

**PARKS, RECREATION,
& NATURAL
RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 29, 2018

4:00 PM

McFarland Municipal Center
Community Room

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
 - a. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the Parks and Open Space Plan, (continuation from September Meeting).
 - b. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding 2019 Capital Budget items.
 - c. Update and discussion regarding the Disc Golf Project.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.
 - a. November 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
6. ADJOURNMENT.

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**Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
September 20, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center by chair Dan Kolk. Roll call: Kolk, O'Hearn, Feldner, Pease, Rolfsmeyer, Ruecking (7:05 p.m.), Tissue, Waldera. Absent: Schkirkie.

Staff present: Allan Coville, Jim Hessling, Phil McDade.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES. None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. Motion by Rolfsmeyer, second by Kolk, to approve the meeting minutes. Approved on a unanimous voice vote.

4. BUSINESS:

A . Clean Lakes Alliance presentation (James Tye and Paul Dearlove). Dearlove presented information to the committee on initiatives by the Clean Lakes Alliance to reduce phosphorus runoff in the Yahara Chain of Lakes and education the public about the importance of clean lakes. He noted the Alliance now offers grants to work with communities in Dane County on efforts to maintain clean lakes.

b. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the Parks and Open Space Plan. The committee discussed various changes in the plan, including pedestrian lake access, a master plan for William McFarland Park, and pedestrian and restrooms issues at Arnold Larson Park. The committee was only able to get through about half of the various park amenities and left the remainder to be discussed at the October meeting.

5. Schedule next meeting date

a. October 18, 2018 at 7 p.m

6. ADJOURNMENT. Ruecking moved, Rolfsmeyer seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously at 8:28 p.m.

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Adopted ~~December 9, 2013~~

Prepared by McFarland Parks and Recreation and
Natural Resources Committee

EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

A comprehensive land use survey was conducted in 1995 and updated in 2001, 2006 and 2012 to inventory existing park areas and recreation facilities and their relationship to residential and planned residential developments. Included in the inventory were municipal and educational recreational areas which contribute to the recreational opportunities (or supply) in the Village.

The following are descriptions of each open space area or park and a summary of its facilities. Using the number to the left of each description, the geographic location of each park and open space can be found on the Existing Park and Open Space Map.

1. **Capitol Springs State Recreation Area Upper Mud Lake Portion of E-Way:** This large (123.6 acres) conservancy area, except for a 12-acre parcel owned by the City of Madison, is owned and managed by the State Department of Natural Resources. This floodplain-wetland complex makes up the eastern edge of the E-Way, a greenbelt across the southern part of Madison urban area. **Upper Mud Access established in 2015 to serve ice fishing. Has a permanent kiosk, porta potty, trash bins, marked trail down to the waters edge, and 65 parking stalls. Connection of McFarland portion of the Lower Yahara River Trail completed in 2017.**
2. **McDaniel Park, 4806 McDaniel Lane (refer to Master Plan):** This area was acquired by the Village in 1976 and is a community park to complement nearby Brandt Park. Together, the two parks are 13.6 acres in size. McDaniel Park itself is 8.7 acres; of which, the northern portion is wetland intended for conservancy use (7 acres). The southern portion is developed and includes an open picnic shelter, grills, benches, picnic tables, public restrooms, a drinking fountain, public pier, wading beach, sand volley ball court, **canoe rack**, and trail marker. **There is a lighted bike repair station and kiosk** Wood play apparatus was removed in 2006 and new replacement playground equipment was installed in 2008. **In 2017 the McFarland trail head of the Lower Yahara River Trail connecting McFarland to Lussier Farm Park via a bridge/boardwalk opened after almost two years of construction and over 10 years of planning and design work. The bridge provides overlooks for viewing /fishing as well as a pathway for biking walking/running. Added parking stalls to accommodate increased usage**
3. **Brandt Park, 4601 Siggelkow Road:** This community park is heavily used by all age groups. Presently, the park design is cramped and leads to conflicts between the upper and lower softball diamonds. Facilities serving the park include 2 softball fields (upper and lower); both are lit, have cyclone fence backstops and cyclone fencing, bleachers, ~~a score box with a public address system~~, park benches. Other facilities include a new shelter constructed in 2009, restrooms, drinking fountain, kitchen facility, numerous picnic tables, a basket ball court, and 2 backhoes **and play structure**. The park area covers 4.9 acres. A new playground was added in 2010, with fence improvements along Siggelkow Road. **New lighting for the ballfields was completed in fall of 2018**
4. **Beckler Street:** - Path, small amount of parking, "Pedestrian access only" sign
5. **Field Avenue:** - Stairs to lake, parking, "Pedestrian access only" sign
6. **Larson Street:** - Poor access, no sign
7. **Lakeview Avenue:** - Bench, limited parking, "Pedestrian access only" sign

8. **Wisconsin Avenue:** – Limited parking, “Pedestrian access only” sign
9. **Bellevue Court:** – ~~Good~~ **Poor** access, bench, “Pedestrian access only” sign

10. **Siggelkow Road Park, 5002 Valley Drive:** This passive park area was acquired under the provisions of the Village subdivision ordinance. The area (approximately 5.5 acres) has the potential to become a neighborhood park. The western portion of the park is extremely hilly. Protection and maintenance of the Indian Mounds located on the hilltop should be a priority. An Indian Mound Maintenance Policy was developed and adopted in 2010. **A second identification sign was added in 2018**

11. **Autumn Grove Park, 5207 Falling Leaves Lane:** This park (1.5 acres) on Falling Leaves Lane serves the north-central neighborhood. It includes 2 tot swings, 2 swings, 2 backhoes, a play module with slides and climbing wall, teeter totter assembly, a sand area, basketball half-court, picnic table, benches and an open playfield. Wood play apparatus was removed in 2006 and replaced with new equipment in 2007.

12. **William McFarland Park, 4820 Marsh Road:** This partially developed park (20.3 acres) contains soccer fields, a pedestrian/bike path, a skate board facility, and a baseball diamond. An indoor curling facility is located on Village parkland. The McFarland Community Ice Arena is located next to William McFarland Park. A sand box and play area comprised of a climbing structure with slides, 2 spring animals, 2 sand diggers, woodchips, and picnic tables have been installed in the last few years. A high school batting cage and outfield fence were added in 2010, along with a state of the art bocce ball court system that includes 3 **open air** shelters, 4 courts, 2 grills, 1 water fountain, ~~and a~~ small maintenance shed **and horseshoe pits. A camera/security system has been installed.**

13. **Waubesa Intermediate School, 5605 Red Oak Trail:** This 24.5-acre neighborhood school provides 18.5 acres for a play area with 2 varsity softball fields with dugouts and concession stand, ~~4~~ bleachers, 2 batting cages, 1 shed, 1 soccer/football field with 4 goals, 6 swings, ~~tether ball~~, one handicap swing, 1 climbing apparatus, 3 hole Frisbee golf and 3 basketball hoops.

14. **Cedar Ridge Park, 5303 Wild Cherry Lane:** This 3.9-acre neighborhood park serves the northeast portion of the Village with a playground of 4 swings, **spring animal, bench,** sandbox, slides, climbers, backhoe, small gazebo, picnic tables, walking path, open play area, and soccer practice field.

15. **Ridgeview Totlot, 5323 Black Walnut Drive:** This 0.4-acre play lot serves part of the Ridgeview neighborhood with a playground slide, spring animal, and an open play area.

16. **Woodland Estates Park, 5601 Glenway Street:** This neighborhood park (2.4 acres) serves the east-central neighborhood. The park includes a an **open air shelter,** an outside grill, a basketball half-court, a play module with slides and climbing wall, 3 swings, 1 tot swing, a volleyball court, picnic tables, a bench and an open playfield with backstop **and soccer net.** Wood play apparatus was removed in 2006 and replaced with new equipment in 2007.

17. **Highland Oaks Park, 5945 Osborn Drive:** This 2.2-acre park provides a an open air park shelter, basketball court, 2 swings, 2 tot swings, 2 benches, sandbox, 2 back hoes, 2 spring animals, play structure with 4 slides, climbing wall, climbing bars, walking path and picnic tables.
18. **Glenway Totlot, 5807 Glenway Street:** This 0.2-acre play lot serves the immediate neighborhood and is owned by a developer. Equipment includes a picnic table, 2 back hoes, 2 spring toys, a slide, 2 swings, and 2 tot swings. The area remains as parkland at the discretion of the developer. **Now an occupied home site**
19. **McFarland Community Garden, 5710 Anthony Street:** Property owned by United Church of Christ, leased to the Village, developed and maintained by the Friends of McFarland Parks, a private non-profit 501c (3) organization. Garden to be developed in phases over three years. Consisting of individual planting beds, 4H youth garden, composting area, pumpkin patch, flower beds, shed, adaptive garden, McFarland School District garden. McFarland's first community garden initiative. ~~Could possibly be temporary location depending upon community response and desire of the property owner to lease the property beyond the initial 3-year period.~~
20. **Discovery Garden Park, 5920 Milwaukee Street:** Serving as a neighborhood park (.02 acres), this particular area was once owned by McFarland State Bank. It was purchased along with the bank site to be redeveloped. The area is now box, and a cedar fence.,home to the E.D. Locke Public Library. ~~The park was redeveloped in 2007 and includes 3 play structures sand.~~ **This park has under a second transformation in 2018 with new playground equipment, safety-padding, picnic table and benches.**
21. **Arnold Larson Park, 6002 Exchange Street:** This Village redevelopment area (1.4 acres) is located downtown with a gazebo, 8 park benches, and picnic tables. It is the home of the community band's summer performances and **is now used as a regional stop for the recently completed McFarland segment of the Lower Yahara River Trail.** ~~could be used as a regional stop for the future development of the Dane County Nine Springs County Trail.~~
22. **Valley Totlot, 5100 Broadhead Street:** This one-acre greenway on Valley Drive has been filled after installation of storm sewer and developed as a totlot. The play equipment includes 2 tot swings, a play module with slides, a bench and picnic tables. Wood play apparatus was removed in 2006 and replaced with new equipment in 2007.
23. **Taylor Road Conservancy, Taylor Road:** This 5.9-acre hillside conservancy preserves the northeastern slope of the drumlin adjacent to Taylor Road. An Indian mound is located in the area. Limited hiking access is available.
24. **Woodland Commons Conservancy, 5604 Lexington Street:** 5 acres acquired as a result of parkland dedication requirements for Woodland Commons Subdivision. The park is currently used for passive recreation. Two Indian mounds have been identified within the park.
25. **Public Access Site, South Court:** This Village-owned access site located on Lake Waubesa is relatively unimproved and consists of a public right-of-way called South Court, ending at water's edge.

26. **Babcock Conservancy, South Court:** This 16.3 acre Village site located on Lake Waubesa was deeded to the Village in 1986. It is relatively unimproved and consists of natural areas and a public right-of-way called South Court. It provides excellent views of Lake Waubesa and is a popular fishing spot
27. **Babcock County Park, 4214 US Hwy 51:** Babcock Park straddles our southeast border. Named after Stephen Babcock, an internationally known Wisconsin dairy scientist, this 36.4 acre park is owned and operated by Dane County and is of regional significance. It is recognized as a location which provides picnicking, 25 campsites, boat launches and fishing opportunities.
28. **Indian Mound Conservancy, 6400 Exchange Street:** While serving as a specialized recreation area, this park is a wooded hill that includes seven Indian mounds (Indian effigy mound cultural tradition) and a Village water tower site. As well as providing a beautiful view of McFarland and the surrounding area, this is an important historical site. The area is limited to passive recreational uses. There are walking trails, some made of asphalt and some of gravel, that allow a walking tour of the area. No vehicle access is allowed. Acres are classified as conservancy, not as a neighborhood park area. Trail improvements and mound restoration efforts are planned for the forest and mounds. A restoration plan was developed and adopted in 2010.
29. **Thurn Marsh and Conrad Jaeger Conservancy, 6400 Jaeger Road:** Like the Grandview Conservancy Area, Thurn Marsh is a wetland area of approximately 6.2 acres located adjacent to the high school/middle school site. The northwestern edge has a graveled path identified as "Jaeger Hiking and Biking Trail." This trail links Yahara Drive with Highland Drive and Conrad Jaeger Conservancy. This 2-acre conservancy located west of the marsh on the Yahara River is accessible by Jaeger Drive. The site is leased by the DNR to the Village and consists of a paved parking lot, a small boat ramp, and 6 canoe/kayak racks on a concrete pad each capable of holding 6 craft. A bench and pier replacement were done in 2017. Village is responsible for all maintenance activities at this site.
30. **McFarland High School/Indian Mound Middle School, 5103 Farwell/6330 Exchange Street:** Serving as a community playfield, the school provides a baseball field, 5 bleacher sections located by the baseball field, a storage shed, and an electric scoreboard and lighting system that serves the baseball field. There is a combination football-soccer field with track-and-field-event pits. Surrounding the field is an 8-lane, all weather track, lighting, bleachers for 1,200 persons and a combination press box, concession stand and rest room facility. At the Middle School are youth ball diamonds, basketball courts and swings. About 15 acres of the school's 42 acres are used for playfield activities. **Area is currently under construction some minor relocation of facilities is expected**
31. **Yahara River Conservancy, 6623 Meredith Way:** This 1.8 acre conservancy area located north of the Yahara River provides pedestrian access to the river and a canoe launch.
32. **Lewis Park, 5012 Highland Drive:** When combined with adjacent Legion Memorial Park, this area serves the southern half of the Village as a 22.2-acre community park. Lewis Park itself provides a volleyball court, one baseball field with backstop, play module, slides and climbing apparatus, benches, picnic tables, 7 swings and 1 tot swing on 6.4 acres. Wooden

play equipment was removed in 2006 and replaced with new equipment in 2007. **An ice hockey rink with newly upgraded LED lights is available in the winter months.**

Located on the western portion of the park is a newly enclosed heated shelter house(former shelter removed) constructed in 2016 with public restrooms, a kitchen , several picnic tables, glass overhead door can be left open during warm days and closed but available for outside viewing during inclement weather.

33. **Legion Memorial Park, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive:** This park serves two functions. The eastern portion consists of wetlands and woodlands. An observation deck was refurbished in 2015. The western portion of this 15.8-acre park includes **an observation deck refurbished in 2015, a parking lot(at the end of Highland Dr.),** a lit ice-skating rink and an open playfield by Lewis Park's baseball field. **The Legion also maintains a memorial monument and flag pole in front of the new shelter.** ~~The parking area is located at the end of Highland Drive.~~ The eastern conservancy portion of the park can be accessed from Marsh Woods Drive. Legion Memorial Park, together with Lewis Park (adjacent), serves as a combined community park for the southern half of McFarland.

34. **Marsh Woods Conservancy, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive:** This park is a specialized recreation area located on Lower Mud Lake and is predominately a wetland area of 19.2 acres, classified as conservancy use. The wetland area should be used strictly as a conservancy area, and is accessible through **Legion Memorial Park.** The area could best be used for educational purposes. A nature trail constructed of wood chips with benches and informational signage has been completed by volunteer youth groups. Restoration efforts, including formal restoration, began in 2010.

35. **McFarland Primary School and Conrad Elvehjem Early Learning Center, 6009/6013 Johnson Street:** Serving as a neighborhood playground, this outdoor recreation area serves both of these schools. It provides playground apparatus (12 various climbing apparatus, 2 slides), 3 basketball courts, 2 lower basketball standards, an asphalt play area with striping for various games, 1 softball field (grass infield) with backstop, and a large grassy open area that also has one set of soccer goal posts. Eight tennis courts were built in 1998. Four courts have lights. The area covers 13.2 acres with 6 acres for recreation. **Area is currently under construction but will maintain the tennis courts, a play area, and play structure**

A portion of the property is- **was** owned by the Village, with the school district holding a 50-year lease, ~~was developed in 2012 for new school parking.~~ **The Village sold this property to the school district in 2017.**

36. **Grandview Conservancy, 5602 Creamery Road:** This specialized area was acquired in 1984. The southern 25.6 acres were received by dedication and the northern 7 acres by purchase. A small part of the conservancy area south of Creamery Road could be improved for passive recreation purposes. **A path and new boardwalk were installed in 2017 providing a connection to Marsh Woods Conservancy.**

37. **Egner Park, 5703 Bird Song Court:** This neighborhood park (2.3 acres) serves the southeast side of the Village. It is developed with a shelter house, well house included, picnic tables, basketball court, **In 2018 the playground equipment was completely replaced.** ~~3 swings, 1 tot swing, 2 tot backhoes, 2 spring toys, modular climbing unit, and 1 overhead climber.~~

38. **John Urso Community Park, 6201 Elvehjem Road:** consists of 39.5 acres acquired as part of parkland dedication requirements for Park View Estates and the 18.8-acre Schuetz property acquired in 2008 with state stewardship funds. A Master Plan for passive recreation areas was completed in 2005 and updated with updates in 2009 and 2018 (see Appendix C). Eight acres were set aside for an off-leash dog exercise area in 2009. Trails were added on the western portion in 2011. A portion of the new Lower Yahara River Trail runs parallel the dog park.????
39. **ORCHARD HILL PARK** 18.8 acres in size immediately adjacent to John Urso Park was purchased from the Shuetz family in 2018 with stewardship funds. This acreage originally considered part of John Urso Park has now been given its own name. However it is still included as part of the Master Plan for John Urso Park. A parking lot will be completed in 2018. A future shelter with restrooms and other amenities are also being planned

SEPARATE OUT URSO (DOG PARK) AND ORCHARD HILL (SCHUTZ) PARK

Juniper Ridge Park: xxxx Holscher Road: This to be officially named park consists of a mixture of detention basins and open areas for a total of 16.7 acres. The park contains a .6 mile meandering paved path with various fitness stations along the way, an open air shelter, playground equipment and a council ring. Restrooms are to be constructed in 2018/2019

Prairie Place Development (Gannon) This to be officially named passive park area is 3.3 acres in size with a 10ft. asphalt trail meandering thru a 6.83 acre wetland restoration area. As part of a development agreement of Prairie Place subdivision, the Village has approved the developers plan to restore wetland areas with a combination of plantings, spot aspraying and seeding, removal of invasive species, scheduled mowing /burns and soil surface monitoring.

TRANSFER TO RECOMMENDATION SECTION

East Side Park:

This park, while only in the conception stage, would encompass a very large area of about 35-40 acres. Major improvements along with various utilities will need to be undertaken to develop the area. The area may be a mix of useable land and low land. The park may perhaps contain the following amenities-

Walking trail(s)	Volley ball courts
Bike trails	Amphitheater
Off road biking areas	Natural areas
Exercise areas	Natural areas with water features
Soccer fields	Cross country running
Baseball/softball diamonds	Cross country skiing
Field hockey	Snowshoeing
Disc golf	Observation platforms
Archery area	Shelter (s)
Batting cage(s)	Sand play areas
Tennis courts	Play structures
Basketball courts	
Skate park	
Ice skating	Dog exercise area
Bocce courts	Agility course
Pickle ball	Climbing tower
Rest rooms	Meditation areas

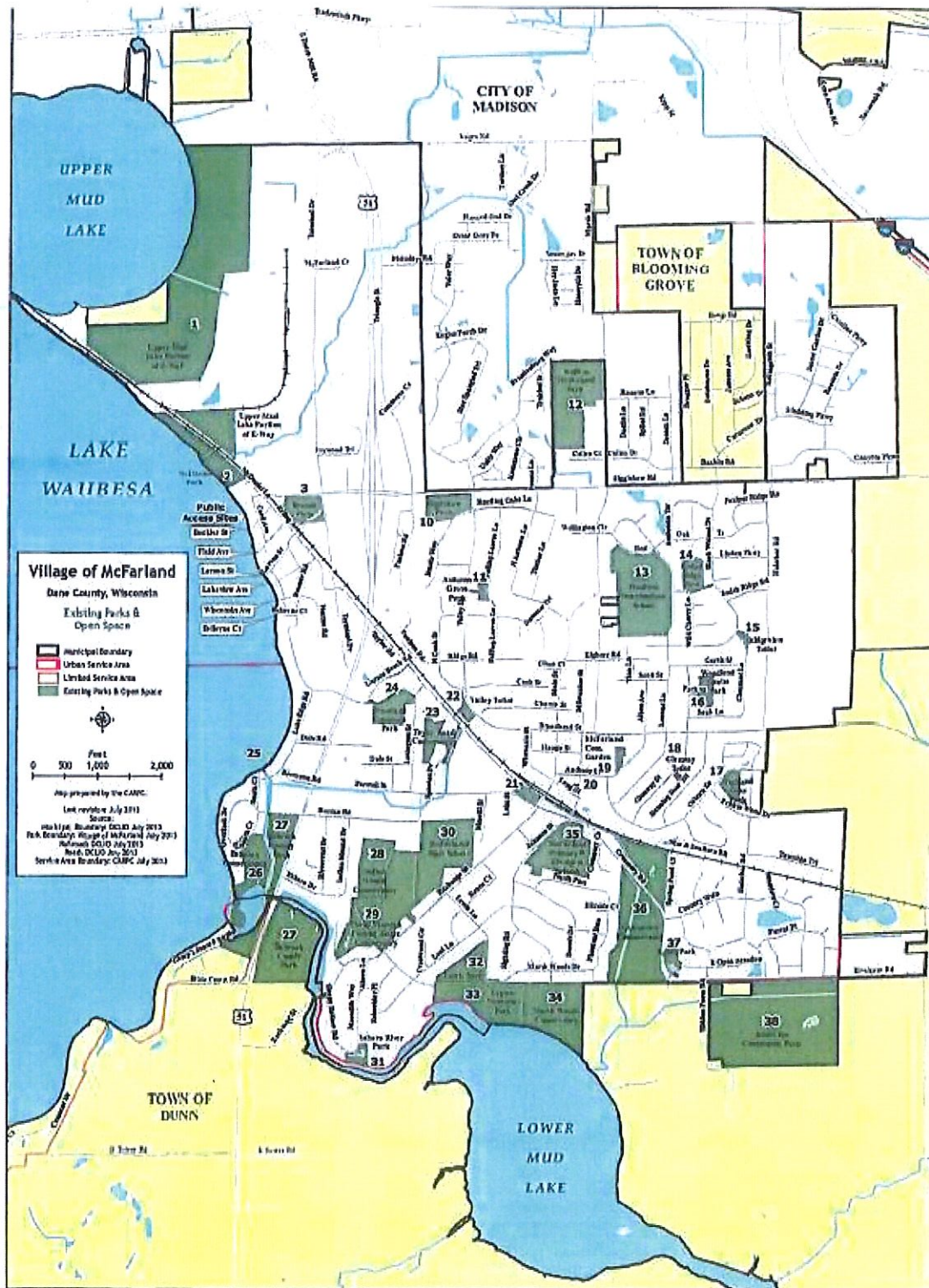
Horseshoe pits
Council rings
Municipal campground
Concession stand(s)

Canoe/kayak/paddle boarding
Various seating amenities
Outdoor art
Parking lots

Lacrosse

The following parks are identified by official park signs:

William McFarland; Conrad Jaeger Trail; McDaniel Park; Brandt Park; Woodland Estates Park; Lewis Park; Egner Park; Arnold Larson Park, Cedar Ridge Park, Urso Park, and Highland Oaks Park. **Orchard Hill Park**



ANALYSIS OF EXISTING FACILITIES

The most commonly used method for measuring the adequacy of a community's park and open space system is to determine if the number of people it serves, or has the capacity to serve, the geographic distribution as well as accessibility, meets the Village's desired standards. This analysis begins by assigning a minimum acreage standard to each type of park and to the system as a whole. Table 5 below shows the total acreage of land devoted to each type of park in the Village. The table also breaks down the aggregate acreage per park type into five categories of open space. This breakdown more clearly indicates how much parkland in McFarland is devoted to both active and accessible passive recreational activity and how much is comprised of open space areas which serve specialized recreation purposes or provide environmental and/or aesthetic benefits. *This plan focuses on the 131.2 acres of active and accessible passive public park facilities which are currently provided by the Village (highlighted in the shaded area – Table 5).* The 301.6 acre balance of the Village's 432.8 aggregate acres of parkland (432.8-131.2) is comprised of other open space areas which do not relate to open space provision standards.

TABLE 6: ACTIVE AND PASSIVE ACCESSIBLE ACRES

IN PUBLIC PARK AND OPEN SPACE FACILITIES

AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – 2012

Type of Park	NRPA Standards	Public Park Facilities		School Facilities		Total Park and School
	Acres/1,000 persons	Total Acres	Acres per 1,000 persons ¹	Total Acres	Acres per 1,000 persons ¹	Acres per 1,000 persons ¹
Mini-park	0.25 - 0.5	1.8	0.23	0.0	0.0	0.23
Neighborhood Park	1 - 2	19.2	2.5	24.5	3.1	5.6
Community Park	5 - 8	89.9	11.5	0.0	0.0	11.5
Special Use Area ²	Local standard	20.3	2.6	15.0	1.9	4.5
Total	6.25 - 10.5	131.2	16.83	39.5	5.0	21.83

¹2010 population estimate 7,808 U.S. Census

².Does not include Babcock County Park

As the Village population increases, deficiencies will be ongoing especially with park types where we are currently falling behind with meeting the acre per 1,000 persons standards e.g., mini-parks. As our community grows we must continually reassess our park and open space needs.

Park and Open Space Needs Assessment

The future needs assessment is a critical component of the Outdoor Recreation Plan. This analysis is included in part, to assist the Village with planning and budgeting for the development of future parks. Overall, future recreational needs were determined by applying the recommended minimum acreage standards to a reasonable Village population for the year 2025. By examining how well the Village meets activity related standards as well as the location of existing facilities serving the Village's population, recommendations for future improvements can be developed.

Gross Acreage Requirements

The 2001 Outdoor Recreation Plan recommended the rate of ten (10) acres of parkland and open space per 1,000 persons be raised to more closely parallel the fifteen (15) acres per 1,000 persons used by Dane County. Since 2001, the Village has succeeded in increasing its acreage per thousand acre standard to 16.8. By the year 2025, the Village population is projected to increase by 10,258 persons. Excluding school facilities, the Village would require a total of 172.2 (10.25 x 16.8) acres of active and accessible passive parkland/open space land or an additional (172.2 – 131.2) 41 acres by 2025 to maintain the current Village standard.

Activity Related Standards

TABLE 7: ACTIVITY RELATED STANDARDS

Activity	Standard No./Persons	Minimum Requirements ²	Current Facilities	Future Needs (2025)
Baseball Diamonds	3,500	3	2	1
Skating Rinks ¹	3,500	3	3	1
Softball Diamonds	1,000	9	10	0
Soccer Fields	1,000	9	8	1
Tennis Courts	1,500	6	8	0
Basketball Courts ²	1,000	9	11	0
Swimming Pools ³	10,000	1	1	1

¹Includes winter rink at Lewis Park

²This is a locally adopted standard

³McFarland High School indoor pool is open to the public.

Table 7 indicates the number of activity related facilities has a few deficiencies. Mixed into this analysis should be distribution factors, including the need for an outdoor water facility.

Locations of park and open space facilities in relation to Village residents are also an important indicator of how well existing facilities meet community needs. Whereas community parks serve the entire Village, other parks have a more defined service area. For example, totlots have a service area of 1/4 mile and neighborhood parks 1/2 mile. Service area recommendations do not consider barriers such as major roads e.g., Farwell Street, Broadhead Street, Holscher Road, etc. Access barriers must be considered when determining service distances for parks and planning linkages using pedestrian/bike paths.

Park Distribution and Access

When adding to McFarland's Park and Trail System consideration should be given to the following:

- Newer subdivisions on the eastern edge of the Village are generally well served by neighborhood parks. Totlots, however, are in shorter supply. With trends towards smaller residential lot sizes or concentrations of multi-family housing, land becomes a premium. As a result, park distribution is increasingly important. New subdivisions should be scrutinized for park and open space needs relating to park distribution of totlots and smaller neighborhood parks.
- Many neighborhoods lack sidewalks or pathways for safe pedestrian access to park facilities particularly along heavily traveled streets and should be improved.
- Future trail systems should take the form of bike, nature, jogging, walking or multi-purpose systems. Links to existing systems are important if we are to achieve an inter-connected system.
- While the number of tennis courts appears sufficient (see Table 7), all eight courts are clustered in one location. Additional courts should be dispersed throughout the Village.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations to improve recreation programs in the Village of McFarland are based on projected growth rates, deficiencies identified in preceding sections **and results of the 2018 Park & Recreation Survey**. Recommendations encompass not only parkland acquisition, development projects and the provision of diversified recreational opportunities, but also relate to administration, funding, and land use.

Most of the recommendations are based on the assumption that McFarland will continue its moderate rate of growth and that park and recreational facilities planning should be geared toward serving a population with growing recreational needs. However, the timing of park acquisitions and development should coincide with the actual demand for growing recreational needs. The highest priority should be placed on expanding and improving parks and recreation areas to meet a growing desire for recreational outlets.

General Recommendations

1. **Village and school officials responsible for recreation in McFarland should place a continued emphasis on the provision of areas and facilities that can support “lifetime” recreational exercise activities.** Falling into this category are activities such as tennis, horseshoes, bicycling, cross-country skiing, skating, walking, running, volleyball, pickle ball, badminton, hiking, ~~bird watching~~, swimming and bocce ball. Currently, **walking and biking have the highest participation rates** ~~the greatest use of McFarland Parks is for~~ , as demonstrated by responses to the 2017~~8~~ recreation survey, ~~followed by ecology-based recreation, team sports, and identified family play activities.~~ Too often, community and school recreation facilities are oriented towards games important only to younger well-conditioned athletes, rather than, to recreational opportunities for older adults and less athletically inclined men and women. In designing recreation areas, recreational needs of all members of the community especially seniors should be taken into account, as evidenced by the many activities identified in the 2012 ~~8~~recreation survey.
2. **The Village should emphasize developing child-safe pedestrian access to parks and school playgrounds.** Access improvements are especially needed where there are no sidewalks. Street improvement programs along collector streets in the developed portions of the Village should include provisions for better parking, sidewalks/bicycle trails. Where recreation use is heavy, an off street path system may be preferred. Developers of new subdivisions are required to provide sidewalks or pathways. Adequate crossing facilities need to be provided at major road obstacle points during both school and non-school hours. Emphasis will be placed on increasing the use of bicycles within the Village, by making a connection to other communities (Madison, Dunn and Blooming Grove) e.g., completing a trail connection to the Capital Springs State Recreation Area through McDaniel Park; connections into the City of Madison system via the Marsh Road overpass tying into Femrite Drive; and paths recently constructed at the Stoughton Rd. underpass at the Beltline.
3. **More emphasis should be placed on the aesthetic function of parks and management of conservancy areas.** Park conservancy areas provide the largest expanse of green open space in the community, and in some newer sections of the community they are the only areas of mature vegetation. Many types of recreational activities, particularly “lifetime” activities such as hiking, bird watching and wildlife observations, are greatly enhanced by the attractive environments conservancy areas provide. A buffer of trees or tall shrubbery around playfields and open area enhances these types of locations and reduces land use conflicts

between heavily used parks and neighboring residential areas. Trail entrances should be clearly identified.

The Village has begun to actively maintain or manage conservancy areas or to make them more accessible to citizens for passive recreational opportunities. In the past, these areas have suffered from neglect and from the invasion of undesirable species. In recent years, volunteer groups have contributed considerable time in helping eradicate invasives from park and conservancy areas. The Village has adopted and is implementing management plans (see Appendix F) for these sensitive areas.

An active and continuous tree and shrub planting program for our parks should be sustained. The planting program should emphasize native species with a mix of fast-growing and slow-growing species avoiding overdependence on one or two species, which may fall victim to blight or other diseases. Other considerations in developing a planting program are selecting trees for attractiveness, shade, time and expense involved with maintenance, and the adverse effects of trees and shrubs on surface and underground public utilities.

4. **The Village developed and adopted a policy for preservation and maintenance of McFarland's Indian Mounds at 4 different locations in August of 2010** (see Appendix E). This policy addresses a phased approach to the mounds that included hazard tree removal, invasive control of weeds and brush and new seeding requirements. McFarland places a high priority on its mound maintenance, this should continue to be a high priority both in budgeting and work schedules.
5. **The Village should look beyond its present corporate boundaries to the east and south for lands suited to recreational development.** This is of particular importance where **recent annexations is imminent to the east have taken place** Larger community parks are proposed in the Village's Comprehensive Plan and the East Side Neighborhood Plan. The location for needed totlots and smaller neighborhood parks should be analyzed for our eastside growth area. Advance planning will give added assurance that lands best suited to satisfying recreational demands or protecting vital recreational resources, will be preserved for public use.
6. **The Village should utilize volunteer labor and donated materials to the greatest extent possible.** Community groups such as the Friends of McFarland Parks, Lions, garden clubs, scouts, and senior citizen clubs often make significant contributions to recreation programs. Utilization of volunteer labor is generally most successful where a single tangible project is involved, such as tree planting, construction of a single facility, or a one-day clean-up and beautification project. Volunteer labor should not be relied on for day-to-day maintenance or routine acquisitions and improvements. The Village has established a volunteer committee to provide a framework or structure for managing the efforts of volunteer groups. Adequate funds for hiring employees should be budgeted so that the community recreation program can succeed regardless of whether or not volunteer labor is available. There were 324 responses to the survey that supported opportunities for volunteer activities.
7. **The Village should develop existing recreation facilities concurrent with park acquisition.** McFarland has developed a land pool for its parks and recreation facilities, but a few of these areas have not been developed to their full capacity. Concurrent with consideration of expansion of the parks and recreation land base, the Village should assure that all existing facilities fulfill the needs of their designated service areas and consider redevelopment if warranted.

8. **The Village should emphasize the development of winter recreation programs and facilities.** In the upper Midwest, winter activities should be an essential part of recreation planning. Future trail development will provide many opportunities for cross-country skiing. The trail system could be tied in with nature trails developed for summer and fall use. Sledding and tobogganing hills that are safe and accessible should be developed. Grooming equipment would be needed to develop and maintain a formal cross country trail system. There were 283 responses to the survey that supported more winter sport activities.
9. **Improvements to existing parks or development of new parks should include features to help make them accessible to the disabled and seniors where feasible.** Features should include ramps, grab rails, traction walkways, special seating, accessible drinking fountains, designated parking and special playground equipment. Currently, many handicapped individuals are restricted in the areas of active and passive recreation. The Village is striving to continue to improve ADA access at each of its parks.
10. **The Village of McFarland should continue use of environmental corridors to preserve and connect open space and direct development to lands suitable for construction as shown on the Proposed Park and Open Space Plan Map.** Environmental corridors include those lands forming continuous, linear systems of natural resource features and/or public open space and recreation lands. Examples of features within environmental corridors include parks, school playgrounds, Indian mounds and other areas of historical importance, drainage ways, wetlands and floodplains. There were 384 responses to the survey that supported environmental corridor recreations such as hiking, bird watching, and geocaching, while 191 also supporting fishing along McFarland's river and lake shorelines.
11. **Distribution of parks and facilities should be considered in addition to service area and per thousand population standards when determining deficiencies.** Strict adherence to formal park standards may need re-evaluation when analyzing the distribution of parks (e.g., tennis courts) within the Village. Natural and man-made barriers, e.g. lack of sidewalks and crosswalks, can hinder use by adjacent residents. Heavily traveled roads and topography can be obstacles to parks posing accessibility and safety issues.
12. **? The Village of McFarland should explore the creation of a stand alone Parks Department that would function as the key department for the physical planning, operations, and maintenance of our parks and conservancy areas.** This potential reorganization would utilize the current parks manager and budgeted staff positions within the Public Works Department, with no additional staff requirements. The Village may also consider park recreation programming as a part of this future department.

The current operational structure utilizes the Department of Public Works to coordinate all functions relating to Village parks and conservancy areas. A potential reorganization would utilize the current parks manager and budgeted staff positions within the Public Works Department, with no additional staff requirements. The goal for this change would be to provide more time and better service selected areas in the park system that are currently underserved.
13. **The Village should incorporate technology into marketing our park system, e.g. Q.R. codes. In addition explore geocaching opportunities where feasible.**
14. **A community park of approximately 20 acres in size with proposed a location between Siggelkow Road and County Trunk Highway MN East of the proposed extension of CTH AB is identified for acquisition in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.** In addition,

the Village should acquire or otherwise preserve lands adjacent to the E-Way, the wetlands and Yahara River frontage located west and south of Legion Memorial Park, and natural resources areas adjacent to the Lower Mud Lake Resource Protection Area.

15. **Park Signage.** The Village should continue to develop consistent park signage policies through out its entire park and conservancy system. The overall goal of an effective sign policy is to enable Village residents and visitors to locate and enjoy McFarland's vast park system. Signs will also provide information in emergencies and other situations. Aging park signs should be refurbished or replaced based on condition and the need for updated information.
16. **Continue to promote and enhance efforts to keep our designation for Tree City U.S.A. and Bird City Wisconsin.** McFarland achieved Tree City U.S.A. in 2009 and Bird City Wisconsin in 2011. Volunteers are active in promoting Bird City through multiple events through out the season including IMBD (International Migratory Bird Day) held each spring. Residents and visitors have the opportunity to learn about habitat, bird identification along with hands on events for kids. A program established by the Arbor Day Foundation, Tree City U.S.A. provides the opportunity to educate people who care about their community, the value of tree resources, the importance of sustainable tree management and engaging the citizenry in advancing tree planting and care across the urban forest. McFarland should continue to build and promote both of these green initiatives.

Acquisition Recommendations

Acquisition recommendations are located on the Proposed Park and Open Space Plan Map. Those areas shaded in brown are identified for future park and open space as depicted in the 2006 Village of McFarland Comprehensive Plan (see Appendix E); and the 2008 East Side Neighborhood Growth Area Plan (see Appendix F) are carried over from the previous Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan. Among the proposed sites is a parcel located at Broadhead Street and Holscher Road owned by the McFarland School District. It is identified here for possible acquisition for park and open space purposes in the event the property is not developed by the School District.

The Village finalized acquisition of the Schuetz property in 2008, encompassing nearly 19 acres of land located south of Elvehjem Road and east of Hidden Farm Road. When combined with Urso Park to the east, both parcels have the potential to serve as a community park, to preserve significant natural resource areas, to provide linkages to surrounding publicly-owned lands, and to extend an important environmental and open space corridor located on the edge of urban development.

Specific Development Recommendations

1. **Capital Springs State Recreation Area Upper Mud Lake Portion of E-way** – includes the eastern half of the Nine Springs E-Way from Fish Hatchery Road to Upper Mud Lake.
 - a. ~~Work with staff from Dane County Parks to develop a County parking area and access way for users of Upper Mud Lake~~ **COMPLETED**
 - b. ~~Continue to work with County, DNR and Rail Commission to develop a trail adjacent to the railroad bridge that crosses Upper Mud Lake and Lake Waubesa connecting to Lake Farm Centennial State Park~~ **COMPLETED**

- c. Continue to work with the County to extend the Lower Yahara River Trail thru the southern portion of the Village exiting the our southern boundary and continuing on to Lake Kegonsa State Park.
2. **McDaniel Park, 4806 McDaniel Lane** – Continue implementation of Master Plan (see Appendix B)
- a. ~~Parking lot~~ **was expanded in 2018**
 - b. ~~Implement plans to develop a future trail connection to the Capital Springs State Recreation Area.~~ **COMPLETED** Increase establishment of native plant species along trail corridor **MOST OF THE TRAIL IS ON WSOR PROPERTY— HARD TO MAINTAIN**
 - e. ~~Install a multi-use path~~ **OFF ROAD PATHS ARE BEING PLANNED**
 - d. Develop additional picnic areas
 - e. Increase woodland buffers with additional tree plantings
 - f. **Plan and** construct second shelter/storage building **THIS IS BEING PLANNED**
 - g. Add larger outdoor grills, informational kiosks **PROPOSED FOR 2018**, horse shoe pits, and trash cans
 - h. Maintain pier **and construct second public pier HAS BEEN ONGOING**
 - i. **As time and money permit** replace and add trees **AS TIME & MONEY PERMIT**
 - j. Add camera/security system
 - k. Look for opportunit~~e~~s to expand the park when adjacent parcels are up for sale.
 - l. Add boatracks for small boats
3. **Brandt Park, 4601 Siggelkow Road**
- a. Continue to add trees to filter setting sun
 - a. **Update ball field lighting, was completed in Fall of 2018** update ball field fencing, add 2-5 year age-appropriate playground equipment, and underground utilities
 - b. Supply internet access
 - c. ~~Explore additional parking~~ **PROPOSED FOR 2018**
 - d. Acquire the adjacent house on the Siggelkow Road for added parking **BEING INTO LOOKED**
 - e. **ADD CAMERA/SECURITY FEATURES**
4. **Beckler Street** - Path, small amount of parking, “Pedestrian access only” sign
5. **Field Avenue** – Stairs to lake, parking. “Pedestrian access only” sign
Allan are these signs in?
6. **Larson Street** – Poor access, no sign
7. **Lakeview Avenue** – Bench, limited parking, “Pedestrian access only” sign
8. **Wisconsin Avenue** – Limited parking, “Pedestrian access only” sign
9. **Bellevue Court** – ~~Good~~ **POOR** access, **replace stairs**, bench, picnic table, “Pedestrian access only” sign
10. **Siggelkow Road Park, 5002 Valley Drive**
- a. Provide plan for development as a passive area
 - b. Landscape the flat section: garden areas with corner entryway emphasis
 - c. Develop hiking trails through the wooded sections with benches
 - d. Implement Indian Mound Policy for this park
 - e. **-A second identification sign was added in 2018** ~~community sign~~
 - f. Explore the idea of establishing a community garden and soccer field **SOCCER-PARKING ISSUES**

- g. Add park benches and kiosk
- ~~h. Add disc golf course~~
- ~~i. Possible new location for tennis /pickle ball court~~

11. Autumn Grove Park, 5207 Falling Leaves Lane

- a. Add park benches and trees
- b. Add main park sign
- ~~c. Add informational kiosk~~
- ~~d. Possible new location for tennis /pickle ball court~~

12. William McFarland Park, 4820 Marsh Road

- a. Maintain rain garden **STANDARD MAINTENANCE**
- b. Add two water fountains **THERE IS ONE AT THE BOCCE COURT AND BATHROOMS?**
- ~~c. Village partnered with the Soccer Association to develop a joint concession/storage facility with seating and meeting space as well as bathrooms. Construction was completed in fall of 2018~~ Explore the development of a between the soccer association, the 4 Lakes Bocce Ball Association, and baseball boosters **BEING LOOKED INTO. Done**
- d. ~~Improve or~~ relocate skate park facility
- e. Add benches and trash receptacles
- ~~f. Add informational kiosks~~
- ~~g. Replace ash species trees, landscaping and screening~~ **Done**
- h. Improve pedestrian access with sidewalk and crosswalk
- i. Add pickle ball/ **tennis** court
- ~~j. Create and implement a field maintenance program~~ **Continue working with the Soccer Association to implement a field maintenance program**
- k. Improve condition of parking lot
- ~~l. Explore relocation of the skate park~~ **ADD CAMERAS/SECURITY FEATURES Done**

13. Waubesa Intermediate School, 5605 Red Oak Trail

- a. Continue cooperation between Village and School District to develop or improve sports fields and play area

14. Cedar Ridge Park, 5303 Wild Cherry Lane

- a. Continue to implement park master plan
- b. ~~Improve and maintain~~ **Replace** gazebo
- c. Provide park benches
- d. Add additional playground equipment
- ~~e. Add informational kiosk~~
- f. Explore the addition of restrooms and water fountain
- g. Add ice skating rink

15. Ridgeview Totlot, 5323 Black Walnut Drive

- a. Maintain
- b. Install trees near park bench and play area
- c. Add park sign

- d. Explore the addition of a water fountain
- e. Add informational sign

16. Woodland Estates Park, 5601 Glenway Street

- a. ~~Look at the possibility of establishing a youth soccer practice field~~
- b. ~~Replace ash species trees, shrubbery and screening~~
- c. ~~Add informational kiosk, and water fountain~~
- d. ~~Reconfigure basketball court~~
- e. **Add restrooms**

17. Highland Oaks Park, 5945 Osborn Drive

- a. Plant additional trees and landscaping
- b. Provide informational kiosk
- c. Explore the addition of restrooms and a water fountain
- d. **Possible location of tennis/pickle ball court**

18. ~~Glenway Totlot, 5807 Glenway Street~~ NO LONGER APART OF OUR PARK SYSTEM IS NOW A RESIDENTIAL LOT WITH A HOME

- a. ~~Maintain~~
- b. ~~Update playground equipment~~
- c. ~~Add park sign~~
- d. ~~Add informational sign~~
- e. ~~Explore addition of a water fountain~~

19. McFarland Community Garden, 5710 Anthony Street

- a. Continue Village support for this effort.

20. Discovery Garden Park, 5920 Milwaukee Street

- a. **Totally redeveloped in 2018**
- b. **Add perimeter fence**
- c. **Add shade trees near benches and picnic table**

21. Arnold Larson Park, 6002 Exchange Street

- a. ~~Provide hiking/biking path from Taylor Road to Main Street which connects to the Lower Yahara River Trail. LYRT CURRENTLY GOES THRU THE PARK~~
- b. ~~Add informational kiosk~~
- c. ~~Add water fountain~~
- d. Explore the addition of restrooms
- e. ~~Explore the addition of ADA parking~~ **Provided across the street**
- f. ~~Improve parking across the street to the east~~
- g. ~~Expand power for community band events~~ **Completed in 2018**
- h. Add trees on north side to screen railroad

22. Valley Totlot, 5100 Broadhead Street

- a. Maintain
- b. Add signage
- c. ~~Add informational kiosk~~
- d. Explore the addition of a water fountain

23. Taylor Road Conservancy, Taylor Road

- a. Implement a conservancy management plan

- b. Implement the Indian Mound Policy for this park
- c. Prune pine trees and develop sledding hill
- d. ~~Provide informational kiosk~~
- e. Provide park sign
- f. Develop a forest management plan

24. Woodland Commons Conservancy, 5604 Lexington Street

- a. Develop a Master Plan
- b. Implement the Indian Mound Policy for this park
- c. Provide informational kiosk
- d. Provide park sign
- e. ~~Improve easement for better access~~ **Develop Lexington St, access path**
- f. Update vegetative management plan
- g. ~~Improve access~~

25. Public Access Site, South Court

- a. Maintain
- b. Add signage
- c. ~~Add informational kiosk~~

26. Babcock Conservancy, South Court

- a. Add park identification sign
- b. Provide informational sign
- c. Provide benches
- d. Develop a management plan

27. Babcock County Park, 4214 US Hwy 51

- a. Support County development of trails linking boat ramp to Camp Leonard Road through to Bible Camp Road

28. Indian Mound Conservancy, 6400 Exchange Street

- a. **Continue to** implement the Indian Mound Policy ~~for this park.~~
- b. Continue to involve the school in any development and maintenance plan.
- c. Update signage at trailhead

29. Thrun Marsh and Conrad Jaeger Conservancy, 6400 Jaeger Road

- a. Maintain trails
- b. Add a bench and trees
- c. ~~Maintain storage racks for canoes~~ **Concrete pads installed in 2018**
- d. Provide maps and kiosk information about area
- e. Add signage

30. McFarland High School/Indian Mound Middle School, 5103 Farwell/6330 Exchange Street

- a. Continue cooperation between School District and Village

31. Yahara River Conservancy, 6623 Meredith Way

- a. Add informational sign
- b. Add a bench
- c. Develop a management plan

32. Lewis Park, 5012 Highland Drive

- a. Provide lighting for hiking/biking path
- b. ~~Refurbish shelter for year-round use~~
- c. Plant trees by playground structure (shade) **THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING**
- d. Provide additional benches especially near skating rink
- e. ~~Provide informational kiosk~~
- f. ~~Partner with the Hockey Association for repairs to the hockey rink~~
- g. ~~Add skate rink lighting (east)~~

33. Legion Memorial Park, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive

- a. Improve hiking/biking path to include boardwalk
- b. Maintain grass walkway and construct boardwalk to Marsh Woods Drive
- c. Implement the Conservancy Management Plan
- d. Add signage
- e. ~~Add informational kiosk~~
- f. **Continue to** implement a vegetation management plan for the shoreline **WORKING ON THIS-WEATHER DEPENDANT**

34. Marsh Woods Conservancy, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive

- a. Maintain hiking trails
- b. Implement the Conservancy Management Plan
- c. Add trail signage
- d. Add park main sign
- e. Improve informational kiosk
- f. Implement a vegetation management plan for the shoreline
- g. Add boardwalk between Marsh Woods Park and Legion Park

35. McFarland Primary School/Conrad Elvehjem Early Learning Center, 6009/6013 Johnson Street

- a. Continue cooperation between School District and Village

36. Grandview Conservancy, 5602 Creamery Road

- a. Update and implement the Conservancy Management Plan
- b. ~~Develop~~ **Complete** trail system with signage, with a connection to Marsh Woods Park **PARTIAL PATH IS IN. NEW BOARDWALK INSTALLED IN 2017**
- c. Add park sign
- d. ~~Add informational kiosk~~

37. Egner Park, 5703 Bird Song Court

- a. Maintain
- b. ~~Add playground equipment~~ **Done**
- c. ~~Add informational kiosk~~
- d. Add water fountain

38. John Urso Community Park (includes Schuetz property), 6201 Elvehjem Road

- a. ~~Update the Master Plan (see Appendix C)~~ **Completed**
- b. Ensure Master Plan addresses ADA standards
- c. **Continue expansion of the** ~~Expand~~ off-leash dog exercise area
- d. Provide trail signage and improve trail surfaces
- e. Provide informational kiosk
- f. **Continue to work with Dane County to establish** ~~Establish~~ connection to Lower Yahara River Trail

- g. Explore addition of a water fountain
- h. Explore construction of a deck overlook to view Lower Mud Lake and bird trails

39. Orchard Hill Park

- Planing is currently underway for a new disc golf course
- Restrooms
- Parking lot

40. Juiper Ridge Park

Add restrooms
Establish name

41. Eastside Park 35-40 acres ADD/REVISE ITEM #14 PAGE 23
Transfer list of amenities from page 17

42. Prairie Place Park (Prairie Place Subdivision)

- a. Establish name
- b. Maintain restoration of wetlands

FUNDING PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT

Parkland Dedication or Fees-in-Lieu of Parkland Dedication

As part of its subdivision regulations, the Village of McFarland requires developers to dedicate land for public parks. The dedication standard used by the Village is one acre per fifteen dwelling units.

For development projects where the dedication of land serves no benefit to citizens of the Village, a fee-in-lieu payment may be required as an alternative. The amount of this payment is reviewed annually and is based upon development activity in and around the Village to appropriately measure the cost the Village would incur to acquire parkland for recreational purposes.

Prior to a recommendation by the Plan Commission as to whether land dedication or fees-in-lieu is appropriate, development projects are typically referred to the Village's Park and Recreation Committee for review. Recreational needs created by the proposed development are assessed. Opportunities to fulfill needs expressed in the Outdoor Recreation Plan are also taken into consideration.

In 2019 the Village has budgeted monies to analyze the methodology for charging fees in lieu of parkland dedication as well as updating our park impact fees. Recent changes to state law have identified various impacts that need to be considered when determining fees in lieu of parkland dedication. The evaluation process essentially mimics the way impact fees have historically been determined.

Park Improvement/Impact Fee

In order to fund improvements (other than land acquisition) for future parks and recreational areas, the Village Board in April 2004 adopted an ordinance establishing a park improvement/impact fee.

Wis. State Statutes 66.0617 establishes the authority for municipalities to charge impact fees. Prior to imposing a new or revised fee, a public facilities needs assessment must be prepared. Such an assessment must include:

- An inventory of existing public facilities including identification of any existing deficiencies.
- Identification of new public facilities or improvements/expansions of existing public facilities that will be required because of land development for which impact fees may be imposed.
- A detailed estimate of the capital costs of providing new or expansion to existing public facilities.

While the fee is commonly referred to as a "Park Impact Fee", the actual assessment covers impact fees for future bike trails, expansion to the public works facility as well as for future park capital costs.

The total Park Facility Improvement Impact Fee per single-family home is \$731.47 and for multi-family units is \$443.93 per unit. Actual monies are collected at the time a building permit is issued.

A copy of the Public Facilities Needs Assessment for Park Improvements can be found in Appendix D. This document will be updated in 2013.

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