standard park signs are? Would you like me to come up with a draft of something different? Is everyone familiar with our park signs that we have like for Village Green and Rolling Meadows and all those other neighborhood parks?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

My recommendation is you take a look at Village Green sign you just put out up here and kind of work with that, something more substantial and permanent.

Brock Williamson:

That looks higher end, too. Nothing against the regular ones.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

But even just the location.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So we have a location and some detail with it also so they don't think when they're coming to that point. So I will make sure to add the signs comparable to what the Village Green entrance is. And then also location showing them on the plan. Those are great concepts. That's fine. We have as much time as you need. Our meetings are usually very short.

Michealene Day:

This is great. You're not looking for a motion. These are just suggestions.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'm not. We're just looking for any conceptual ideas to this plan at this time so we can give the architect some direction to move forward and come back with all these changes that you have plus additional details. And we've talked about the grading and the signs and some of the bridges and some of the other things that we talk about over the course of the duration this evening. So we'll come back with those to you hopefully at the February meeting. It's going to be a lot of changes. And we need to have everything a week ahead. By the time I talk to him tomorrow it gives him about two weeks to work on stuff and get back to us. So if it's not February we'll have it in March. But it all depends on his load. I'm hoping he can have it by February.

Michealene Day:

And, again, these are just conceptual. This is not what it's actually going to be. Because in six months, six years it will come back to what this is what we really want to do, correct? I mean the location --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

This is going to be pretty close. You remember when we went through the park and open space plan Village Green Park that we put together in 2003 or whatever it was really got built per that plan.

Michealene Day:

That's true.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

So a lot of these parks, Creekside Park, all these parks really got built per that plan. I'm not saying it can't be changed, but once it leaves the Park Commission and the Board approves it then it's all done and it's really there. And to make a change to it, it really needs to run through this process again. So this is very permanent.

Michealene Day:

Okay, so then we really want to make sure that the bike trails and everything else is the way we want it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Like you said earlier, we're not going to have a detail of the architectural features in the band shell or the --

Michealene Day:

Or the pavilion inside.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Or the pavilion. That's something that during the development process Jean's crew is going to go through and say I want these color shingles, I want this color wood, I want this color facie, it's got to be metal, it's got to be metal, it's got to be whatever it is. But we do number four on the Village Square concept plan is going to be a pavilion. Is it going to be open air? Is it going to be closed? What are we going to have and then we take it from there.

Cindy Schwab:

With that being said I guess something with the Neighborhood Commons concept is there any question whether the entry plaza one and entry plaza two are really great ideas. I feel like in some ways who is going to use that space? What is that space going to be used for? You're bringing people into the center. Are people really going to hang out there by streets? I mean it looks like maybe brick or something. But I wonder if that space, if you're going to spend that kind of money would you be better off to pull people into a space that is going to be used and maybe just have like the corner -- up here in the corner where there's no entrance, it's just a square kind of pad. I don't know, it seems like --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I guess the goal that when we talked about this is we really don't have a gateway into Pleasant

Prairie anyway. You know 39th Avenue is probably our nicest main thoroughfare north/south. So giving some feature that you see when you drive down 39th Avenue when you're by the Village Hall, some sort of feature that says, you know what, now I'm in Pleasant Prairie, and whatever that may be. I know they had a dinosaur, a pig, a sculpture, all these different things. But whatever we're going to have. So that was kind of the concept of why we had it so close to the road to kind of give ourselves an identity for people traversing down 39th Avenue that says, okay, now we're here.

Michealene Day:

Well, and also if it's along the roads if someone is bicycling or walking it looks like there's a tables and chairs here, they may stop, have their water or a sandwich or something before they continue on. It's a breaking point perhaps as well as along the roads and along the bike paths so that you're not stopping in the middle of a bike path. You've got a little space to come off of, too, I don't know.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But entry number two really was always at least staff's vision to have some sort of a gateway to Pleasant Prairie, some entry focal point that you have. So when you drive down -- I mean we talked about having a clock tower, just a whole myriad of things that it could be. We're not sure what it's going to be, but we thought just have something there. And that's why we had it so close to the road so you would see it.

Michealene Day:

And then you're also saying that this one on the corner here may be not there anyway with the roundabout.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

By the time we put the geometrics in for the roundabout we'll have to see how that changes and tweaks. And that's going to move the pond and shift things around. So it's going to look a little bit different when we come back.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

With that being said I do think that there should be a feature right at that corner. With the roundabout being that close there should be -- that is a very prominent corner. It's dead center in the middle of the Village Green. And so that should be something more prominent for that Commons Park. There needs to be something there. I don't know if that's the right thing. But once you see the roundabout and how it functions, look at how our roundabouts function out there. Sometimes traffic's moving a little fast. And it probably will here. But by looking at this map you'll see, well, across the street there's supposed to be some commercial. There might be some more down here. So if there's a restaurant or a coffee shop or something then it provides someplace for someone to go and sit outside as opposed to just at the restaurant. But I really do believe that does need to be worked a little more to take that into consideration.

Brock Williamson:

You could do like a pergola or something. Pillars and some cross beams and something to really highlight and lighting.

Cindy Schwab:

Too, I guess if you're trying to make that a focal point I guess I really question the parking lot behind it then. You know what I mean? I don't know, or this shrubby -- and it's not a pretty area right there.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Which --

Cindy Schwab:

On number two on the Neighborhood Commons. I just think the visual --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Oh, Neighborhood Commons. I thought you were talking about the one that's just to the west of 100th Street on the street. That's not where you're talking? You're talking about the one that's in the southeast corner, yes?

Cindy Schwab:

Where the roundabout is, yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Where it says show the roundabout. So we'll make sure that the architect takes that roundabout, puts it in there, shoves this over a little bit and comes up with -- are we still on board to have an architectural feature?

Brock Williamson:

Oh, definitely.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Around that roundabout, and then you can conceptually see what it looks like, what they come up with. I mean the pond is obviously going to shift in a northwest direction, and the shape may change.

Cindy Schwab:

I'm talking about number two where it's entry plaza two on the Neighborhood Commons.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Oh, I see where you're talking about. You're talking about the far west end.

Cindy Schwab:

Okay, let's say a parking lot behind that.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay. I don't believe that that's really an architectural feature.

Cindy Schwab:

Yeah, what is that?

Michealene Day:

That says entry plaza two.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's just a little entry plaza. And that's a very vague statement. So what that could be I think is still up to interpretation at this point. If you want to have a pergola, if you want to have benches, if you want to have --

Cindy Schwab:

Yeah, I guess that's what I'm trying to figure out what it is.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I guess I would ask the Commission to give me some recommendations of what they would like here. And so far I've heard the pergola and I've heard the benches or a combination of the two. So we can take that entry plaza and replace it with pergola with benches.

Cindy Schwab:

And I guess that's what I'm questioning is right behind it is there going to be the parking lot? Because if there's going to be a parking lot behind it are people really going to sit next to a parking lot? Probably not.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Well, this is definitely the time. We can definitely remove it from the plan and put it somewhere else.

William Mills:

Do we want to move it closer to the amphitheater?

Michealene Day:

Well, I guess I'd like to see -- it's going to be kind of hard to visualize. Because if the pond is going to be moved, if the pond has to be moved because of the roundabout, is the amphitheater now because of the floodplain, now is that going to have to be shifted as well? And we're going to try to put some parking in here. This is only a three acre park. That's not that much --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

How about if the direction that I give the architect is let's do a tree survey, let's get that completed or take the stuff that we have from Mr. Hanley, let's draw a parking lot in here, let's put in the roundabout and move the pond and just put it in there still. And then if we decide with all these features, you know what, it just doesn't work it's easy to take out or it's easy to move somewhere else.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, because three acres sounds like a lot, but when you're talking about a pond and an amphitheater --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And everything else in there it's a small area, correct.

Michealene Day:

It is a very small area.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

This is actually the bigger one, this is 4.5.

Michealene Day:

Oh, I'm sorry. I was thinking this was the three.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Four point five.

Michealene Day:

Okay, it's still not a huge area.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But we can still go through, let's make all these changes and just see how it look and bring it back next month or in March. I'm not saying this is going to be a one more time shot. It's going to take as long as it takes to get it right. Because like we talked about before this is really what's probably going to get built there. Because Jean is going to hand this over to the developer and say this is what we need built. And we're really not going to have that much time to change it. It can get changed, but it's the whole process with the Park and the Plan and the Board and it takes months and months. And a lot of times once you're at that construction stage they're ready to go. So I want to make sure to get it right, so however long it takes is what it's going to take. But it is important that we do what the Commission feels is correct.

Michealene Day:

Hey, Jean, where the roundabout is going to go how much into this area, I'm not going to hold you to it, do you think it's going to take that whole area where the entry is?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

That's a really good question. And I was trying to enlarge it on my computer to see if I could see that. But I envision this to be a single lane roundabout in the center of the downtown as opposed to the two lane roundabouts on Springbrook and 165. So with that I mean it really just depends on the number of turns that we have as well. But we could certainly work with our engineers to kind of give them a template to see how much. But there is some right of way that's going to be needed that's going to cut at least into that square, it looks like a square, it looks like a fence. I think that area is going to get chewed into a little bit.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I want to think that the whole thing is going to be removed, to answer your question, by any means it's not going to be a four lane or two lane roundabout or anything like that. It's going to take them a little bit. We'll make sure we get that in the plans and without specifying what it is. We'll just have them change it, and then we'll look at it at that time.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, because depending if you have to reconfigure instead of having a backwards [inaudible] pond now you're talking about a different shaped pond.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

This is going to look way different when you see it at the next iteration definitely.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

And one of the other things that we did show was that the center island was to be pretty big in this roundabout similar to the one on 39th and Springbrook. That would afford an opportunity for

Christmas tree sign or a smaller sign than the one that is up here that says Village Green. So that entry feature, that other piece of art or that something that could actually be right there at the center of the road. And then you wouldn't put it right there. You kind of just have like a plaza that takes you right there, something to that effect.

Dave Klimisch:

You're talking about putting that feature in the middle of the roundabout possibly?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Similar to what we have up here. So up there we put -- at Springbrook and 39th Avenue we have two signs that say Village Green that Tom has designed.

Dave Klimisch:

When you said that what I picture was maybe putting the significant architectural feature in the middle of the roundabout.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

It could be.

Dave Klimisch:

Like in DC where there's statues in all of the circles maybe we put something.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

It could be.

Dave Klimisch:

Especially if we have two of them going, two roundabouts going.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I mean that was always our vision is to have things at the entry of the downtown and then have a central focal point in the middle that says here's the center. This is where Main Street is, this is Springbrook Road, and it kind of -- we didn't get any further than that.

Tom Shircel:

I have one more comment. I thought it was sort of odd that these entry plazas, especially number two on the Village Square and number one by the roundabout on the Neighborhood Commons they show fences right at the edge. I thought that's not very inviting. It says entry plaza but then you have fences. To me a fence is sort of keep away. Maybe the fence could be further back. I don't

know, it just seemed sort of odd to have an entry plaza and then immediately you see a fence right away. I thought that was sort of odd.

Cindy Schwab:

What are the fences for?

Tom Shircel:

It's sort of unwelcoming.

Michealene Day:

Unless it's a decorative fence so kids don't fall into the road or something, I don't know.

Tom Shircel:

Maybe, I don't know.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We can definitely ask the question of the reason to have a fence by that location. We'll have Blake here next time to answer some questions on design because we'll be at that point by the next time you guys see this with the changes you've requested.

Michealene Day:

I don't know if it's a cute little landscaping that you can step over that the kids aren't going to crawl into the road. I don't know.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure. We will find out next time for sure.

Michealene Day:

So we've given John a lot to bring back. Do we have any more? I mean now is the point to do it so if we have any more questions. I think that the Neighborhood Commons concept plan there are a lot of questions about especially with the roundabout and the amphitheater and parking and how's the pond going to look. As we said, we have --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I want to thank the Commission for all their comments. I know you guys put a lot of time into this. I think at the end of the day we're really going to have something nice to be proud of when it is built. And it's going to be very exciting to think that just today, January, 2017 we're talking about it. And in a couple when it's built that's always really neat to see this develop and talk about it.

Well, we talked about having this but then this got moved. And then we got a parking lot where the trees were, to see it all built. So it's definitely an exciting time, and I appreciate all your comments.

Michealene Day:

Okay, I guess we'll move onto Item b).

b) Approve recommendation to Village Board to revise Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Plan.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Madam Chair and members of the Commission, this evening we're actually you guys to do a revision to the bike and ped plan. And so generally speaking the revision that we're looking at is on Bain Station and County Trunk Highway C. It's kind of shown with the arrow. We kind of blew it up a little bit. And this map is really hard to read. So when we go through this bike and ped plan we're going to get some better maps. These are really tough to do.

So we kind of zoomed in and tried to show what we're looking to do, the general location. So you see Bain Station Road labeled on there. The road that Pleasant Prairie Elementary and Fire Station 2 is kind of the roundabout where going off in a southwestern direction County Trunk Highway C. Where those two intersection right there is really the location that we're looking at changing.

And the reason why we're looking to change it I guess I kind of had to go back comprehensively over some of the paths that we have in the Village and some of the improvements that we made. It's always been a plan of staff and the Commission to have a connection from Prairie Springs Park and Lake Andrea, which shown with the green path around it, to up at the northern part of the slide Pleasant Prairie Park. We really wanted to have that connection going through. It was thought we'd maybe go Highway H to Bain Station Road or have some way going through the corn field.

Well, years ago we built the Prairie Farms Trail. It's been a very active trail that people use all the time now. Recently this past fall we actually developed the Don Hackbarth Trail. That gets us another tie to Wilmot Road. Kenosha County, as you guys know, we had a couple of planning sessions here. And we're proposing for them to create, and it's on their plan for construction next year, a shared use pathway on the south side of Wilmot Road. So now we're going to have not just a 2.3 mile loop around Lake Andrea, but you can actually make a full loop all the way down to River Road 100 percent off street. So that's really nice. We're excited to have that.

We wanted to make the tie coming up to -- taking that Wilmot Road shared use path, running it to Bain Station, taking it down Bain Station to Pleasant Prairie Park. If anyone's familiar with the vision issues that you have where 104th meets County Trunk Highway C there's kind of a curve there and some trees there. When we made the plan originally we thought, well, that's just as straight a shot to get to Highway C from the park, that's where it should be.

In part of our paving program we're looking at repaving Bain Station Road from 104th to County Trunk Highway C. And I'm proposing in this plan that we do the actual two driving lanes, but we actually have a bike lane on the outside of it five foot. So we're going to increase the width of it a

little bit. Kenosha County has actually gone through and this year completed the gravel component of it from the Prairie Farms Trail to Bain Station Road. And they plan on paving that next year the same time that the Village is reconstructing Bain Station Road from Highway C to Highway H -- or, I'm sorry, from 104th Avenue.

It really doesn't make any sense to have that path shown along 104th. It just creates a dangerous situation. So instead of crossing at a not controlled intersection of County Trunk Highway C and 104th around a blind curve, we're actually crossing them on an off street path at a controlled four way stop intersection. So that's why we are recommending the change this evening to take that path off of 104th, move it onto Bain Station. It will probably be constructed within the paving program this year for 2017.

Dave Klimisch:

So the pedestrian crossing would be at the intersection of C and Bain?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You're correct, sir. And we feel that's the safest place for bikes and peds to cross. So the shared used pathway staff felt very strongly and brought the recommendation to Kenosha County to have it on the south side of the road. Originally they wanted to have it on the north side of the road just because there was more right of way and more open space. But then to use this off street trail you have to cross Wilmot Road twice. And we felt that was very, very dangerous. So we went through the Park, the Plan, the Board, sent the recommendation, and the County listened so we're very appreciative of that.

They're constructing it on the south side so we're going to have a large I believe just over eight mile loop that you can run around all off street without crossing the road. The crossing to get to Pleasant Prairie Park or to get to any of the residents that are in the Prairie Ridge Chateau area would be at a controlled intersection. Improving the Bain Station cross-section by having the on street paths just outside of the roadway driving lanes.

Michealene Day:

This is very common sense. I don't know if we actually need any discussion.

Dave Klimisch:

In the future that intersection is planned to be a roundabout.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It is planned to be a roundabout. And then all the geometrics and the path will change. But it will still have that same core connection.

Dave Klimisch:

In the future once the roundabouts there there's no stoplight. How would a pedestrian safely cross the street?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

They'll have to wait for a gap in traffic.

Dave Klimisch:

Okay, you just put down a crosswalk and --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct, correct. I mean we would have the signs to do it. And at that point, and I don't believe it's within the next five years of the County CIP to actually have it done. So then in five years we can re-evaluate it. But at this point in 2017 for the next five years since we're so close to doing it and we're repaving the road, reconstructing it, staff feels very strongly that let's do whatever's right for right now. And then in five or ten years if there's some changes that have to be made we can revisit those changes at that time.

William Mills:

Makes sense.

Dave Klimisch:

Before we vote I've had a lot of people ask me about the asphalt that's going in on the south side of Bain Station there.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

The asphalt that's going onto the south side of Bain Station, yes. There's just asphalt millings right there. That's actually just the beginning phase of that shared use pathway that's going to go from Bain Station Road to 114th Avenue.

Dave Klimisch:

Okay.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

There's some other utility work that has to get done. There's manholes that have to get raised, there's power poles that have to get moved, there's guidelines that have to get moved.

Dave Klimisch:

So that's a temporary, of course --

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's just the County had a little bit of time, and so they cleared the brush, they cleaned it, they put the asphalt millings on. And now we're working with We Energies to relocate some of those guide wires, move the poles. So that when they get the rest of that shared use pathway constructed that part's already done.

Dave Klimisch:

Okay, it will be safe at the end.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

That's correct. I mean it's not the intention to have a path that has some guide wires or a telephone pole in the middle of it or a manhole that's a foot low. I talked to Gary Sipsma, the County Commission for roadways, and he asked me what I thought about just to start it early. I said if you have crews that can do it absolutely go ahead. And then that really pushes We Energies to move their infrastructure around from what we're doing because that path already will have been in there. And we're having discussions with We Energies on a regular basis on how they're going to move that pole, how they're going to do those guide wires, the geometrics with that. So they're working through that, and that's in We Energies engineering at this time.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions? Could we have a motion then to accept the proposed trail change?

William Mills:

So moved.

Dave Klimisch:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

William Mills moved to approve a recommendation to the Village Board to revise Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Plan: Seconded by Dave Klimisch. Motion carried 7-0.

Michealene Day:

Motion passes.

7. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS

Michealene Day:

I have one.

Dave Klimisch:

I have one thing, too.

Michealene Day:

Go ahead, go first.

Dave Klimisch:

We only get one chance to develop land so I appreciate all the time that the staff puts into this and the planning. And once a piece of land is developed then you have it for decades. And when it's wrong then you've got to go back through a process, and other cities with a lot of legacy issues get to do that. So I very much enjoy that we're not on a time rush. We want to get it right. And whether it's five years or ten or fifteen, whatever it is, I appreciate the vision and the time and the patience that everybody has because we're going to get it right because that's what we do.

Michealene Day:

I agree. And, finally, in addition I want to again thank Ruth. She will be greatly missed. Any other comments?

Dave Klimisch:

And welcome Stacy.

Michealene Day:

And, yes, I'm sorry, welcome to Stacy.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Klimisch:

So moved.

William Mills:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

Dave Klimisch moved to adjourn the meeting: Seconded by William Mills. Motion carried 7-0.

Michealene Day:

Thank you. Have a good evening everyone.