

Report of the **Town Wilson Long Range Plan [LRP] Ad Hoc Committee** meeting held Monday, October 24, 2011 in the Town Wilson Office Building. Agenda for this meeting was posted at the TW Office, TW Maintenance Building and TW Fire Department on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 between 9:30am and 10:30am.

Meeting convened at 6:30pm. Present: Co-Chairs Bob Werner and Marge Pearce. Marko Zagar, Arletta Giese, Roger G. Miller, Jim VanTreeck, Nancy Schreiber, Tom Sonntag, Larry Pearce.

Topic: 'Green spaces', Parks, Bike Trails and Places of Interest.

Follow-up. Draft Visitor's Map was distributed. It was determined the only change should be adding 'Minnesota Avenue' where the Interurban Trail exits north out of Oostburg. Over the next two months Pearce and Struck will work on design for the reverse side. Intent is to print the map on heavier grade paper and make available at the Trail Heads [if a place is available], the town office, the town maintenance building, Kohler Andrae Park, gas stations [if place is available] and similar locations. Additions or changes can be made as deemed necessary and the printing cost could be held to a minimum

Discussion: Victor Gruber Memorial Park with play area and Bell Tower Park (located at the fire house) on Evergreen Drive. Consensus from September meeting: Play area should be moved to southwest area of park on line with the parking area on Indian Mound Road. Location would be further away from area used by the firemen and traffic on Evergreen Drive. This proposed site is favored regardless of whether or not an addition is made to the north end of the firehouse.

Schreiber and Miller were able to provide additional background information on when the Park was developed. Giese and Schreiber reviewed the current uses of the site by BRAA and the Sheboygan Rec Department

Discussion:

- It has not been verified that there are standards for play areas or the equipment in public parks
- Pearce will contact the Sheboygan School District and City of Sheboygan Parks Department for information on 'standards' and on suppliers.
- Team members are encourage to take a look at and visit local parks and explore the Web for ideas and info as to what might be available.
- The current playground area was designed and completed with donated funding and volunteers from the BRAA, Fire Department and neighbors.
- The site was a neighborhood 'landfill' prior to being covered and used. Cover is estimated {R. Miller} to be about one foot
- Werner will contact Miller Engineers and Henry Nelson for survey plats of the site.
- Any play equipment should use materials that will blend with the area and setting rather than bright plastic whenever possible
- Design and equipment should be aimed at the toddler through 5th grade ages and family use.
- Handicap design and accessibility should be considered whenever feasible.
- Giese felt inf setting that age bracket [T thr 5th] the team was ignoring the middle school age bracket. Others felt the older children have numerous 'organized' sports available through schools, youth groups, rec department etc.
- Size of the site does not allow separation of the teen age users from the younger children. This creates an undesirable atmosphere in many cases. Plus, the team did not want to encourage it as a place for older teens to congregate.
- TW is holding funds which were paid by developers 'in lieu of parkland'. There is a set of rules which apply to how those monies can be used. There is also a 'use deadline'.

Stewardship Fund. At a prior meeting replacement of the exiting Bike rack was proposed. It was also suggested an open [roof on posts with built in benches] shelter to provide a place for adults with children at the play area, as well as hikers and bikers who want to 'take a break' and enjoy the setting. Werner felt these items could be eligible for Stewardship Funding. Applications are due early in 2012.

Next Meeting. *No meetings in November [Thanksgiving] or December [Christmas] due to schedule conflicts. January 27, 2012.* Reports will be shared on the various 'assignments'. Status of Fire Department should also be available. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:pm

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