

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PARK COMMISSION
Village Hall Auditorium
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
October 3, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Park Commission was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Present were Michealene Day, William Mills, Dave Klimisch, Kris Keckler, Cindy Schwab, Brock Williamson. Dan Klemack and Jim Bandura (Alternate #1) were excused. Also present were John Steinbrink, Jr., Public Works Director; and Stacy Mason, Communications Director. _____ Citizens were present.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETINGS - FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

Michealene Day:

In your packet earlier sent to you was our minutes of our last meeting which was, hard to believe, January 4, 2017 (sic) if we can all remember that far behind. Is there any additions or corrections to the minutes? If not, can I entertain a motion to accept the minutes presented.

William Mills:

So moved.

Kris Keckler:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

Voices:

Aye.

Michealene Day:

Opposed? Motion carries.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Michealene Day:

Is there anyone? No citizen comments. Thank you.

5. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, it has been a long time since we met. It was in January, but I guarantee that next year, 2018 we'll be meeting much more frequently. We did propose in the Village budget, and I believe it will be approved, the decision packet to the Parks Department out of the general fund to do a revision of our Park and Open Space Plan. So many of you were on the Board at the first iteration, the second iteration, now we're to round three. So we have to do this every six years to keep our funding for the Department of Natural Resources Grant.

So it expires on December 31st of '18. So we're going to spend a majority of '18 revising the plan. So we are looking to go with Ayres and Associates again with Blake Theisen. He's very familiar with the project. He has done a lot of the legwork in our other two plans. So we'll probably start that January/February. And we'll probably work on it spring and into summer. And it will include doing the public charrettes, there will be some open houses, some meetings. It will go through the Park Commission, the Plan Commission and ultimately the Village Board for approval hopefully by fall of 2018.

Michealene Day:

I know that I've been here for all of them. But some of them haven't, some of our members have not. Would it be possible to get all the members a copy of what it exists now so that they have --?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Absolutely. If I could just get just a show of hands who needs one if anyone doesn't have a copy of it.

Michealene Day:

Of the Park Plan. Well, apparently you don't need to do that then.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But it's very good, Madam Chair, just to verify that everyone does have the latest and greatest. And one of the things that we did with the 2013 revision is we added as an appendices the bike and ped plan. And so we will be incorporating that again along with all the other changes that we've made over the years. And so we have added some parks. And on the new business for this evening is adding two more parks. So those comments and those revisions will be added also. So as development occurs the developer will know what's expected of them, what has to be done to be turned over to the public as far as park amenities go. It really gives them a good direction. And the Park and Open Space Plan has been a great tool over the last 12 years that we've had it in

place. It's really guided a lot of development and a lot of parks. The Creekside Park, the Gesualdo Park, Village Green Park are all ones that were designed and made through this Park Commission through these plans and put in place as all your hard work has come to fruition. So it's a very exciting time in the Park.

And development is turning a corner now so the residential will be starting up again. And I predict that we will see some of these parks that we'll be working on over '18 in place over the next couple years hopefully.

Michealene Day:

Oh, good, good.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And that's all I have to report.

Michealene Day:

Okay, thank you, John.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Receive and consider Eagle Scout Project Proposal - John Lynch.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

We do have Mr. John Lynch in the audience. He is proposing an Eagle Scout project. And with that said I will just have John go through and run through his proposal. And he put together a very slide show, and we're definitely very excited for this project.

John Lynch:

Hi, my name is John Lynch. I'm a prospective Eagle Scout from Troop 583, and I have a project coming up for my Eagle Scout award. And my plan is to add two benches and an interpretive sign to the Don Hackbarth Trail in Prairie Springs Park. This is part of a team up between both the Public Works and myself. And I hope that I can be of service to the Parks Department through this project.

This is where the project is going to go. And it's going to go in at the bend in the Prairie Springs Park trail which is connected to River Road, and it's joined by a fire access [inaudible]. You can see the other installations near there as you can see up here. So it's pretty much the midway point between the access at River Road and the bridge. This project is also -- it's going to be another larger project, at least as my understanding goes, of many Eagle projects that are being installed in this park including a sign on the bridge by one of my friends from the troop, Max Kiernan who installed an interpretive sign on the bridge talking about the wetland area. And there is a shelter at the end of the bridge, too, that was also an Eagle project I believe.

This is the general look at it. We do not have specifics yet as to what the exact look is, but there

are some templates later in this slide show. But from the front it's just a quick setup, two angled benches plus an interpretive sign in the middle. And I hope to put it right at the corner of this trail. I'm going to add two benches. They're going to be made out of wood that can resist weather damage over the years because with the changing seasons you need to be able to maintain the integrity of your project. And each bench will require two postholes in the ground for a total of four for the bench's legs. So I will need to dig into the ground and pour cement.

And the design will match the benches that were another Eagle project in Prairie Springs Park's archery range. The benches are going to have a surface dimension of 78 by 18 inches and will be about two feet tall. The benches are attached by two feet deep posts in the ground filled with cement. This is the style of the bench. This is what's currently installed at the archery range, and I'm going to be matching that style with these benches.

I'm also going to be adding an interpretive sign. This sign will be made by Pulse Designs, Inc. from northern Illinois. They're a company that has worked with the Parks Department in the past through Max Kiernan, another Scout from my troop who added that sign that I told you about on the bridge. This sign will be made out of a wrapped aluminum with two wooden legs that require cemented postholes. So all told this project will require six postholes in the ground. That will all be filled with cement. This is going to match the design in its style and its layout so it will be continuous throughout our park. And it will detail the wildlife that can be found in that area along with vegetation and other things of that park.

So this is what the sign is looking like. This is from the website of the company that I've been in contact with, Pulse. And Pulse has a few template designs that we're going to be modifying to fit this project specific to the ecosystem in the area. And that's about what it will look like. The one with the two legs is what we're looking at because the dimension is 24 by 36 inches and require a larger base plate.

For fundraising, this project is not cheap. It's going to cost around \$1,700 to \$1,800 all told. \$1,500 alone goes to the sign because it's a lot more labor intensive to create this sign through a graphic designer. The cost of the benches will be around \$100 to \$200 plus the cost of cement to add everything to the ground. I have access to things like a posthole digger and the tools necessary to make the benches and install them. I have already raised around \$700 from friends and family which is enough to cover the immediate construction and installation of the benches. And I am also currently accepting fundraising and will be working with Lowe's for a grant.

The proposed time to finish this project is the end of '17 or the beginning of 2018. My goal is to have posts in the ground at a bare minimum on November 6, 2017 to beat the frost because you can't really break ground after the ground is frozen. So we need to account for that if we're doing an installation anytime soon. I would really like it if you could approve this. This has been a lot of work for me to put this together, and I think it could really do a lot of good for the park and the community. Thank you.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay, John, thank you very much. And so staff has been working with Mr. Lynch on this. And as you can see by his presentation and the slides that he put together he's a very responsible young man. And so staff has recommended this project, and we'll be looking for a motion if the

Commission so chooses.

Michealene Day:

Do we have any questions?

Kris Keckler:

If you've already raised approximately 40 to 45 percent of it and the largest amount is the sign with the time line of trying to get the posts in would you just finish off the benches off as well, just so you have the posts left for the sign left?

John Lynch:

Yeah, my goal is at a minimum to have the posts in the ground. I am sure that I can complete the benches as well within our time frame of getting it in before the frost goes in. So I'm sure I can complete the benches, too, and have those installed. Then the sign posts would have to be put in, and the sign posts would be blank until we get the actual sign made because that can take about a month from Pulse.

Kris Keckler:

John, I've been on the trail several times, and it was about six weeks ago I sent a notice in on the sign that you mentioned, the one on the bridge. It had two very large bee nests on it. What's the maintenance schedule for just the trail? I think it's really nice. I did see more activity. I just think as we add more benches or other features that it's going to get more use. And just what's the typical maintenance schedule.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, it sounds like the bee nest eradication maintenance is sub par at this point. But I will talk with our crew lead at the Parks Department and make sure that at least on a regular basis or at least when they're collecting the garbage that we do check for that and spray and remove any bees. The last thing you want when you're sitting on a bench is a bunch of bees to come up and bite you in the behind.

Kris Keckler:

The sign they were right underneath it. It's just the way that sits at an angle is the perfect nest area. So I think somebody coming up and even just touching it could cause them to swarm out.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, we were not aware of that, but I will talk with our crew lead in the morning, and I'll make sure that he gets out there tomorrow. And we'll try to get it on a regular maintenance cycle.

John Lynch:

On that same note, the sign also comes with a ten year warranty including [inaudible] damage to the sign. At least that's my understanding from what the representative at Pulse told me. So most damage is covered under this warranty. I don't know about bees. But I think that it should be able to handle pretty much anything you throw at it. This is a pretty sturdy design from my look at their website.

Michealene Day:

Okay.

Dave Klimisch:

A couple questions. I was impressed that -- John made contact with me last week just to talk through this, and he was talking with you, too, of course. So I was impressed that he had the foresight to call ahead. With the bees on the sign is that something -- could you look at the design of the existing sign and maybe talk with pulse so that we don't have a big problem on the second one, however it all comes together.

Kris Keckler:

This one might not be as apt as far as a location of a nest. The other one if you've seen it, it sits on top of one of the bridge rails so it's protected from the elements not only at the top but at the angle, and whether or not this one looks to be at a similar angle.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

This one will have a little more of a vertical mount I believe. And I think with regular maintenance we'll be able to take care of that. It's really hard to stop those bees and those hornets when they want to nest especially this time of year.

Michealene Day:

And in nature it's not like --

Kris Keckler:

It's part of it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I'll also make sure we add bees to the sign themselves.

John Lynch:

I think the sign on the bridge, I think the angle on mine is a little steeper. Mine is mounted at a 45 degree angle on these posts. So I'm not sure if that will have anything to do with actually being able to keep the bees off of it. I know that Max's has also been more sheltered given that it's sandwiched between the rail and the sign. That would be I guess one thing that we could look

out for.

Dave Klimisch:

And then your sign will look different than the one on the bridge because there's slightly differently wildlife?

John Lynch:

Yeah, it's going to do more to detail the area not around the river. Max's dealt a lot with the river area and the birds of that area in particular. And also other kinds of wildlife that you'd find in the more river area. Mine will deal more with the trees, the savannah and the animals that are found more in the forested area of that park.

Dave Klimisch:

Then you had mentioned the holes were two feet for the posts.

John Lynch:

For the benches. That's what I estimated.

Dave Klimisch:

I always heard four feet, but I'm not a construction guy.

John Lynch:

We were unable secure the original blueprints of the benches on the archery range. But I estimate that the depth of the hole will be about two feet at least. I'm not sure if that's accurate.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think for a bench that should be okay. I think the main thing is the amount of concrete and the shape of the hole that the concrete is poured in. So if it's tapered up the frost will actually push it up in the ground. But if you dig it a little bit of a opposite taper like that it will actually hold it in the ground pretty well. And I think if he's spending \$50 in bags of concrete he should have enough concrete in there to hold it down.

Kris Keckler:

Which direction is the sign with the content going to face? Is there any consideration given to sun damage? I know it is ten years for the sign, but.

John Lynch:

The sign is supposed to be facing -- if you look at the bridge location on this the sign will be generally facing south on the picture. If you look at the picture as north up here, south down

here, the sign faces south as do the benches. The bridge -- if you're sitting down at one of the benches the bridge is to your left, and River Road is behind and to the left. So it faces outward towards the fire access lane.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And I do believe if it's the same sign manufacturer I do recall on the specifications they do have UV protection. That should minimize any damage.

John Lynch:

The model that I'm looking at is also supposed to have an anti-glare on it in terms of actually being able to read it.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions?

Kris Keckler:

Motion to approve.

William Mills:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

Voices:

Aye.

Michealene Day:

Motion passes. Thank you very much.

John Lynch:

Thank you so much.

Dave Klimisch:

John's got a long history of working with Eagle Scout candidates. So you're adding to the legacy of what the scouts have done for the Village, and there's projects all over the place. And I'm hopefully there will be more behind you.

John Lynch:

Thank you. It wouldn't be possible without this approval.

Michealene Day:

Thank you so much.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

And just one of the things I'd like to add is that Mr. Tom Hupp who works for the Public Works Department as the Director of Technical Services for me is also going to start heading up the Eagle Scouts. He's very involved in the troops. He's very involved with the Eagle Scouts. His son is going to be an Eagle Scout. So Tom will be kind of heading up the Eagle Scouts moving forward. And it's really in his wheelhouse, so we're really lucky to have someone with his connection to the program to really start feeding a lot of these Eagle Scout projects within there. And Tom is in the crowd this evening, and so he's really going to be the face of the Eagle Scouts moving forward hopefully for many, many years to come.

Michealene Day:

Thank you, Tom.

Dave Klimisch:

Is that raised platform along the path was that an Eagle Scout project before the bridge?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Almost everything out there that we have was at one point an Eagle Scout project of some sort. And so our funding out of the Parks Department for small stuff like this has been really next to nothing because with the freeze in the tax levy and everything else that we do. So we've been very fortunate. I mean we've probably done at least 14, 15 Eagle Scout projects over the years. One of the things that we've been faulty in doing which we're going to hopefully be better at is actually bringing these scout projects before the Commission for approval. And I think it's just a good experience for the prospective Eagle Scouts to go through this process to present it. And everyone I've worked with has just been an outstanding young man. We're very fortunate to have this kind of talent in the community.

Michealene Day:

Very much so.

John Lynch:

All right, this is been great. I'll get to work as soon as I can on this.

Michealene Day:

Terrific, thanks.

John Lynch:

Thanks to Mr. Hupp and Mr. Steinbrink, and thank you to the Parks Board.

b) Review final plan for Neighborhood Common and Village Square future parks.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Madam Chair and members of the Commission, we've been working for some time now, it's probably been just well over a year, on the concept plans for both the Village Square and the Neighborhood Commons. And we've gone through the public open houses and a couple iterations. And we're getting to the point where we're getting very close to a final design.

Some of the questions that I've been asked is when is construction going to start for this? This is not a Village funded project, but this will be a development driven project. So as a development the Village Green Center across 39th Avenue from Village Hall here gets developed, we're going to take these plans, pass them onto the developer and say here's kind of a base guideline of what we'd like to see, what the community, what the Commissions would like to see for this. And then from that phase it really goes to the Planning and Zoning Department to say what kind of brick, what kind of roof, what kind of flooring, what kind of all those details. It will really get ironed out on that.

The work that the community's done, the staff has done, that the Commission has put into this has really given us two phenomenal concept plans. So we're definitely very excited to have this in there. I did receive a couple of comments from Mr. Klimisch and Mr. Williamson, and those will be incorporated. And I'm sure that they will comment on them also. And so we're looking for just any last revisions before we finalize this.

We're pretty much out of funds right now because there have been so many iterations and so much work. But I can talk to Blake and he can just make a couple more revisions. But keep in mind we're still going to get another crack at it before the actual construction. Because Jean Werbie Harris from Planning and Zoning and her crew are really going to go through now and be like, all right, here's the type of wood, here's the type of stained concrete. She's going to bring it to that next level. But the work that we have been doing is just a concept plan. So it's not just open for interpretation. All that's really left to do is the details.

And both of these concept plans really function as storm water retention. And if you may recall from earlier meetings a majority of some of these large rain events ends up being under water. Or taking the areas that aren't under water with the islands and the bridges and some of the splash pads and park areas and the amphitheater and making them as nice as we can make them for the community in that area. And so I guess with that said I can entertain any questions or any comments that the commission may have on these plans.

Michealene Day:

A couple of the suggestions were made via email. And I was wondering if we could put those in the record. [Inaudible] if you want to spread those ideas [inaudible].

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I have the emails with me. I can either read them into the record verbatim, or we can just attach them to the minutes of the next one.

Michealene Day:

Read them.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Okay. The first one I will do is from Mr. Williamson. And I will just highlight the parts that are relevant. As you walk out our Village Hall to hear the waterfall and see a stone facade which say you have arrived in Pleasant Prairie. The sound of cascading water would draw people to the waterfall from the general vicinity to the park. Once the park is completed it is hard to go back and do it over. The eventual downtown Village Green, this area would be main attraction drawing people to enjoy all that we have to offer in the Village Green area. Thank you very much for your consideration. So he's talking about putting in a prairie stone facade and waterfall with some accent lighting. And it's a great idea.

And Mr. Klimisch did a very thorough review, and I'll read his comments into the record. He asked questions on the accessibility for the splash pool. There are slope entrances for full accessibility. So everything that we're going to do, all the transitions, all the other points are going to be ADA. And in the point where we get to construction documents we will make sure that all the cross-slopes are more than two percent. We'll make sure that all those details are incorporated into that.

The bridges was another area. He talked about transition from the bridges to sidewalks can easily present a vertical barrier for accessibility and also create a trip hazard. What is the plan to keep this transition smooth and safe? We will be following all the ADA guidelines that our construction plan will have. But it's a great point.

The amphitheater, and this is an excellent point, and it's something that may have been missed and may take a revision. What is the plan to allow an accessible amphitheater experience for our guests with limited mobility? There will be a flat and safe area on the top row for them to attend. On the plans there's a sidewalk accessing the top back rows of seats for the amphitheater. That sidewalk is a long way from the parking area.

Will there be a sidewalk from the parking area to the road or to that sidewalk? Since it is a very long path for those with limited mobility from the parking lot along the road down the sidewalk, we would be able to create an accessible path from the west side of the amphitheater seating to a short distance to a sidewalk leading to the parking lot. And so maybe that's something we can look at the location of the parking stalls to the amphitheater to make sure that any handicap accessibility can be met. The other thing that we could do would be to designate some handicapped parking stalls along the road as parallel parking or perpendicular parking perhaps.

But it's definitely an excellent comment.

Dave Klimisch:

I'm also picture, and maybe it's already in there, but a paved topped seating area.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, thank you. Lawn areas on the eastern park, will the island underneath the bridge be open for visitors? The plan indicates this to be a lawn area. If it is a lawn area what is the plan for mowing? Will it be a natural, unmaintained area will no need to mow? It is our plan to have that be a mowed, manicured lawn.

Dave Klimisch:

So not something where they can get off the bridge and sit there on that island?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes, they could get off of the bridge onto the island.

Dave Klimisch:

That's what I thought, okay.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

But that area would be mowed and maintained. It wouldn't just be wild grasses growing. B, in both parks will there be some seating and picnic tables in various areas of the lawns? I see some benches along the walking path but do not see benches in the table and the lawn areas. There will be some benches, there will be some picnic tables out there. It's just not the level of detail that is shown on here. But I can ask Blake if he can put a couple of benches along the path and potentially a couple of picnic areas. We'll just have to make sure that the location of those benches and picnic tables are out of elevation so when it rains they would be under water. And maybe some other benches like that could be something where civic groups or organizations could donate a bench and have their name plaque on it as a memorial or any sort of item like that.

Number three, safety. Will there be bollards at the access points for the bridges where the sidewalks meet the streets and at the other pedestrian access points? It would be very good to prevent vehicles from being able to drive along the pedestrian areas. It's definitely something that we can look at, what type, whether it's a bollard or whether it's some sort of a landscape feature to make sure that we prohibit any vehicles from driving on those paths.

Lighting underneath the bridges. Will there be lighting underneath the bridges, or will they be low enough to the ground that people won't be able to go underneath them? Those unlit areas can be unsafe places for people to hide. I think lighting underneath the bridges is a great point because I think it would really accent the bridge itself. So we could do some under mount lights that kind of shine up on the railing of the bridge. And then depending on what kind of railing that

the Commission or Planning Department goes with you could really do something like a negative lighting from the bottom that would really look nice. So I think that's a great point to bring up. Do you have another comment?

Dave Klimisch:

I believe in one of the plans at the south side of that park is going to be a restaurant of some type. So part of what we want is how do we get those patrons from the restaurant to access the park? They have to cross over two bridges. And if the island is dark then no one is going to walk across that bridge. If it's lit up and, of course, if there's a cool waterfall in the middle part then that's something to go investigate.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I think those are great comments and definitely comments that we will add for the revision. I really like the waterfalls that the Commission has brought on and the accent lighting for the evening. I think that will really -- this isn't going to be a park where it's going to be closed when it gets dark. It won't be closed at 5 p.m., and maybe something that's open until 8, 9, or ten 10 o'clock for those of us who can stay up to 10 o'clock on a weeknight. But definitely a very nice accent, and definitely something that we would be excited to add to the plan.

Vertical wall on eastern park. We had discussed some ideas to make the wall above the pond something significant, maybe make that wall light up at night, and maybe have some sort of a water feature flowing from the top down with interesting lighting. Making that wall something special would be very visible for people traveling along 39th Avenue. It would also give a reason to cross the foot bridge for people accessing the park from the south side.

When I read that comment I thought about when you're driving down Highway 50 and you get by Breezy Hill. If you're familiar with that area and they have that waterfall on the north side of the road and it's lit and there's boulders. And it just looks really beautiful. Whether it's that type of rock but I think that concept is really something that would fit in good with the elevation changes that we have on that eastern park. And so we will definitely add that. I think those are great comments.

Dave Klimisch:

Something like this would be really cool because the stone behind us is common in this area.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, exactly. If you can find something that kind of relates to the history of the area I think that's a great point.

Cindy Schwab:

And a flat wall like this prevents climbing. Those boulders become a nightmare with kids climbing on them.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure, excellent. I mean the one on Breezy Hill is kind of set back on private property. This like you say is right in a public park, so that's a great point to bring forward.

Dave Klimisch:

At one of our meetings we had talked about the access point on the eastern side of that park right by 39th Ave. We had talked about ideas of a structure to put there. And we looked at all sorts of different pictures. And some were silly and some were more artistic. If we put the funds towards the wall with all the backlighting, in lieu of the structure at the pedestrian access point it could be the wall. So something's already kind of budgeted to buy something.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Right. It may not be right at 39th Avenue, but it's set back enough as you're driving you would see it as a focal point.

Cindy Schwab:

Especially even at night if it was lit up you could still see through. If it's going to be all manicured turf it's not going to happen. Anything that's going to obstruct the view.

Dave Klimisch:

In 35 years we want this to be the park that people talk about.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Hopefully less than 35 years.

Dave Klimisch:

But long after we're no longer awake after 10 p.m. at night.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions we had for John?

Cindy Schwab:

I know that I didn't write this and I had brought it up last time. But I still think that the stacked -- how the playground is stacked with the splash pool is a bad idea. And I'll say it again, it's because you're going to have parents that are like sitting having to look through -- you're having them seated at that number 13. They have two kids, maybe one is playing in the splash crowd and one is playing in the playground area. It's visually very hard for parents. I think that it still makes sense to put them next to each other so that the parents can visually see both sides, not look through. It's just my opinion being a parent.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

If we would move that seating area with the splash pad area, so move the brown with the blue then the seating area would be in the middle, the splash pad would be a little bit to the --

Cindy Schwab:

So move the playground on the other side of the sidewalk to the splash guard so the parents can just look over instead of looking through a bunch of kids.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

You're talking about moving the playground to the west side or like south of the trail?

Dave Klimisch:

The green playground would move west of the sidewalk?

Cindy Schwab:

Yeah, just right there. Just over so that parents sitting in that area aren't looking -- I mean it starts to be long distance to see your kid.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Sure, so you would have the splash pad to the east, and then kind of to the south or the west you would have the playground area.

Cindy Schwab:

Just move this right to here.

Dave Klimisch:

The green would move west of the sidewalk.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Over by the trees?

Dave Klimisch:

Yes.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

A little bit closer to the roundabout.

Dave Klimisch:

To the northwest part of the green area west of the sidewalk.

Cindy Schwab:

So that way as a parent you could look this way. If you had one kid here you could watch -- you could see both kids at the same time instead of trying to see through the splash guard and through the playground. Or if all your kids are playing on the playground we have no place for parents kind of mingle or stand. You know what I mean? If we're trying to bring people into this park potentially having a restaurant, they go to the restaurant, they bring their food, that's the only seating we really have. And now if your kids are playing on the playground they're pretty far away I guess is my concern. Especially you're talking sometimes two year olds. And it seems like such a simple move that would --

Michealene Day:

I don't necessarily know that I'd want food next to the playground or splash area because that's going to be --

Cindy Schwab:

Well, you're going to because you have picnic areas.

Michealene Day:

Yeah, but you're a little bit farther away.

Cindy Schwab:

Here's the picnic tables right there. So if that's the concern then you should move the splash guard anyways back. But you're going to have food by it. Every kid's parents are going to bring snacks.

Dave Klimisch:

Currently if you go there with some friends the parents might sit in the brown area, and they have to look across the blue splash pad and watch their kids way over at the park. As opposed if the park was west of the sidewalk parents could sit in the brown seating area and the playground is right there.

Michealene Day:

What's the distance there, the scale on that?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

It's not that far. I would guess it is maybe 50 feet. What I drew on the screen, I apologize, I wasn't paying very good attention when we had class on this. If we would take another seating area similar to 13 and put it where the red area is and have another seating, and then take where the highlighted area move the playground there. So you would actually have like a seating area and a splash pad on the top of the path and have a seating area and a playground on the other side of the pad. Is that something you think would be kind of within your vision of what you were looking for?

Cindy Schwab:

Yeah, that would work. Or, like I said, if you don't want to you don't even need to put the second seating area because people could sit closer to the other side of the brown and see their kids.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yes. I really thing there's a little bit of a shortage of seating, so it may not be a pad idea to put seating around that whole way from the future street towards the roundabout.

Kris Keckler:

I'd like to see additional seating over there. If parents only had their kids in one area they're not limited to just the one side.

Dave Klimisch:

And it doubles for farmers markets overflow.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Correct. And I predict this is going to be a very popular park like Mr. Klimisch had said. And I would think that more seating the better in here. And if we do farmers market and expand it, anytime we can have a little more hard surface in there I think it would be well used.

William Mills:

John, how close is this splash park to the street, that future street? I mean it looks like it is pretty much on top of it.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Well, the splash pad itself ends probably 20 feet from it. But the features within the splash pad are a little bit further away. And there will be some sort of physical barrier between the splash pad and the street that will be culled out in the detail once we get closer to construction. This is really just showing the physical location of where a splash pad would go without some of the details of we're going to have this type of pump and this type of flooring and this type of water feature, for example. And you guys will get a crack at that once we have it evolved and we're getting a little bit closer to it. We're just trying -- what we had funded was really just to get the

concept plan, and I think we're getting really close to achieving that.

Michealene Day:

Any other questions or comments? In taking into consideration the comments to be added with those additions and suggestions are we looking for then to accept the concept?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Yeah, if I could get a motion to accept the concept with revisions as spoken this evening. And then the next step will be we'll get these revisions. Staff will make sure that they're incorporated. Then they'll go to the Plan, to the Board, then it will be a part of the Master Park and Open Space Plan. And then if there's any revisions as we work on it in '18 then we can make a couple more revisions at that time.

Michealene Day:

Can I entertain a motion then with the added comments and revisions to accept his conceptual plan?

Dave Klimisch:

Move approval of the Village Square Concept Plan with additional concepts from this evening.

Kris Keckler:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

Dave Klimisch:

I have one more question. The green park area if we move it from where it's at what do you envision to go there, more green space? If we move the green playground area to the other side of the sidewalk?

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I would envision just more green space. So the open space that we had on the top of the pad or on the bottom of the pad would just get shifted to the top of the pad.

Michealene Day:

We have a motion and a second. Any more comments? Hearing none can we take a vote? All in favor?

Voices:

Aye.

Michealene Day:

All opposed? Motion carries.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

Thank you very much. I do appreciate all the effort that the Commission put into this. That was a large document to review, and I appreciate all your time.

Michealene Day:

Okay, motion to adjourn? Oh, I skipped an agenda. I'm sorry.

7. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS

Michealene Day:

Oh, I missed two items. Park Commission Vice Chairperson. I apologize for that. We need to elect --

Brock Williamson:

I thought Kris was elected last time.

Michealene Day:

I thought Kris was, too.

Brock Williamson:

Was that in January?

Kris Keckler:

Yeah, it was one of our more recent meetings.

Michealene Day:

The last meeting.

Kris Keckler:

So was this carried over accidentally?

Michealene Day:

Yeah, it must have been accidentally put on there because I was kind of confused.

John Steinbrink, Jr.:

I do believe we have a Vice Chair through the end of the year. So maybe that was just an error on staff. That was a carry over because I don't have it on my slides. I apologize for that.

Michealene Day:

Park Commission comments?

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Klimisch:

So moved.

William Mills:

Second.

Michealene Day:

All in favor?

Voices:

Aye.

Michealene Day:

Thank you, motion carries. Thank you all for the evening.