

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

6:30 PM

McFarland Municipal Center  
Community Room

## AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
  - a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to [public.works@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:public.works@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
  - a. Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on July 5, 2022.
4. BUSINESS.
  - a. Discussion and action on a request from Jose Orzuna to have amplified sound at Lewis Park on August 14, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.
  - b. Discussion and action on a request from the McFarland Library to have amplified sound at two additional events in 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.
  - c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding amendments to the amplified sound ordinance.
  - d. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Park System Capital Improvement Plan.
  - e. Discussion regarding scheduling a committee park tour.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials at the meeting to be in an accessible location or format should contact the McFarland Municipal Center at (608)838-3153, 5915 Milwaukee Street, McFarland, Wisconsin, or [village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:village.clerk@mcfarland.wi.us) by 2:00 p.m. at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate each request. If the meeting or request is less than 5 business days from the meeting, requests for accommodations may still be made and reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate each request.

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND  
**Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes**

*Tuesday, July 5, 2022 - 6:30 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Village Trustee TJ Jerke called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:31 PM in the Municipal Center Community Room. This meeting was held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: TJ Jerke, Carrie Nelson, Sarah Kuba, Justin Rupert, Jim Lacy

Members not present: Tanya Lancaster, Luke Fessler

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, and Blake Theisen with Parkitecture.

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

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None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- a. *Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on June 7, 2022*

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Justin Rupert, to approve the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on June 7, 2022. Motion carries 4 - 0 - 1 (Sarah Kuba abstained).

**4. BUSINESS.**

- a. *Update regarding Skatepark planning and Public Information Meeting.*

Blake Thiesen of Parkitecture provided an overview of the Public Information Meeting that was held on Thursday, June 30th. Thiesen also provided an overview of the survey results as of June 30th and stated that the survey would remain open until Friday, July 8th. The next design workshop will be held on August 1st.

- Village Trustee Jerke asked if there was a specific number of surveys that Parkitecture would like to receive. Thiesen responded that a specific number is

not required but additional promotions may be helpful to increase the completed survey count.

b. Discussion regarding the McFarland Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report as the goals and objectives of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Village Administrator Schuenke reviewed the enclosed McFarland Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report which establishes the goals and objectives.

c. Discussion and action on a request to add the McFarland Spartan Sharks to Chapter 2 Athletic Field Usage Policy-Appendix A.

Parks Superintendent Larson introduced Amanda Wegner of the McFarland Spartan Sharks. Amanda Wegner provided a brief overview of the McFarland Spartan Sharks group. Wegner explained that the request for waived fees would be for team building events outside of the pool utilizing park shelters.

- Trustee Jerke asked how many members are within the McFarland Spartan Sharks group. Wegner stated there are 140 swimmers.
- Larson asked how many events would be anticipated during a year. Wegner estimated two to three events per year.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Rupert, to approve the request to add the McFarland Spartan Sharks to Chapter 2 Athletic Field Usage Policy-Appendix A. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

d. Discussion regarding the development of a Park System Capital Improvement Plan.

Village Administrator Schuenke reviewed the current 10-year Park Improvement Plan which was previously reviewed by the Committee in the Fall of 2021. Schuenke reviewed the small projects, equipment, miscellaneous projects, playground/park amenities, bathrooms, property acquisition, items related to the Community Park and items related to William McFarland Park. Continued review of the 10-year plan and Capital Improvement Plan will continue at the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

- Kuba asked if the park development within Rosewood Fields would need to be included within the plan. Schuenke stated the park would be constructed by the developer and therefore not required in the plan.
- Trustee Nelson asked when the committee input for ideas would occur. Schuenke explained that the committee input had occurred when the committee drafted and reviewed the 10-year plan in the Fall of 2021; however, the plan would continue to be updated as projects arise or shift.
- Lacy asked about including improvements to the dog park pathways. Larson responded that these improvements could be completed in-house by staff annually. Schuenke added that this item could be reviewed further at the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.
- Trustee Nelson asked if the Siggelkow Road Bike Trail project cost would be the responsibility of the Village. Schuenke responded that the hope was to partner with Dane County.

- Trustee Jerke asked where the cost estimates were derived from. Schuenke stated that the cost estimates are from the Master Plan and Blake with Parkitecture.

*e. Discussion on transition of the Village's meeting format effective August 1, 2022.*

Village Administrator Schuenke provided an overview of the transition of the Village's meeting format beginning August 1, 2022. The Village Board recently discussed returning to an in-person format but continue to offer Zoom as an option for those who cannot attend in-person.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

*a. Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.*

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, seconded by Rupert, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee Irwin  
Assistant to the Public Works Director



**VILLAGE OF  
McFarland  
SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and action on a request from Jose Orzuna to have amplified sound at Lewis Park on August 14, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

None.

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

Jose Orzuna is requesting the use of amplified sound at Lewis Park shelter on August 14, 2022. Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Orzuna regarding his use of amplified sound, which involves a DJ from 3:00 to 9:30 p.m.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

None.

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

[Ordinance 44-20\(b\)](#)

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion and second to approve the use of amplified sound for an event on August 14th at Lewis Park.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. amplified sound request 08.14.2022

## Aimee Irwin

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**From:** Jose Orzuna <jose.g.orzuna102@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2022 3:28 PM  
**To:** Public Works  
**Subject:** Request for Amplified Sound

Hello,  
this Jose Orzuna, i have a baptism party happening on sunday august 14. At the lewis shelter in mcfarland. I would like to have a dj playing at the party from 3pm-9:30pm. He will bring 2 amplified speakers and one amplified base. The music will be happening inside the shelter.  
I would appreciate very much. Thank you

  
**McFarland**  
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and action on a request from the McFarland Library to have amplified sound at two additional events in 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

None.

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

The McFarland Library is hosting two additional events in 2022 for which they propose to utilize amplified sound in a couple of parks. Pursuant to the Village Code of Ordinance Sec. 44-20(b), the Library is requesting approval from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Enclosed is a letter on behalf of the McFarland Library's request detailing their use of amplified sound. Events will be held August 16th at Lewis Park and August 25th at Discovery Garden Park.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

None.

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

[Ordinance 44-20\(b\)](#)

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Motion and second to recommend approval for the McFarland Library's request for amplified sound use at the two additional events in 2022.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. parks request July 2022



5920 Milwaukee St. ♦ McFarland, WI 53558  
(608)838-9030 ♦ [mcflib@mcfarlandlibrary.org](mailto:mcflib@mcfarlandlibrary.org)

July 12, 2022

Dear Park Committee;

Pursuant to Village Ordinance 44-20(b) the McFarland Library is requesting to be able to use an amplified system in parks for the following events”

Family Movie Night August 16<sup>th</sup> at Lewis Park—in collaboration with McFarland RADAR Coalition we will be hosting a family movie night from 6-9pm. The title of the movie is yet to be determined but it will be a G/PG rated movie since we’re hoping to attract families.

End of Summer Party Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Discovery Garden Park– we’ve hired a trio The Dawg Bones to perform and they require amplification. We’ll also be handing out ice cream, have face painting, and games. The event runs from 6-9 pm.

Amplified sound proposed would be within the stationary noise limits outlined in Section 20 of the Village Code of Ordinances.

Sincerely,

Heidi Cox  
Library Director



**VILLAGE OF  
McFarland  
SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding amendments to the amplified sound ordinance.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

The Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee discussed changes to this code section at their meeting on December 16, 2021.

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

Village Staff has been working on revisions to our noise ordinances to improve their utilization and applicability. Specifically within parks, any use of a "sound device" requires prior approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee before it can be allowed. Staff will funnel these requests to the next available meeting but reservations can happen online up until the time the need the space making it difficult to schedule. This has caused some complaints to be generated in the process as most people are not creating a nuisance with planned audio with their rentals. The code changes are meant to shift sound device use within the parks to an administrative function while keep their use within the conservancies similar to what is in place now for approvals.

Two sections of the code are proposed for changes as follows:

- Chapter 20 (Environment), Article III (Noise) - Section 20-77 already establishes the maximum permissible sound levels within the Village. Subsection (a) addresses the Village as a whole while new subsection (b) is meant to address the parks. The new standard for parks are set based on Community Parks (typically larger, more use) versus Neighborhood Parks. The 75 dBA in Community Parks would apply under all circumstances for all noises, regardless of where the sound originates from they cannot exceed it. Likewise in Neighborhood Parks the standard would be 65 dBA consistent with residential areas. The distance to measure the sound would be 150' from the source or property line if less than 150'. The intent here is that sound within the parks is allowed including through amplification provided that it does not exceed these standards. For comparison, a decibel chart showing the intensity of noises is included in the packet for reference.
- Chapter 44 (Parks and Recreation), Article II (Park Regulations) - Section 44-20 sets a variety of different regulations within the park system which is "any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, recreation facility, or conservancy district". Subsection (b) currently requires all sound amplification requests to be approved in advance by the Parks and Recreation Committee. With the change to Chapter 20 previously noted, this is no longer necessary as the use of sound within parks would be



governed according to those standards. Staff still wanted to protect conservancy areas and the code change continues to prohibit sound amplified within the listed areas without prior approval from Committee or through a Special Event Permit. Additionally, the approval to be granted would shift to the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee which generally oversees these lands. Any sort of amplification within the conservancies is extremely rare and not a common practice. This change helps protect those natural areas where we do not have rentals and frees up the parks where we do have rentals.

Our objective is to discuss the changes to improve the rental process while still having the ability to mitigate nuisances.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

None.

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

References to Village Code are included in the attachments.

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommended action:

*Motion, second to recommend to the Village Board approval of changes to Chapter 20 and 44 regarding amendments to the Village Code ordinance on the use of amplified sound within parks.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Article 3 - Noise
2. Article 2 - Park Regulations
3. Levels-Of-Noise-In-Decibels

## **ARTICLE III. NOISE**

### **DIVISION 1. GENERALLY**

#### **Sec. 20-58. Loud and unreasonable noise prohibited.**

No person shall make or assist in making any noise tending to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of persons in the vicinity thereof unless the making and continuing of the same cannot be prevented and is necessary for the protection or preservation of property or of the health, safety, life, or limb of some person.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(a))

#### **Sec. 20-59. Types of loud and unreasonable noises.**

The following acts are declared to be loud, disturbing and unreasonable noises in violation of this Section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, nor a limitation upon the prohibition in Subsection (a):

- (a) *Horns, signaling devices.* The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle on any street or public place in the Village for longer than three seconds in any period of one minute or less, except as a danger warning; the creation of any unreasonable loud or harsh sound by means of any signaling device and the sounding of any plainly audible device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; the use of any signaling device except one operated by hand or electricity; the use of any horn, whistle or other device operated by engine exhaust and the use of any signaling device when traffic is for any reason held up.
- (b) *Radios, phonographs, similar devices.* The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated any radio receiving set; musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in a loud and unreasonable manner. The operation of any set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a manner as to be plainly audible at the property line of the building, structure or vehicle in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Section.
- (c) *Loudspeakers, amplifiers for advertising.* The using, operating or permitting to be played, used or operated of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, which is cast upon the public streets for the purpose of commercial advertising or attracting attention of the public to any building or structure. Announcements over loudspeakers can only be made by the announcer in person and without the aid of any mechanical device.
- (d) *Animals, birds.* The keeping of any animal or bird that causes frequent or long continued unnecessary noise.
- (e) *Steam whistles.* The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger or upon request of proper Village authorities.

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- (f) *Exhausts.* The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine or motor boat except through a muffle or other device, which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
  - (g) *Construction or repair of buildings.* The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration or repair of any building, as well as the operation of any pile driver, steam shovel, pneumatic hammer, derrick, steam or electric hoist, or any other similar equipment attended by loud or unusual noise, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; provided, however, the Building Inspector shall have the authority, upon determining that the loss of inconvenience, which would result to any party in interest, would be extraordinary and of such nature as to warrant special consideration, to grant a permit for a period necessary within which time such work and operation may take place within the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
  - (h) *Schools, courts, houses of worship, hospitals.* The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, house of worship or court while in use, or adjacent to any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the normal operation of that institution, or which disturbs or unduly annoys patients in the hospital, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed in those streets indicating a school, hospital or court street.
  - (i) *Exceptions.* The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
    - (1) Any vehicle of the Village while engaged in necessary public business.
    - (2) Excavations or repairs of streets or other public construction by or on behalf of the Village, county, or state at night when public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform such work during the day.
    - (3) The reasonable use of amplifiers or loudspeakers in the course of public addresses which are noncommercial in nature.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(b))

**Secs. 20-60—20-76. Reserved.**

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES  
Chapter 20 - ENVIRONMENT  
ARTICLE III. - NOISE  
DIVISION 2. STATIONARY NOISE LIMITS

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*DIVISION 2. STATIONARY NOISE LIMITS*

**Sec. 20-77. Maximum permissible sound levels.**

- (a) ~~Noise from a stationary source shall not exceed the following standards for maximum sound pressure levels measured at the property line.~~

~~Except as provided in sub. (c), noise emanating from any private property within the Village shall be presumed to be unreasonable if it exceeded the following limits as measured at any point on a neighboring (receiving) property.~~

| <u>Receiving Parcel<br/>Land UseZone</u>                   | <u>Zoning Districts</u>                                                            | <u>Maximum 7:00<br/>am to 9:00 pm<br/>Noise Rating<br/>Daytime</u> | <u>Maximum 9:01<br/>pm to 6:59 am<br/>Noise Rating<br/>Nighttime</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <del>Urban</del> Residential                               | <u>RH-1, R-1, R-1A, R-1B,<br/>R-2, R-3, R-E, PD, &amp;<br/>PD-I not mixed use.</u> | <u>65 60 dBA</u>                                                   | <u>60 50 dBA</u>                                                     |
| Commercial                                                 | <u>C-C, C-G, C-H, C-L, PD<br/>&amp; PD-I mixed use</u>                             | 70 dBA                                                             | 70 dBA                                                               |
| All <del>O</del> ther<br><u>Districts</u> <del>zones</del> |                                                                                    | 75 dBA                                                             | 75 dBA                                                               |

- ~~(b) — Ambient noise is the all-encompassing noise associated with a given source, usually being a composite of sounds with many sources near and far, but excluding the noise source being measured. Ambient noise is a factor and the subject noise shall exceed the ambient noise by five db in any octave band to be designated excessive.~~

(b) Noise levels in public parks. Noise generated within public parks shall be presumed to be unreasonable if it exceeds the following limits as measured 150' from the source or at the property line of the park if less than 150':

| <u>Community Parks</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Maximum Level</u> |
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| <u>Arnold Larson Park</u><br><u>Brandt Park</u><br><u>Community Park</u><br><u>Lewis Park</u><br><u>McDaniel Park</u><br><u>William McFarland Park</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>75 dBA</u>        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |
| <u>Neighborhood Parks</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>Maximum Level</u> |
| <u>Autumn Grove Park</u><br><u>Cedar Ridge Park</u><br><u>Discovery Garden Park</u><br><u>Eco Park</u><br><u>Egner Park</u><br><u>Jaeger Park</u><br><u>Juniper Ridge Park</u><br><u>Highland Oaks Park</u><br><u>Orchard Hill (Schuetz)</u><br><u>Ridgeview Tot Lot</u><br><u>Rosewood Fields Park</u><br><u>Siggelkow Road Park</u><br><u>Urso Park</u><br><u>Valley Tot Lot</u><br><u>Woodland Estates Park</u> | <u>65 dBA</u>        |

(c) ~~Pure tones and impulsive noises are factors. Five noise rating numbers shall be taken from the table in Subsection (a) of this Section, if the subject noise consists primarily of a pure tone or if it is impulsive in character.~~

Exceptions. This section shall not apply in any case where the occupants of all properties receiving noise in excess of the prescribed limits have consented to an exceedance of such limits.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(1); Ord. No. 2018-01 , § 14, 3-26-2018)

## **Sec. 20-78. Construction noise.**

Construction equipment in any zone may be operated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., provided that said equipment does not exceed a maximum sound level of 80 db(a) measured at the property line of the location at which said equipment is in use.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(2))

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### **Sec. 20-79. Noise in Residential Districts.**

In Residential Zones, the person in violation of this Article shall be ordered to reduce the sound pressure to acceptable levels immediately by the monitoring officer.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(3))

### **Sec. 20-80. Operation of certain equipment.**

Lawnmowers, chainsaws, powered garden equipment, electric insect killing/repelling devices, and other nonconstruction maintenance equipment shall be operated only during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. unless within the specified noise levels measured at the property line of the location at which said equipment is in use.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(4))

### **Sec. 20-81. Exemptions.**

Operations of emergency equipment shall be exempt from this Article. Snow blowers not operated on a commercial basis shall be exempt from this Article when used to gain access to a Village street or clear a sidewalk. Emergency equipment shall include ambulance, police, fire, snow removal, civil defense sirens, etc., necessary for the health, safety, and protection of the citizens of the Village.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(5))

### **Sec. 20-82. Methods of measuring noise.**

- (a) *Equipment.* Noise measurement shall be made with a sound level meter.
- (b) *Location of noise meter.* Noise measurement shall be made at the nearest lot line of the premises from which a noise complaint is received. The noise meter shall be placed at a height of at least three feet above the ground and at least three feet away from walls, barriers, obstructions, and all other sound reflective surfaces.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(6))

### **Sec. 20-83. Appeals.**

The Village Board may grant an exemption to individuals proving evidence of substantial hardship. Evidence that reasonable technological attempts have been made to correct the problem shall be considered grounds for granting an exemption to this Article for existing industries.

(Code 1998, § 11-2-9(c)(7))

### **Secs. 20-84—20-109. Reserved.**

## **ARTICLE II. PARK REGULATIONS**

### **Sec. 44-19. Purpose and definition.**

In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Village from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term "park" as hereinafter used in this Chapter shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses that are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, recreation facility or conservancy district in the Village.

(Code 1998, § 12-1-1(a))

### **Sec. 44-20. Specific regulations.**

- (a) *Littering prohibited.* No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park.
- (b) *Sound devices.* No person shall operate or play any amplifying system on the following public lands unless specific authority is first obtained from the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee Parks and Recreation Committee, unless the person is seeking of the amplifying system is approved as part of a special event license issued under Chapter 36, for which the Public Safety Committee has initial jurisdiction.
  - (1) Babcock Conservancy
  - (2) Grand View Conservancy
  - (3) Indian Mound Conservancy
  - (4) Marsh Woods Conservancy
  - (5) Taylor Road Conservancy
  - (6) Thrun Marsh Conservancy
  - (7) Woodland Commons Conservancy
  - (8) Yahara River Conservancy
- (c) *Pets.* No person shall permit any dog, cat or other pet owned by him to run at large in any park. A dog shall not be considered to be running at large if it is within the fenced enclosure of a designated dog exercise area and under the direct observation and voice control of its owner or other person in lawful custody and control.
- (d) *Bill posting.* No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- (e) *Throwing stones and missiles prohibited.* No person shall throw stones or other missiles in or into any park.
- (f) *Removal of park equipment prohibited.* No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.
- (g) *Trapping.* No person shall trap in any park unless specific written authority is first obtained from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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- (h) *Making of fires.* No person shall start, tend or maintain a fire except in personal grills or designated fireplaces. Personal grills shall be used only in designated picnic areas. The use of personal grills is permitted, provided lawns and vegetation are not endangered. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property.
  - (i) *Protection of park property.* No person shall kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any park, except as permitted by this Chapter. No person shall climb any tree or remove flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, fountain, ornament, building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign or other property within any park.
  - (j) *Motorized vehicles.* Except for authorized maintenance and emergency vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas except vehicles that have Village authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading. No person shall operate any off-the-road vehicle, motorcycle, trail bike, all-terrain vehicle, truck or other motorized vehicle in any park, playground or other public ground where pathways or trails have been developed and/or designated for walking, hiking, jogging, running, bicycling, cross-country skiing, sledding or other pedestrian use. All motorized vehicles are limited to use of roadways specifically for their use and according to other restrictions in this Code.
  - (k) *Snowmobiles.* No person shall operate a snowmobile in a Village park except in designated areas.
  - (l) *Speed limit.* No person shall operate any vehicle in a Village park in excess of 15 mph unless otherwise posted.
  - (m) *Glass beverage bottles in parks prohibited.* No person shall bring into, carry onto or possess while in any public park glass bottles or glass beverage containers, including those containing or normally used for containing soda water, fermented malt beverages or alcohol. A glass-lined thermos bottle shall not be construed to be a glass beverage container.
  - (n) *Reckless driving in parks prohibited.* No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any of the public parks of the Village.
  - (o) *Parking in parks.* No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the Village except in a designated parking area.
  - (p) *Horse and carriages.* No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park, except on roads or designated bridle paths, except when approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner, which may endanger the safety and well-being of others. Horseback riding shall be allowed only during the daylight hours. No person shall ride a horse that cannot be held under such control that it may be easily turned or stopped. No horse shall be ridden in a reckless manner. Pedestrians shall have the right-of-way when crossing a bridle path, and whenever groups of people are visible within 300 feet horses shall be ridden at slow gait.
  - (q) *Removing tree protectors.* No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees or shrubs.
  - (r) *Golfing and sporting activities.* No golfing or practicing golf in Village parks or recreation areas shall be allowed except with the use of a whiffle ball.
  - (s) *Arrows.* No person shall use or shoot any bow and arrow in any Village park, except in authorized areas.
  - (t) *Fees and charges.* The Village Board, upon the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee, shall have the authority to establish such fees as deemed necessary for use of any park facility, shelter or land area. It shall be unlawful to use such areas without payment of such fee or charge when required.

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- (u) *Firearms; hunting.* Possessing or discharging of any firearm or weapon of any kind is prohibited in all Village parks.
  - (v) *Fish cleaning.* Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilet facilities or picnic areas is prohibited in all Village parks.
  - (w) *Controlled substances.* Possessing, using or dispensing of a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act is prohibited in all Village parks.
  - (x) *Camping.* Overnight camping is not permitted in any Village park.
  - (y) *Utility installation and construction.* Any private construction that may in any manner encroach upon or affect the parks and parkways shall be under the direction and jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation Committee and no such installation, repair or construction shall commence without the written permission therefor from the Parks and Recreation Committee. All public works, including construction and installation of power lines, hydrants, sewers and the like shall be commenced only after notice to the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Village's intention to do so. Where practicable, such construction and installation shall be performed pursuant to recommendations by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

(Code 1998, § 12-1-1(b); Ord. No. 2009-14, § 2, 7-13-2009)

#### **Sec. 44-21. Radio-controlled model airplanes prohibited in parks.**

No person shall fly a radio-controlled model airplane or helicopter in any park in the Village except in areas specifically designated and posed for such purpose.

(Code 1998, § 12-1-2)

#### **Sec. 44-22. Turf protection on public property.**

Except as authorized by the Public Works Director, or designee, no person shall dig into the turf of any Village-owned property for any purposes whatsoever or remove any trees or flowers. Absent authorization by the Public Works Director, or designee, the use of metal detectors and digging for buried objects on Village property, except beaches where no vegetation is present, is prohibited.

(Code 1998, § 12-1-3; Ord. No. 2019-01 , § 1, 1-28-2019)

#### **Sec. 44-23. Park hours.**

- (a) *Generally.* Except for authorized events and subject to certain exceptions listed below, all Village parks shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. the following day, and it shall be unlawful to enter in or be upon any park, playground or swimming pool after the hour designated.
- (b) *Exceptions to closing hours.* A person driving through a park on a public road; however, stopping shall not be permitted within a park. The Village Board may modify closing hours for particular events.
- (c) *Park closing and opening dates.* The Village Board will have full authority to open and close any park, swimming pool, recreational facility or area because of season, condition, construction or when, in the interest of public safety, it is deemed necessary.

(Code 1998, § 12-1-4)

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## **Sec. 44-24. Reservation of park space.**

- (a) *Policy on reservation.* The Village-owned park and park facilities and shelter areas are primarily for the nonexclusive use of the residents and visitors of the Village. However, under proper circumstances, exclusive use of the same or parts thereof may be permitted. This Section is intended to regulate exclusive use of municipally-owned parks, park facilities, park shelters or parts thereof in the Village to the end that the general welfare of the Village is protected.
- (b) *Reservation of park space.* A permit is required for any special usage of any park within the Village. An organized gathering desiring to reserve a specific portion of any park in the Village shall constitute a special usage. A person or group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation may reserve the use of a park facility or a park shelter by written application filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer for a permit for exclusive use of the same. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall issue permits for the exclusive use of a portion of a park or park shelter, while the Village Board shall issue permits for the exclusive use of the Village parks. Park facilities are reserved on a first-requested, first-reserved basis. Certain proposed uses and gatherings may require the issuance of an event permit, subject to the requirements of Chapter 36, instead of a permit issued under this Section.
- (c) *Application.* Reservation or special use permit applications shall be filed with the Public Works Department at least seven days prior to the date on which the exclusive use of the entire park is requested, or at least three days prior to the date on which a park shelter or a portion of a park is to be reserved, and shall set forth the following information regarding the proposed exclusive use:
  - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
  - (2) If the exclusive use is proposed for a group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation, the name, address and telephone number of the headquarters of the same and the responsible and authorized heads or partners of the same.
  - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be responsible for the use of the said park, area or facility.
  - (4) The date when the exclusive use is requested and the hours of the proposed exclusive date.
  - (5) The anticipated number of persons to use the said park, area or facility.
  - (6) Any additional information which the Village Board or Village Clerk-Treasurer finds reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued.
  - (7) Whether applicant contemplates consumption of alcohol beverages and, if so, copies of permits issued pursuant to Sections 11-61, 11-66 and 38-127.
- (d) *Fee.* All applications for reservation of park space, shelters or baseball diamonds for which a permit is required shall pay the application fees established by the Village Board from time to time and provided in Appendix A to this Code.
- (e) *Deposit.* At the time of application, all applicants shall also provide a deposit as established by the Village Board from time to time and provided in Appendix A to this Code, which is refundable in full or in part after completion of the event if the Village incurs expenses of less than the amount of the deposit established by the Village Board from time to time and provided in Appendix A in clean up or repair of the Village facility rented.
- (f) *Reasons for denial.* Applicants may be denied for any of the following reasons:
  - (1) If it is for a use that would involve a violation of federal or state law or any provision of this Code.

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- (2) If the granting of the permit would conflict with another permit already granted or for which application is already pending.
  - (3) If the application does not contain the information required by Subsection (c) of this Section.
  - (4) The application is made less than the required days in advance of the scheduled exclusive use.
  - (5) If it is for a use of the park or park facility at a date and time when, in addition to the proposed use, anticipated nonexclusive use by others of the park or park facility is expected and would be seriously adversely affected.
  - (6) If the law enforcement requirements of the exclusive use will require so large a number of persons as to prevent adequate law enforcement to the park, park facility or shelter area involved or of the rest of the Village.
  - (7) The exclusive use will reasonably create a substantial risk of injury to persons or damage to property.
  - (8) The exclusive use is so poorly organized that participants are likely to engage in aggressive or destructive activity.
- (g) *Indemnification.* A permit shall be issued only upon condition that the applicant submit to the Village Clerk-Treasurer satisfactory written evidence that applicant has in force and will maintain during the time the permit is in effect public liability insurance of not less than \$500,000.00 per one person, \$500,000.00 for one accident and property damage coverage of not less than \$500,000.00. The policy shall name the Village as the third party insured.
  - (h) *Permit not required for Village activity.* A permit is not required for exclusive use of the park or a park facility sponsored by the Village.
  - (i) *Permit revocation.* The Village Board and/or Chief of Police after granting a permit may revoke a permit already issued if it is deemed that such action is justified by an actual or potential emergency due to weather, fire, riot, other catastrophe or likelihood of a breach of the peace or by a major change in the conditions forming the basis of the issuance of the permit.
  - (j) *Form of permit.* Each permit shall be in a form prescribed by the Village Board and shall designate the park, park facility or shelter area involved, date, hours of the exclusive use, purpose of the exclusive use and the name of the person, group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation to which the permit is issued.
  - (k) *Class B fermented malt beverage licenses.* When fermented malt beverages are sold at any event authorized by this Section, a valid fermented malt beverage license shall be obtained and the provisions of Sections 11-44, 11-66 and 38-127 shall be fully complied with. Said license must be held by the person who filed the original license and shall be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request.

(Code 1998, § 12-1-6; Ord. No. 98-20, § 4, 12-14-1998; Ord. No. 99-24, § 1, 12-13-1999; Ord. No. 2002-02, §§ 7, 8, 1-14-2002; Ord. No. 2003-02, §§ 138—141, 1-27-2002; Ord. No. 2006-01, § 5, 2-23-2006; Ord. No. 2017-12, §§ 133—135, 6-26-2017; Ord. No. 2019-02, § 4, 3-11-2019)

#### **Sec. 44-25. Public piers and access areas.**

- (a) *Conduct regulated.* On or at all public piers and public access areas, the following regulations shall apply:
  - (1) Swim at your own risk.
  - (2) No diving from piers.
  - (3) No littering piers or access areas.
  - (4) No rafts allowed in public access areas.

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- (5) No rough play on piers.
  - (6) No profane or obscene language allowed.
  - (b) *Hours.* All public piers and public access areas shall be closed to the public between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless prior approval for use has been obtained from the Police Department.
  - (c) *Additional regulations.* Pursuant to the authority granted under Wis. Stats. §§ 27.08(2)(a) and 27.13, all public access areas are hereby deemed to be Village parks and shall be subject to all park use regulations adopted in this Chapter.
- (Code 1998, § 12-1-7)

#### **Sec. 44-26. Dog exercise areas.**

- (a) *Establishment of dog exercise areas.* The Village Board may establish one or more dog exercise areas. All dog exercise areas shall be designated by erecting adequate fencing to fully enclose such area and by erecting conspicuous signage at the entrance of such area indicating it has been designated as a dog exercise area.
- (b) *Permit.* No person may allow any dog they own or that is within their custody or control to be present in a dog exercise area without having obtained a dog exercise area permit for the dog in accordance with this Subsection. Permits from other jurisdictions shall not be a substitute for a permit from the Village.
  - (1) Permits shall be obtained from the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall establish an application form, which shall request all information necessary to determine whether the dog is eligible for a permit. The Village Clerk-Treasurer may, in cooperation with other Village departments, establish self-service application and payment facilities located at any dog exercise area.
  - (2) Permits may be issued on an annual or daily basis. The annual permit shall be issued in the form of a tag made of any durable material that may be worn on a dog's collar. Upon application and payment of the prescribed fee, a copy of the application shall be given to the applicant, which shall serve as a temporary permit until a tag can be issued. For a daily permit, the copy of the application shall constitute the permit.
  - (3) If, upon review of any application, it is determined that any of the information provided is false or if it is determined the dog is not eligible for a permit, the permit shall be considered void and notice thereof shall be sent by regular mail to the applicant. The fee for the permit shall not be refunded.
  - (4) To be eligible for a permit:
    - a. The dog must display a valid dog license tag issued by the Village or other local government where the dog resides. This requirement shall not apply if the jurisdiction where the dog resides does not require the dog to be licensed or if the dog is less than five months of age.
    - b. The dog must be current on rabies vaccinations.
    - c. The dog may not be considered a dangerous dog pursuant to Chapter 5, Article IV, of the McFarland Municipal Code or pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 173.21(1)(b) and 173.23(4)(b) or (c) and 174.02(3a).
    - d. The appropriate fee shall be paid. Fees for a dog exercise permit shall be as follows:

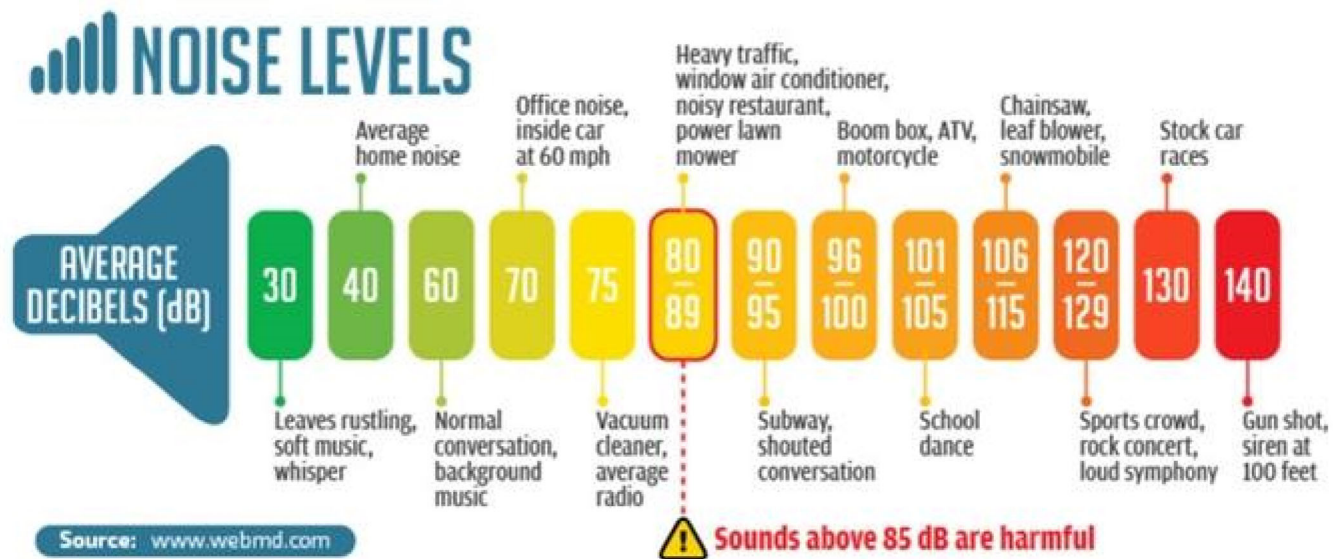
|                        | Village Residents | Nonresidents |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Annual permit          | \$15.00           | \$25.00      |
| Daily permit           | 3.00              | 4.00         |
| Seniors (55 and older) | 10.00             | N/A          |
| Each additional dog    | 6.00              | 6.00         |

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- e. Annual permits shall be renewed each year as of January 1. Fees shall not be prorated; however, permits issued 15 days prior to January 1 shall be valid through the following year.
- (c) *Rules.* The following rules shall be observed at all times. Failure to observe the rules established herein shall be grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue any dog exercise permit for the individual dog or any dog owned by the person found to be in violation.
- (1) Dogs shall be under the control of the owner or other person in lawful custody at all times.
  - (2) Dogs shall not intimidate, attack or threaten any person or another pet.
  - (3) All feces shall be picked up and placed in designated receptacles.
  - (4) Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
  - (5) At all times while present in the dog exercise area, each dog shall wear the permit tag issued for it or, where no tag has been issued, the owner or person in custody and control shall carry a copy of the permit.
  - (6) Unless expressly provided in this Section, all other Village ordinances applicable to Village parks shall apply to dog exercise areas.
- (d) Notwithstanding Subsections (b)(4)d and (b)(4)e of this Section, annual permits issued prior to December 15, 2009, shall be valid until January 1, 2011. The fee for such permits shall be as follows:

|                                  | Village Residents | Nonresidents |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Annual permit                    | \$20.00           | \$30.00      |
| Seniors residents (55 and older) | 15.00             | N/A          |
| Each additional dog              | 6.00              | 6.00         |

(Ord. No. 2009-14, § 3, 7-13-2009; Ord. No. 2017-12 , § 136, 6-26-2017)

**Secs. 44-27—44-53. Reserved.**





**VILLAGE OF  
McFarland  
SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Park System Capital Improvement Plan.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

The Committee began a general discussion on developing this plan at their last meeting held on August 26, 2021. The first draft of this document was conducted at the meeting held on September 23, 2021.

Final discussion of this item by the Committee took place on October 28, 2021 where costs assumptions were incorporated into the discussion. Next steps were to work these projects into the full Village plan to better forecast debt impacts.

The full 5 year plan with these projects incorporated for 2023-2027 was presented and introduced to the Village Board on June 28, 2022. They will review this further at meetings in July and August taking into account all capital requests.

The Committee was introduced to this plan and began its review at the July 5, 2022 meeting.

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

Please find included within your packets the proposed 5 year Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2027 as its related to the parks improvements overseen by the Public Works Department.

This information is extracted from the full Village 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan that is prepared for all Village Departments to support services. The base of this plan is fueled by the 10 year Park Improvement Plan that was initially drafted and reviewed by the Committee in the Fall of 2021. Information contained within this 10 year plan came from previously accepted master plans, the previously accepted 2021-2025 Village Capital Improvement Plan relative to parks projects, and other previously discussed initiatives. The 10 year plan is also updated from our last review in order to reconcile with the 5 year plan and included in your packet for reference. The full 5 year plan includes all other Capital needs for parks as well in addition to the larger projects previously discussed and conceived.

All of the information included within the packet was introduced at the last meeting.

Additionally, we reviewed roughly half of the projects up to the lake access line item highlighted in red. We will resume our review of this document at that point in the document.

The plan has been updated since the last meeting to include two things:



1. Dog Park Trail - It was requested we consider contracting out trail installation at the dog park. A line item has been added for this purpose with an estimated cost that remains under review. We will attempt to finalize this number by the meeting.
2. Kiosks - Right now fee collection for use of the dog park and the new disc golf course is completed manually with individuals either paying ahead time at the Public Works Department or via cash/paper slips on site. Dane County utilizes electronic kiosks at remote locations like these which then provides users the ability to use credit cards and also simplifies the cash management that takes place with most transactions remaining digital. Funds provided would account for a payment kiosk at each location.

Our plan for the meeting is to finish the review the document, discuss various priorities/assumptions, and address questions/concerns as might be needed. The Village Board at the same time is reviewing the full 5 year CIP for all Departments in which the projects presented here for parks are included with all other capital requests across the Village. We anticipate completing review of this document at the next meeting and request action to make a recommendation to the Village Board of acceptance. This will allow the board to finish their work on the entire plan by the end of August in order to accept the 2023-2027 CIP for inclusion in the 2023 Budget process that will begin this Fall.

#### **FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

All of the estimated costs are shown for each project within the year they are planned.

#### **VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

There are many different plans that we have that fuel this work. [Please click on this to view the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources website for a list](#) and access to each of these plans. A list of what is provided is as follows:

- Aquatics Feasibility Study
- Inclusive Playground Master Plan
- McDaniel Park Master Plan
- Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan 2019 to 2023
- Urso/Schuetz Master Plan

Additionally, you can click on this link to view the draft master plan for [McFarland Park](#) and [Community Park](#).

#### **ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

None.

#### **BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

*Recommended action:*

Motion, second to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Park



System Capital Improvement Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2023-2027 McFarland CIP - Parks 07262022 mgs
2. Parks Capital Improvement Plan 07262022 mgs

## 2023-2027 McFarland Capital Improvement Plan

### Funding Summary

| <i>By Department...</i> | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b>      | <b>Total</b>      |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Parks                   | 1,437,750        | 3,385,500        | 3,375,000        | 3,065,000        | 6,735,000        | 17,998,250        |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>1,437,750</b> | <b>3,385,500</b> | <b>3,375,000</b> | <b>3,065,000</b> | <b>6,735,000</b> | <b>17,998,250</b> |

| <i>By Fund...</i>           | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b>      | <b>Total</b>      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| General - Fund 100          | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| Comm/Tech - Fund 200        | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| TID #3 - Fund 305           | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| TID #4 - Fund 310           | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| TID #5 - Fund 315           | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| Capital Projects - Fund 400 | 1,247,750        | 2,770,500        | 3,125,000        | 1,550,000        | 6,300,000        | 14,993,250        |
| Parks - Fund 405            | 190,000          | 615,000          | 175,000          | 365,000          | 435,000          | 1,780,000         |
| Utility - Fund 600          | -                | -                | 75,000           | 1,150,000        | -                | 1,225,000         |
| Stormwater - Fund 605       | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>1,437,750</b> | <b>3,385,500</b> | <b>3,375,000</b> | <b>3,065,000</b> | <b>6,735,000</b> | <b>17,998,250</b> |

| <i>Within Fund 400...</i> | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2024</b>      | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b>      | <b>Total</b>      |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| General Revenue           | 10,000           | -                | -                | -                | -                | 10,000            |
| Grants                    | 100,000          | 500,000          | -                | -                | 3,500,000        | 4,100,000         |
| Intergovernmental         | -                | 1,300,000        | -                | -                | -                | 1,300,000         |
| Borrowing                 | 1,137,750        | 970,500          | 3,125,000        | 1,550,000        | 2,800,000        | 9,583,250         |
| Reserves                  | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                 |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>1,247,750</b> | <b>2,770,500</b> | <b>3,125,000</b> | <b>1,550,000</b> | <b>6,300,000</b> | <b>14,993,250</b> |

| <i>Within Borrowing...</i> | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2024</b>    | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b>      | <b>Total</b>     |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bonds                      | -                | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| Notes                      | 1,137,750        | 970,500        | 3,125,000        | 1,550,000        | 2,800,000        | 9,583,250        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,137,750</b> | <b>970,500</b> | <b>3,125,000</b> | <b>1,550,000</b> | <b>2,800,000</b> | <b>9,583,250</b> |

| <i>Within Fund 600 and 605...</i> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>2025</b>   | <b>2026</b>      | <b>2027</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Water                             | -           | -           | 75,000        | 1,150,000        | -           | 1,225,000        |
| Sanitary Sewer                    | -           | -           | -             | -                | -           | -                |
| Storm Sewer                       | -           | -           | -             | -                | -           | -                |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>75,000</b> | <b>1,150,000</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>1,225,000</b> |

# Capital Improvement Program

Village of McFarland

Prior Plan Approval/Inclusion Year:

2020

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Program Year: 2023

## Funding by Project

| Projects                 | Dept  | General  | Comm/Tech | TID #3   | TID #4   | TID #5   | Capital Projects - Fund 400 |         |          |           |         | Parks     | Utility - 600 |       | Stormwater | Total     |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------|------------|-----------|
|                          |       | Fund 100 | Fund 200  | Fund 305 | Fund 310 | Fund 315 | General                     | Grants  | Intergov | Borrow    | Reserve | Fund 405  | Water         | Sewer | Fund 605   |           |
| Bathroom (Design/Build)  | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          |           |         | 150,000   |               |       |            | 150,000   |
| Comm Park Irrigation     | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 275,000   |         |           |               |       |            | 275,000   |
| Dog Park Trail           | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 100,000   |         |           |               |       |            | 100,000   |
| Equipment                | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 27,750    |         |           |               |       |            | 27,750    |
| Inclusive Park (Design)  | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 75,000    |         |           |               |       |            | 75,000    |
| Kiosks                   | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 25,000    |         |           |               |       |            | 25,000    |
| Lake Access (Build)      | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 50,000    |         | 25,000    |               |       |            | 75,000    |
| McDaniel Park (Build)    | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 250,000   |         |           |               |       |            | 250,000   |
| Park Equipment           | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          |           |         | 15,000    |               |       |            | 15,000    |
| Planning/Consulting      | Parks |          |           |          |          |          | 10,000                      |         |          |           |         |           |               |       |            | 10,000    |
| Property Acquisition     | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          |           |         |           |               |       |            | -         |
| Siggelkow Trail (Design) | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 50,000    |         |           |               |       |            | 50,000    |
| Skatepark (Design/Build) | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             | 100,000 |          | 150,000   |         |           |               |       |            | 250,000   |
| Wing Mower               | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |         |          | 135,000   |         |           |               |       |            | 135,000   |
| Total Projects           |       | -        | -         | -        | -        | -        | 10,000                      | 100,000 | -        | 1,137,750 | -       | 1,247,750 | 190,000       | -     | -          | 1,437,750 |

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## Funding by Project

| Projects                | Dept  | General<br>Fund 100 | Comm/Tech<br>Fund 200 | TID #3<br>Fund 305 | TID #4<br>Fund 310 | TID #5<br>Fund 315 | Capital Projects - Fund 400 |         |           |         |         |           | Parks<br>Fund 405 |   | Utility - 600<br>Water Sewer |   | Stormwater<br>Fund 605 | Total     |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
|                         |       |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    | General                     | Grants  | Intergov  | Borrow  | Reserve | Total     |                   |   |                              |   |                        |           |
| Bocce Electrical/Light  | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           | 25,000  |         | 25,000    |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 25,000    |
| Brandt Park Bathrooms   | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           | 110,000 |         | 110,000   |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 110,000   |
| CP Phase 2 (Design)     | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           | 175,000 |         | 175,000   |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 175,000   |
| Field Grading           | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           | 40,000  |         | 40,000    |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 40,000    |
| Inclusive Park (Build)  | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             | 500,000 | 800,000   |         |         | 1,300,000 | 500,000           |   |                              |   |                        | 1,800,000 |
| Lewis Park Flooring     | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           | 30,000  |         | 30,000    |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 30,000    |
| Mower                   | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           | 28,000  |         | 28,000    |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 28,000    |
| Park Equipment          | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           |         |         | -         | 15,000            |   |                              |   |                        | 15,000    |
| Playground (Highland)   | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           |         |         | -         | 100,000           |   |                              |   |                        | 100,000   |
| Property Acquisition    | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         |           |         |         | -         |                   |   |                              |   |                        | -         |
| Siggelkow Trail (Build) | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |         | 500,000   | 562,500 |         | 1,062,500 |                   |   |                              |   |                        | 1,062,500 |
| Total Projects          |       | -                   | -                     | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                           | 500,000 | 1,300,000 | 970,500 | -       | 2,770,500 | 615,000           | - | -                            | - | -                      | 3,385,500 |

# Capital Improvement Program

Village of McFarland

Prior Plan Approval/Inclusion Year: 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

Program Year: 2025

## Funding by Project

| Projects                          | Dept  | General<br>Fund 100 | Comm/Tech<br>Fund 200 | TID #3<br>Fund 305 | TID #4<br>Fund 310 | TID #5<br>Fund 315 | Capital Projects - Fund 400 |        |          |           |         | Parks<br>Fund 405 | Utility - 600 |        | Stormwater<br>Fund 605 | Total     |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------|-----------|
|                                   |       |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    | General                     | Grants | Intergov | Borrow    | Reserve |                   | Water         | Sewer  |                        |           |
| Bathroom (Design/Build)           | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          |           |         | 160,000           |               |        |                        | 160,000   |
| Brandt Parking Lot (Design/Build) | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 250,000   |         |                   |               |        |                        | 250,000   |
| CP Phase 2 (Build)                | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 2,325,000 |         |                   |               |        |                        | 2,325,000 |
| CP Phase 3 (Design)               | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 50,000    |         |                   |               |        |                        | 50,000    |
| Egner Park Facility (Design)      | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 75,000    |         |                   | 75,000        |        |                        | 150,000   |
| Larson Park                       | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 100,000   |         |                   |               |        |                        | 100,000   |
| McF Park Ph 3.1 (Design)          | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 75,000    |         |                   |               |        |                        | 75,000    |
| McF Park (Facility)               | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          | 250,000   |         |                   |               |        |                        | 250,000   |
| Park Equipment                    | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          |           |         | 15,000            |               |        |                        | 15,000    |
| Property Acquisition              | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |        |          |           |         |                   |               |        |                        | -         |
| Total Projects                    |       | -                   | -                     | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                           | -      | -        | 3,125,000 | -       | 3,125,000         | 175,000       | 75,000 | -                      | 3,375,000 |

# Capital Improvement Program

Village of McFarland

Prior Plan Approval/Inclusion Year: 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

Program Year: 2026

## Funding by Project

| Projects                    | Dept  | General  | Comm/Tech | TID #3   | TID #4   | TID #5   | Capital Projects - Fund 400 |        |          |           |         | Parks     | Utility - 600 |           | Stormwater | Total     |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                             |       | Fund 100 | Fund 200  | Fund 305 | Fund 310 | Fund 315 | General                     | Grants | Intergov | Borrow    | Reserve |           | Water         | Sewer     | Fund 605   |           |
| Aquatics (Design)           | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          | 375,000   |         |           |               |           |            | 375,000   |
| CP Phase 3 (Build)          | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          | 250,000   |         | 250,000   |               |           |            | 500,000   |
| Egner Park Facility (Build) | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          | 350,000   |         |           | 1,150,000     |           |            | 1,500,000 |
| Lower Yahara (Design)       | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          | 150,000   |         |           |               |           |            | 150,000   |
| McF Park Ph 3.1 (Build)     | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          | 425,000   |         |           |               |           |            | 425,000   |
| Park Equipment              | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          |           |         | 15,000    |               |           |            | 15,000    |
| Playground (Cedar Ridge)    | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          |           |         | 100,000   |               |           |            | 100,000   |
| Property Acquisition        | Parks |          |           |          |          |          |                             |        |          |           |         |           |               |           |            | -         |
| Total Projects              |       | -        | -         | -        | -        | -        | -                           | -      | -        | 1,550,000 | -       | 1,550,000 | 365,000       | 1,150,000 | -          | 3,065,000 |

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Village of McFarland

Prior Plan Approval/Inclusion Year: 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

Program Year: 2027

Funding by Project

| Projects                | Dept  | General<br>Fund 100 | Comm/Tech<br>Fund 200 | TID #3<br>Fund 305 | TID #4<br>Fund 310 | TID #5<br>Fund 315 | Capital Projects - Fund 400 |           |          |           |         |           | Parks<br>Fund 405 | Utility - 600 |       | Stormwater<br>Fund 605 | Total     |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|-------|------------------------|-----------|
|                         |       |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    | General                     | Grants    | Intergov | Borrow    | Reserve | Total     |                   | Water         | Sewer |                        |           |
| Aquatics (Build)        | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             | 3,500,000 |          | 1,625,000 |         | 5,125,000 |                   |               |       |                        | 5,125,000 |
| Bathroom (Design/Build) | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |           |          |           |         | -         | 170,000           |               |       |                        | 170,000   |
| Lower Yahara (Build)    | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |           |          | 750,000   |         | 750,000   | 250,000           |               |       |                        | 1,000,000 |
| McF Park Ph 3.2 (Build) | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |           |          | 425,000   |         | 425,000   |                   |               |       |                        | 425,000   |
| Park Equipment          | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |           |          |           |         | -         | 15,000            |               |       |                        | 15,000    |
| Property Acquisition    | Parks |                     |                       |                    |                    |                    |                             |           |          |           |         | -         |                   |               |       |                        | -         |
| Total Projects          |       | -                   | -                     | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                           | 3,500,000 | -        | 2,800,000 | -       | 6,300,000 | 435,000           | -             | -     | -                      | 6,735,000 |

# McFarland Parks Capital Improvement Plan

| Project/Amenity                                       | Location           | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      | 2027      | 2028    | 2029    | 2030      | 2031      | 2032    | Notes                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Small Projects, Furniture, Equipment                  | Varies             | 40,000    | 15,000    | 15,000    | 15,000    | 15,000    | 15,000  | 15,000  | 15,000    | 15,000    | 15,000  | General application on the replacement of items and new small amenities.                         |
| Equipment                                             | Varies             | 162,750   | 28,000    |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Annually the Parks Division considers various equipment needs to support operations.             |
| Miscellaneous Projects                                | Varies             | 110,000   | 70,000    | 100,000   |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Consulting/ <b>Dog Park Trail</b> (2023), Grading (2024), Lewis Floor (2024), and Larson (2025). |
| Playground, Park Amenities                            | Case by Case       |           | 100,000   |           | 100,000   |           | 105,000 |         | 110,000   |           | 115,000 | Update/upgrade old playground equipment. Priorities to be determined.                            |
| Bathrooms                                             | Case by Case       | 150,000   |           | 160,000   |           | 170,000   |         | 180,000 |           | 190,000   |         | Establish new bathroom facilities within system. Priorities to be determined.                    |
| Property Acquisition                                  | Case by Case       |           | TBD       |           | TBD       |           | TBD     |         |           |           |         | Review available opportunities, could happen sooner or later.                                    |
| Mass Grading (Phase 1.1)                              | Community Park     | TBD       |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Construction in 2022, some restoration and final followup may carry over into 2023.              |
| Field Irrigation (Phase 1.2)                          | Community Park     | 275,000   |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | In ground irrigation, follow up to Phase 1.1 to support healthy turf maintenance.                |
| Siggelkow Road Bike Trail                             | Community Park     | 50,000    | 1,062,500 |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Plan 2022, County Grant/Design 2023, and Construct 2024. Utilize existing ROW.                   |
| Parking Lot, Shelter, Playground (Phase 2)            | Community Park     |           | 175,000   | 2,325,000 |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Design 2024 and Construct 2025. Construction of shelter, parking lot, playground, etc.           |
| Trails, Pump Track, Prairie Restoration (Phase 3)     | Community Park     |           |           | 50,000    | 500,000   |           |         |         |           |           |         | Design 2025 and Construct 2026. All remaining items but for new facility.                        |
| Indoor Athletic Complex (Phase 4)                     | Community Park     |           |           |           |           |           |         | 50,000  | 250,000   | 5,000,000 |         | Plan (Operations) 2029, Design 2030, & Construct 2031. Year round complex.                       |
| Skate Park (Phase 2)                                  | McFarland Park     | 250,000   |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Plan 2022, Design/Build 2023 Begin to develop local partnerships, may extend to 2024.            |
| Bocce Electrical/Lighting                             | McFarland Park     |           | 25,000    |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Add power access and lighting to support bocce operations.                                       |
| McFarland Park Facility Purchase                      | McFarland Park     |           |           | 250,000   |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Village paid for a portion when constructed, would need to payoff remaining debt.                |
| Fitness Court, Trails, Baseball, Playground (Phase 3) | McFarland Park     |           |           | 75,000    | 425,000   | 425,000   |         |         |           |           |         | Design 2025 and Construct 2026/2027. Fill in support elements, new amenities.                    |
| Aquatics (Phase 4)                                    | McFarland Park     | TBD       | TBD       |           | 375,000   | 5,125,000 |         |         |           |           |         | Plan 2023/2024, Design 2026 and Construct 2027.                                                  |
| Lake Access                                           | Lewis Park, Other  | 75,000    |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Plan 2022 and Design/Build 2023. Review feasibility for additional opportunities.                |
| Inclusive Park                                        | Cedar Ridge Park   | 75,000    | 1,800,000 |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Plan 2022, Design 2023, and Construct 2024. Partnership with School District.                    |
| Restroom Renovation, Technology Upgrades              | Brandt Park        |           | 110,000   |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Updates to the existing bathrooms, add access control, and cameras.                              |
| Parking Lot                                           | Brandt Park        |           |           | 250,000   |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Design/Build 2025. Upper diamond, support park and trail.                                        |
| Water Quality Boom System                             | McDaniel Park      | 250,000   |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         | Improved water quality, filtration, and beach development. Dane County Partnership.              |
| Band Shelter, Event Space                             | Arnold Larson Park |           |           |           |           |           | 75,000  |         | 750,000   |           |         | Plan/Design 2028 and Construct 2029/2030. Follow through on 2020 planning.                       |
| Shelter/Bathroom Facility                             | Egner Park         |           |           | 150,000   | 1,500,000 |           |         |         |           |           |         | Design 2025 and Construct 2026. Shared with water utility and pump house.                        |
| Lower Yahara River Trail (Phase 1)                    | Urso/Schuetz Park  |           |           |           | 50,000    | 250,000   |         |         |           |           |         | Design/Grant Application 2025/2026 and Construct 2027. Southern entrance thru park.              |
| Disc Golf Facility/Trailhead (Phase 2)                | Urso/Schuetz Park  |           |           |           | 100,000   | 750,000   |         |         |           |           |         | Design 2026 and Construct 2027. Second facility to support east park, trail.                     |
| Dredging Work (Phase 3)                               | Urso/Schuetz Park  |           |           |           |           |           | 50,000  | 350,000 |           |           |         | Design 2028 and Construct 2029. Partner with channel, lagoon, and ponds.                         |
|                                                       |                    | 1,687,750 | 3,385,500 | 3,375,000 | 3,065,000 | 6,735,000 | 245,000 | 595,000 | 1,125,000 | 5,205,000 | 130,000 |                                                                                                  |
| Parks Fund                                            |                    | 190,000   | 615,000   | 175,000   | 365,000   | 435,000   | 120,000 | 195,000 | 125,000   | 205,000   | 130,000 |                                                                                                  |
| General Capital Revenue                               |                    | 10,000    |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         |                                                                                                  |
| Fundraising                                           |                    | 100,000   |           |           |           | 3,500,000 |         |         |           | 5,000,000 |         |                                                                                                  |
| Grants                                                |                    |           | 500,000   |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         |                                                                                                  |
| Intergovernmental                                     |                    |           | 1,300,000 | 75,000    | 1,150,000 |           |         |         |           |           |         |                                                                                                  |
| Private Funding                                       |                    |           |           |           |           |           |         |         |           |           |         |                                                                                                  |
| Borrowing                                             |                    | 1,387,750 | 970,500   | 3,125,000 | 1,550,000 | 2,800,000 | 125,000 | 400,000 | 1,000,000 | 0         | 0       |                                                                                                  |

  
**McFarland**  
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion regarding scheduling a committee park tour.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

None.

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

The Chairperson and Staff would like to schedule some time to tour the park system within the Village. The basis for the tour(s) is to get committee members out into the parks with staff to gain a better understanding of facilities, amenities, history, routine maintenance, current condition, and future planning. As there are 18 parks, we will not be able to accomplish this in one meeting and may want to consider this as part of a special meeting(s) this Fall.

If the committee determines to pursue a tour(s), date(s) and time(s) will have to be determined. These could be spread out over the course of weeks or a couple of months.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

None at this time. If a transport bus were to be considered for the touring group, funds would need to be authorized.

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

None

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

None.

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion item only. No action required.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2019 to 2023 Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (PDF)



Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Plan

2019 – 2023  
Adopted May 28, 2019

## Plan Summary - Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan

Recreation planning has become an essential element of long-range community planning. Increased leisure time, renewed emphasis on physical fitness, and the need to find relief from the pace of life in urbanizing communities has underlined the need for an increased variety and expansion of recreational facilities. Parks also serve a valuable function for providing open space in an increasingly urbanizing environment, provides important habitats for urban wildlife and laboratories for environmental/conservation education. As a community grows and densities increase, parks also function as the focal point for community aesthetics.

An attempt has been made in planning McFarland's parks and conservancy areas, to view outdoor recreation facilities as part of a system, serving diverse functions for all members of the community. Parks are no longer viewed as single-use facilities serving only limited groups in a community; rather, there is now an emphasis on providing diverse outdoor recreational opportunities for all ages and social groups. In viewing parks as part of a system, issues such as access, neighborhood aesthetics and multiple uses of environmental resources are all elements of park planning.

### Purpose

- Establish goals, objectives and policies to serve as the base for subsequent recreation and conservation planning efforts.
- To remain eligible to participate in federal, state and county recreation/conservation programs by updating this plan every 5 years.

### Goals

- To provide permanent open space throughout the Village for outdoor recreation, to accommodate a variety of recreational uses for all ages and abilities, provide environmental protection and to encourage the same within neighboring towns.
- To evaluate proposed land to be dedicated for park and open space purposes as new subdivisions develop for contributions to the quality as well as to the quantity of the Village's park and open space system.
- To recognize that the natural environment is an integrated unit comprised of interacting land, water and air resources, and to ensure that the health and stability of this resource system are maintained.
- To regard all land as an irreplaceable resource, and to ensure that its use does not impair its value for future generations

### Primary Objectives

- Draft a maintenance schedule to provide and help ensure successful use or reuse of safe accessible playground equipment.
- Continue to provide better pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to all parks and recreation facilities, including internal linkages between our parks, recreation and conservancy areas.
- Restore and preserve natural areas through continued development, implementation and updating of management plans.
- Continue innovative funding methods for outdoor park and recreation facilities. These methods may include public/private partnerships or cost sharing among many governmental agencies.
- Explore ways to better market our parks, conservancies and open spaces to the public through brochures, maps, website, holding of community events, etc.

### Key Policies (taken from the 2017 Vil. of McFarland Comprehensive Plan)

- Emphasize use and enhancement of natural drainage systems wherever practical for greater sustainability and value.
- Use environmental Best Management Practices in the management of Village owned properties.
- Utilize extraterritorial authorities and agreements to help ensure that (a) development occurs in the appropriate location, time frame, density, and use type, and (b) conflicts between urban and rural uses are minimized.
- Coordinate utility and community facility planning with land use, transportation, natural resource, and recreation planning.
- Ensure safe and convenient access for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists among McFarland's neighborhoods, parks, waterways, schools, downtown, and commercial and employment districts.
- Preserve and restore areas of native vegetation and erosion prone slopes as passive recreational areas and outdoor laboratories; direct most land disturbance away from such areas and slopes.

### Analysis of Existing Facilities

The Village currently provides 16.3 acres of active/passive park and open space facilities per 1,000 persons; which, is greater than the 6.25 – 10.5 acres per 1,000 persons recommended by the Natural Recreation and Park Association. However, with regard to specific park types, the Village falls short of meeting the standard for mini-parks (.25 -.5 ac. per 1,000 persons) with .2 acre per 1,000 persons and just meets the standard (1 - 2 ac. per 1,000 persons) for Neighborhood Parks with 2.5 ac. per 1,000 persons. It should be noted; the Village uses these Standards only as a guideline; while continuing to assess our unique recreational needs to determine the focus of our future needs.

With an expected Village population of 9,335 persons by 2030, the Village would require an additional 19.3 acres of active and passive parkland/open space if we adhere chose to continue to meet the 16.3 acres-per-1,000 benchmark-

### Key Recommendations

- The Village should continue to develop a pedestrian interlinked access system with an emphasis on child safe access to parks and playgrounds.
- Place more emphasis on accessibility and the aesthetic function of parks and management of conservancy areas.
- Site and acquire an eastside community park of approximately 20 - 40 acres along the Villages eastside.
- Improvements to existing parks or development of new parks should include features to help make them accessible to the disabled.
- Continue to develop consistent park signage policies throughout the entire park system. Employ the new Village logo when establishing/replacing park signage.

### Appendices

- 2018 Parks and Recreation Survey Results
- McDaniel Park and Brandt Park Master Plan
- Updated Urso Community Park Master Plan
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- Conservancy Management Plans
- Indian Mound Policy



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## Introductions

Recreation planning has become an essential element of long-range community planning. Increased leisure time, renewed emphasis on physical fitness, and the need to find relief from the pace of life in urbanizing communities has underlined the need for expanded recreational facilities. Parks also serve a valuable function of providing open space in an increasingly urbanizing environment creating important habitats for urban wildlife and laboratories for environmental/conservation education. As a community grows and densities increase, parks also function as the focal point for community aesthetics.

An attempt has been made in planning McFarland's parks and conservancy areas to view outdoor recreation facilities as part of a system serving diverse needs for all members of the community. Parks are no longer viewed as single-use facilities serving only limited groups in a community; rather, there is now, an emphasis on providing diverse outdoor recreational opportunities for all ages, social groups, and physical abilities. In viewing parks as part of a system, such issues as access, neighborhood aesthetics and multiple uses of environmental resources become elements of park planning.

As McFarland continues to grow, additional park areas should be acquired and developed. The McFarland Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan provides guidance for the expansion and development in a fiscally responsible manner of McFarland's outdoor recreation facilities. Updates to this document occur every five years in order to remain eligible for financial assistance from federal, state, and county recreation and conservation programs.

The Plan begins with a listing of objectives and policies; followed by a set of definitions and a discussion of criteria used to evaluate the adequacy of park system standards. "Demographics" places park planning within the context of community development population trends and projections. The next section inventories existing park facilities and school recreation areas followed by an analysis of our outdoor recreation needs. The final section proposes acquisitions and sets forth recommendations and a capital improvement schedule.

## Public Participation

The Village of McFarland conducted a Survey of Parks in 2018. The survey was available in paper form and on-line through links published in the Village newsletter, website, and in the local newspaper. The survey was open from June 19 to July 16, 2018 and elicited 259 responses. Results from the 2018 survey are incorporated into the general recommendations where applicable:

- A. Findings from the 2018 Village of McFarland parks and recreation survey (see Appendix A) were incorporated in the Plan.
  1. The majority of survey respondents were satisfied with the physical condition of parks and recreation facilities. However, the greatest dissatisfaction resulted from the condition of restrooms. Also mentioned are the condition of furnishings e.g., picnic tables, benches, and water fountains.
  2. Of the 259 respondents, the highest priorities for various actions by the Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Committee were identified as follows:
    - a. Develop outdoor pool /splash pad
    - b. Expand pedestrian & bicycle trails
    - c. Improve access to waterways
    - d. Increased role of Village in community recreational programming which is currently provided by the McFarland School District
    - e. Wildlife habitat

- f. Improve trails (benches, signage, etc.)
    - g. Develop a community/senior center.
    - h. Improve /add playground equipment
    - i. Acquire land for future parks/develop new parks
    - j. Increase park maintenance
  - 3. Walking, bicycling, fitness, reading, swimming, hiking, playgrounds, picnicking, jogging/running and boating were identified as the most popular recreational activities.
  - 4. Repair of our existing hockey rink at Lewis Park.
  - 5. An overwhelming number of respondents supported utilizing tax dollars, donations, and raising fees as a means of financial support.
- B. A public hearing was held on April 25, 2019 to hear comments regarding the contents of this plan.

## Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Protection Goals, Objectives, and Policies

The first step in the recreation and open space planning process is to establish goals, objectives, and policies that serve as the base for all subsequent planning efforts. The term goals, objectives, and policies are frequently used interchangeably even though each has its own distinct definition. It is therefore, appropriate to define each of these terms to eliminate confusion about their meaning. Goals are general in nature and represent conditions which are striven for but which may not be fully attainable. An example of a goal is “clean air and water”. Objectives are more specific and are usually attainable. For example, an objective might be “construction of three new parks in the community during the year”. Policies are rules or courses of action used to ensure plan implementation. An example of a policy would be “all public recreation facilities shall be accessible to the handicapped”.

### Goals:

- To provide permanent open space throughout the Village for outdoor recreation to accommodate a variety of recreational uses for all ages and abilities, provide environmental protection and to encourage the same within neighboring towns.
- To evaluate proposed land to be dedicated for park and open space purposes as new subdivisions develop for contributions to the quality as well as to the quantity of the Village’s park and open space system.
- To recognize that the natural environment is an integrated unit comprised of interacting land, water, and air resources, and to ensure that the health and stability of these resource systems are maintained.
- To regard all land as an irreplaceable resource, and to ensure that its use does not impair its value for future generations.
- Provide an adequate supply and maintenance of park, recreation, and open space facilities for the enjoyment of all age groups and capabilities of McFarland residents.

### Objectives:

An essential element of any long-range planning process is the development of a set of objectives acceptable to McFarland.

- Draft a maintenance schedule to provide and help ensure successful use or reuse of safe accessible playground equipment
- Continue to provide improved identification signage throughout the system, including trail directional signs relating to the Lower Yahara River Trail
- Manage and protect the natural features within the Penitto Creek, Mud Lake and Door Creek watersheds. These features include such areas as wetlands, prairies and woodlands.
- Continue to provide better pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to all parks and recreation facilities, including internal linkages between our parks, recreation, and conservancy areas.
- Restore and preserve natural areas through continued development, implementation and updating of management plans.
- Facilitate and participate in linking public lands and trails of various political jurisdictions to McFarland to amplify the accessibility and recreational use of these lands.
- Continue innovative funding methods for outdoor park and recreation facilities. These methods may include public/private partnerships or cost sharing among many governmental agencies.
- Explore ways to better market our parks, conservancies and open spaces to the public through brochures, maps, website, holding of community events etc.

- Support energy efficiency and environmental sustainability as a criteria in the design of public facilities in our parks and conservancy areas.

### Policies:

These policies encompass those listed in Village of McFarland Comprehensive Plan that relate to recreation and natural resources.

- Refer to the Villages naming policy when assigning official names to parks and conservancy areas
- Use major natural areas, such as Lake Waubesa, the Door Creek corridor, Yahara River, and Mud Lake wetlands as long-term edges to community growth and urban –rural transition areas.
- Site future parks in areas that also forward the Village’s natural resource protection goal, objectives, and initiatives
- Preserve and restore areas of native vegetation and erosion – prone slopes as passive recreational areas and outdoor laboratories; direct most land disturbance away from such areas and slopes.
- Emphasize use and enhancement of natural drainage systems wherever practical for greater sustainability and value.
- Emphasize water conservation, groundwater recharge, and infiltration, including using areas with sub-surface glacial till deposits or engineered soils for enhanced infiltration.
- Enforce the Village’s erosion control and stormwater management ordinance and keep this ordinance up to date with County and State standards.
- Use environmental Best Management Practices in the management of Village-owned properties.
- Maintain the urban tree inventory on public lands and be a resource for landowners to manage mature trees and woodlands.
- Utilize extraterritorial authorities and agreements to help ensure that (a) development occurs in the appropriate location, time, density and use type, and (b) conflicts between urban and rural uses are minimized.
- Promote the long-term viability of agricultural uses, including those areas planned for “Agricultural Preservation on Map 6 in the Comprehensive Plan as may be amended, and through activities like community gardening and small –plot farming to provide food for local markets.
- Encourage employment, retail, service, and recreational uses in areas that conveniently serve Village Neighborhoods and the greater McFarland community that includes Dunn and the Madison subdivisions that border the Village
- Clearly and consistently communicate what it means to be in McFarland through quality development, branding, consistent public signage and landscaping, parks, the library, other public facilities, and programming.
- Coordinate utility and community facility planning with land use, transportation, natural resource, and recreation planning
- Combine utility and community facility projects with other projects- like roads, parks, and broadband- wherever practical.
- Promote a continuous, interconnected network of highways, streets, sidewalks, bicycle routes and trails.
- Ensure safe and convenient access for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists among McFarland’s neighborhoods, parks, waterways, schools, downtown, and commercial and employment districts.

- Coordinate transportation system planning and construction with utilities, land uses, recreation, and natural resources.
- Work together with neighboring municipalities; Dane County; the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR); Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD); and sportsmen, watershed, and other private associations on lake, river, watershed, recreation, flood control, and habitat projects, including those in the Natural Resources chapter of the Comprehensive Plan

### Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan, 2018-2023

This plan also incorporates the following goals and initiatives of the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan, 2018-2023:

#### **Vision Statement:**

Connect people to the land, water, and cultural resources of Dane County

#### **Goals:**

- Provide sufficient parkland and recreation facilities to meet the demand of Dane County residents without adversely affecting existing natural and cultural resources.
- Preserve for posterity the characteristics and diversity of the natural, cultural and historical resources of Dane County.
- Preserve large tracts of natural and agricultural rural landscapes at urban fringe areas that will provide regional resource protection and recreation benefits.
- Provide volunteer opportunities and stewardship education to all county residents
- Protect lakes, rivers, and streams, including shorelines, wetlands, high filtration areas and associated vegetative buffers to maintain high water quality, manage water quantity and sustain water-related recreation throughout Dane County.
- Provide an inclusive parks system for all Dane County residents, regardless of age, race, gender or gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, political affiliation, place of residence, veteran status, physical ability, cognitive capacity, or family, marital, or economic status. Several initiatives are considered for maintaining and achieving equitable, inclusive and accessible parks system.

## Parks and Open Space Standards

An important step in the park and open space planning process is to define a set of minimum standards for such facilities. These standards enable a community to determine how well its existing recreational facilities meets the needs of its current residents, as well as to project future needs. There are typically three sets of standards.

The first are gross acreage standards, expressed as population ratios, that is, the minimum number of acres recommended per 1,000 persons. Second, are service area standards, expressed as park service radii which differs by park type. Last are activity related standards, expressed as acres per 1,000 population for a specific activity e.g., one baseball diamond per 3,500 persons.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has developed a set of recommended park and open space standards which can be used by local communities as a general guide in their park and open space planning efforts. While providing guidelines as a resource, the NRPA acknowledges a shift away from reliance on national standards and suggests that they be used only as tools, allowing communities to work within their unique social, economic, and institutional structures in determining the needs of their own community.

The following is a list of various types of park and open space facilities and their recommended standards. Activity standards have been customized for the Village of McFarland based on population and service area using NRPA standards. Generally, the NRPA gross acreage standard is 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed park/open space per 1,000 population.

### Totlot

These parks are specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.

**Desirable site characteristics:** Within neighborhoods and in close proximity to apartment complexes, townhouse development or housing for the elderly.

**Desirable size:** 1 acre or less.

**Acres per 1,000 population:** 0.25 to 0.5 acres.

**Service area:** Less than ¼ mile radius.

### Neighborhood Park/Playground

An area for intense recreational activities such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus area, skating, picnicking, wading pools, ball fields, adult areas with benches, shelters and game tables.

Trees, open fields and undeveloped natural areas are also desirable components of neighborhood parks.

**Desirable site characteristics:** Suited for intense development. Easily accessible to the neighborhood population. Geographically centered with safe walking and bike access. May be developed as a school-park facility.

**Desirable size:** 1-5 acres.

**Acres per 1,000 population:** 1 to 2 acres.

**Service area:** ¼ to ½ mile radius to serve a population of 1,000 to 5,000 persons.

## Community Park

An area of diverse uses. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. May be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation such as walking, viewing, sitting, picnicking. May be any combination of the above, depending on the site and community need. Desirable facilities in community parks include those listed above in neighborhood parks, along with swimming facilities, picnicking, lighted ball fields and tennis courts, a community center, and adequate off-street parking. It is important that community parks be located on or near major thoroughfares and also be easily accessible by foot. Landscaping and natural areas are desirable in a community park.

**Desirable site characteristics:** May include natural areas such as water bodies, and areas suited for intense development. Easily accessible to neighborhood served.

**Desirable size:** 5 or more acres with 15 to 40 acres being most common.

**Acres per 1,000 population:** 5 to 8 acres.

**Service area:** Several neighborhoods. 1 to 2 mile radius.

## Special Use Area

Areas for single-purpose recreational activities such as golf courses, nature centers, marinas, zoos, conservatories, arboreta, display gardens, arenas, outdoor theaters, downhill ski areas, trails, or areas that preserve, maintain and interpret buildings, sites and objects of archeological significance. Plazas or squares in or near commercial centers, boulevards, or parkways also serve as special use areas.

**Desirable site characteristics:** Within communities.

**Desirable size:** Variable.

**Service area:** No applicable standard.

## Activity Related Standards

| Activity                        | Standard             |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Baseball Diamonds/Skating Rinks | 1 per 3,500 persons  |
| Softball Diamonds/Soccer Fields | 1 per 1,000 persons  |
| Tennis Courts                   | 1 per 1,500 persons  |
| Basketball Courts               | 1 per 1,000 persons  |
| Swimming Pools                  | 1 per 10,000 persons |

## Demographics

The Village of McFarland has a history of steady population growth over the last several decades, outpacing the overall growth rate of Dane County. 2010 Census figures indicate the Village population rose from 6,416 in 2000 to 7,808, or 21.7%. This increase is modest compared to the 80s and 90s. A contributing factor may be the economic slowdown which began in 2007. The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) estimates a population of 8,490 for the Village in, 2020 an 8.7% increase over 2010. During the next 20 years, the population of McFarland is projected to grow slightly faster than the county as a whole, but the rate of growth will be less than growth rates experienced during the 80s and 90s.

| <b>Table 1. Population Trends 1970 – 2010</b> |                     |                                   |                                     |                    |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                                   | <b>V. McFarland</b> | <b>Increase from prev. census</b> | <b>% increase from prev. census</b> | <b>Dane County</b> | <b>% increase from prev. census</b> |
| <b>1970</b>                                   | 2,386               | --                                | --                                  | 290,272            | --                                  |
| <b>1980</b>                                   | 3,783               | 1,397                             | 58.5%                               | 323,545            | 11.5%                               |
| <b>1990</b>                                   | 5,232               | 1,449                             | 38.3%                               | 367,085            | 13.5%                               |
| <b>2000</b>                                   | 6,416               | 1,184                             | 22.6%                               | 426,526            | 16.2%                               |
| <b>2010</b>                                   | 7,808               | 1,392                             | 21.7%                               | 488,073            | 14.4%                               |

Source: U.S. Census, Wisconsin Department of Administration

| <b>Table 2. Population Estimates and Projections 2015 - 2040</b> |                                |                            |                              |                               |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                                                      | <b>V. McFarland Population</b> | <b>Increase since 2010</b> | <b>% increase since 2010</b> | <b>Dane County Population</b> | <b>% increase since 2010</b> |
| <b>2015</b>                                                      | 8,035                          | 227                        | 2.90 %                       | 505,410                       | 3.55%                        |
| <b>2020</b>                                                      | 8,490                          | 682                        | 8.73%                        | 530,620                       | 8.71%                        |
| <b>2025</b>                                                      | 8,930                          | 1,122                      | 14.3%                        | 555,100                       | 13.73%                       |
| <b>2030</b>                                                      | 9,335                          | 1527                       | 19.5%                        | 577,300                       | 18.28%                       |
| <b>2035</b>                                                      | 9,635                          | 1827                       | 23.4%                        | 593,440                       | 21.58                        |
| <b>2040</b>                                                      | 9,895                          | 2087                       | 26.7%                        | 606,620                       | 24.28                        |

Source: U.S. Census, Wisconsin Department of Administration 2013 projections

The City of Madison is an employment center for Dane County, with McFarland primarily a suburban community. In 2000, 86.9 percent of the workforce traveled outside of McFarland, to places of employment; while 13.1 percent worked in the Village. Like most suburban communities, McFarland tends to attract families with children. The average household size in McFarland was 2.63 in 2000, dropping to 2.54 in 2010 with a continuing decline to an estimated 2.49 in 2016. Following nationwide trends reflecting aging baby boomers and smaller families, household size in the Village is projected to continue to decline over the next several years.

| <b>Table 3. Household Estimates and Projections 2000 - 2040</b> |                                |                                |                                         |                           |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                                                     | <b>V. McFarland Population</b> | <b>V. McFarland Households</b> | <b>% increase Households Since 2010</b> | <b>Pers./HH (Village)</b> | <b>Pers./HH (County)</b> |
| <b>2000 census</b>                                              | 6,416                          | 2,434                          | --                                      | 2.63                      | 2.46                     |
| <b>2005 estimate</b>                                            | 7,179                          | 2,720                          | 10.5%                                   | 2.64                      | 2.44                     |
| <b>2010</b>                                                     | 7,808                          | 3,200                          |                                         | 2.54                      | 2.33                     |
| <b>2015</b>                                                     | 8,035                          | 3,226                          | 81%                                     | 2.49                      | 2.29                     |
| <b>2020</b>                                                     | 8,490                          | 3,450                          | 7.81%                                   | 2.46                      | 2.27                     |
| <b>2025</b>                                                     | 8,930                          | 3,664                          | 14.5%                                   | 2.44                      | 2.25                     |
| <b>2030</b>                                                     | 9,335                          | 3,866                          | 20.8%                                   | 2.41                      | 2.23                     |
| <b>2035</b>                                                     | 9,635                          | 4,027                          | 25.8%                                   | 2.39                      | 2.21                     |
| <b>2040</b>                                                     | 9,895                          | 4,161                          | 30.03%                                  | 2.38                      | 2.20                     |

Source: U.S. Census, Wisconsin Department of Administration Population and Household Projections 2013, Wisconsin Future Population Projections for the State, its Counties, and Municipalities, 2010-2040 Dec. 2013.

In addition to growing slower, our population is also aging. Estimates-by age for 2016 indicate 23.6 percent of the population of McFarland was 19 years of age or younger, while 47.7 percent were 45 or older. Our median age was 39.7 in 2010 compared to 37.1 in 2000. An estimated increase to 43.8 years of age was expected for 2016.

The rural areas immediately surrounding the Village of McFarland contributes to demands on Village parks and its open space system. Growth in surrounding areas impacts McDaniel Park, Brandt Park, Lewis Park, and William McFarland Park, all of which are located near our Village limits or near major traffic arteries.

McFarland is predominantly a community of single-family dwelling units accounting for 80% of all residences. However, the proportion of multifamily units in the Village is increasing with 15 percent of total housing in 1980 to 17.3% in 2018. As the housing market continues recovering from the recession, it is questionable whether families will still gravitate towards the single-family housing market or look to duplex and multi-family units to meet their needs.

Highway AB appears to be an unofficial boundary for near-term Village expansion. Just north of Siggelkow Road is the expected northern boundary for Village growth based on the recently expired 20-year boundary agreement with the City of Madison. Growth to the northwest has been predominately for commercial development. The strongest residential growth given recent annexations and development of subdivisions continues to be to the east. Growth to the southwest is limited, by the Villages boundary agreement with the Town of Dunn. Some of these areas beyond the Village limits will make use of McFarland's recreation services.

| <b>Table 4. Village of McFarland Demographics</b> |                    |                   |                    |                   |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Category</b>                                   | <b>Census 2000</b> | <b>% of Total</b> | <b>Census 2010</b> | <b>% of Total</b> | <b>Est. 2016*</b> | <b>% of Total</b> |
| <b>Population</b>                                 | 6,416              |                   | 7,808              |                   | 8,168             |                   |
| <b>Households</b>                                 | 2,434              |                   | 3,200              |                   | 3,371             |                   |
| <b>Avg. Household Size</b>                        | 2.63               |                   | 2.54               |                   | 2.46              |                   |
| <b>AGE</b>                                        |                    |                   |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| 0-4                                               | 412                | 6.4%              | 469                | 6.0%              | 399               | 4.9%              |
| 5-19                                              | 1,615              | 25.2%             | 1,787              | 22.9%             | 1,529             | 18.7%             |
| 20-24                                             | 234                | 3.6%              | 284                | 3.6%              | 471               | 5.7%              |
| 25-44                                             | 2,051              | 32.0%             | 2,028              | 26.0%             | 1,864             | 23.0%             |
| 45-64                                             | 1,595              | 24.9%             | 2,438              | 31.2%             | 2,651             | 32.4%             |
| 65+                                               | 509                | 7.9%              | 802                | 10.3%             | 1,254             | 15.3%             |
| <b>Median Age</b>                                 | 37.1               |                   | 39.7*              |                   | 43.8              |                   |
| <b>Per Capita Income</b>                          | \$26,625           |                   | \$35,894*          |                   | \$38,540*         |                   |
| <b>Median Household Income</b>                    | \$62,969           |                   | \$73,814*          |                   | \$78,009*         |                   |

Source: U.S. Census \*2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year Estimate and Quick Facts

Per capita personal income for the Village of McFarland was \$38,540 in 2016 with a median household income of \$78,009. Similar data for Dane County unsurprisingly was lower with a per capita income of \$35,687 and median income of \$64,773.

| <b>Table 5. McFarland School District Enrollment 2019</b> |                      |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| <b>2019 Grade</b>                                         | <b>School</b>        | <b>Total</b> |
| Early Learning, 4 & 5 KG                                  | C. Elvehjem Ctr.     | 341          |
| 1                                                         | McFarland Primary    | 190          |
| 2                                                         | McFarland Primary    | 151          |
| 3                                                         | Waubesa Intermediate | 187          |
| 4                                                         | Waubesa Intermediate | 174          |
| 5                                                         | Waubesa Intermediate | 192          |
| 6                                                         | Indian Mound Middle  | 187          |
| 7                                                         | Indian Mound Middle  | 194          |
| 8                                                         | Indian Mound Middle  | 187          |
| 9                                                         | McFarland High       | 185          |
| 10                                                        | McFarland High       | 187          |
| 11                                                        | McFarland High       | 194          |
| 12                                                        | McFarland High       | 170          |
| <b>Total</b>                                              |                      | <b>2539</b>  |

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Virtual Enrollment 1905 students

## Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities

A comprehensive inventory of McFarland's existing parks and recreation facilities was conducted in conjunction with the drafting of this Plan. 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, conservancy, 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:** With the exception of a 12-acre parcel owned by the City of Madison, this large (123.6 acres) conservancy area is owned and managed by the State Department of Natural Resources. This floodplain-wetland complex makes up the eastern edge of the E-Way, establishing a greenbelt across the southern part of Madison urban area. A County owned and maintained access of 4.6 acres to Upper Mud Lake was established in 2015 serving ice fishermen. The Terminal Drive location is equipped with a permanent kiosk, porta potty, trash bins, marked trail to the water's edge, and 65 parking stalls. A connection to McFarland's portion of the Lower Yahara River Trail completed in 2017, winds thru Lussier Farm Park and heads south across Lake Waubesa to McDaniel Park.
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, 1 grill, benches, picnic tables, public restrooms, drinking fountains, public pier, wading beach, sand volley ball court, canoe rack, and trail marker and description board – Eagle Scout project Troop 53. There is a lit 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. Parking stalls were added to accommodate increased usage.
3. **Brandt Park, 4601 Siggelkow Road:** All age groups heavily use this community park. Facilities serving the park include 2 lit and fenced softball fields (upper and lower), bleachers, and park benches. Other facilities include a new shelter constructed in 2009, restrooms, drinking fountain, kitchen facility, numerous picnic tables, a basketball court, 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:** – 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’s 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. Play equipment 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 community park (20.3 acres) contains soccer fields, a pedestrian/bike path, a skateboard facility, and a baseball diamond. An indoor curling facility is located on Village parkland. A nearby play area consists of a sand box, climbing structure, two spring animals and sand diggers with woodchips and picnic tables added in the last few years. The Village and McFarland Soccer Association partnered in the 2018 construction of a 4,000sq.ft. facility encompassing concession and gathering areas. A high school batting cage and outfield fence were added to the ballfields 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, small maintenance shed and horseshoe pits. A camera/security system has been installed. The McFarland Community Ice Arena is located next to the Park.
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, dugouts, concession stand, bleachers, 3 batting cages, 2 sheds, 1 soccer/football field with 2 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:** Consists of a 0.4-acre play lot serving 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 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 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. **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. Consists of individual planting beds, 4H youth garden, composting area, pumpkin patch, flower beds, shed, adaptive garden, and McFarland School District garden. This is McFarland's first community garden initiative.
19. **Discovery Garden Park, 5920 Milwaukee Street:** Serving as a neighborhood park (.2 acres), this area was once owned by McFarland State Bank. It was purchased by the Village along with an adjacent bank site to be redeveloped for a park and public library. The area is now home to the E.D. Locke Public Library. The existing park was redeveloped in 2007 and has since undergone a second transformation in 2018 with new playground equipment, safety padding, picnic table and benches.
20. **Arnold Larson Park, 6002 Exchange Street:** This Village redevelopment area (1.4 acres) is located downtown with a gazebo park benches, and picnic tables. It is the home to 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.
21. **Valley Totlot, 5100 Broadhead Street:** This one-acre greenway on Valley Drive was 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.
22. **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.
23. **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.
24. **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.
25. **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
26. **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.

27. **Indian Mound Conservancy, 6400 Exchange Street:** While serving as a specialized recreation area, this 8.9-acre area 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. Acreage is 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.
28. **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.
29. **McFarland High School/Indian Mound Middle School, 5103 Farwell/6330 Exchange Street:** This school provides a combination football/soccer field with track-and-field event pits. Surrounding the field is an 8-lane all-weather track with associated lighting, bleachers for 1,200 persons combination press box, concession stand and rest room facility. At the Middle School are basketball courts and swings. About 15 acres of the school's 42 acres are used for playfield activities. Area is currently under construction.
30. **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.
31. **Lewis Park, 5012 Highland Drive:** When combined with adjacent Legion Memorial Park, this area serves the southern half of the Village as a 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. Constructed in 2016 with public restrooms, a kitchen, several picnic tables, and a glass overhead door which can be left open during warm days or closed during inclement weather while still providing a outside view.
32. **Legion Memorial Park, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive:** Like McDaniel Park, this park serves two functions. The eastern 9.2 acres consists of wetlands and woodlands with frontage on Mud Lake. The western 6.6 acres of this 15.8-acre park includes a parking lot (at the end of Highland Dr.), a

lit ice-skating rink, an open playfield by Lewis Park's baseball field and refurbished observation deck along Mud Lake. The Legion also maintains a memorial monument and flag pole in front of the new shelter. 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 22.2-acre community park for the southern half of McFarland.

33. **Marsh Woods Conservancy, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive:** This park is a specialized recreation area located on the 123.6-acre 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 began in 2010.
34. **McFarland Primary School and Conrad Elvehjem Early Learning Center, 6009/6013 Johnson Street:** Serving as a neighborhood playground, this outdoor recreation area serves both schools. The village owned a portion of the property, with the school district holding a 50-year lease. The Village sold this property to the school district in 2017. The site 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 for activities and recreation. Eight tennis courts were built in 1998. Four courts have lights. The area covers 13.2 acres with 6 acres for recreation.
35. **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.
36. **Egner Park, 5703 Bird Song Court:** This neighborhood park (2.3 acres) serves the southeast side of the Village. Amenities include a well house, shelter house with picnic tables, a basketball half court, and a children's basketball court. In 2018 the playground equipment was completely replaced.
37. **John Urso Community Park, 6201 Elvehjem Road:** consists of 39.5 acres acquired as part of parkland dedication requirements for Park View Estates. A Master Plan for passive recreation areas was completed in 2005 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 to the dog park.
38. **Orchard Hill Park:** 18.8 acres in size immediately adjacent to John Urso Park was purchased from the Shuetz family in 2008 with stewardship funds. This acreage was 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 was completed in 2018. A future shelter with restrooms and other amenities is also being planned.
39. **Juniper Ridge Park:** This to be officially named park consists of a mixture of detention basins and open areas for a total of 8.9 acres. The area contains a 0.6 mile meandering paved path with various fitness stations along the way, a 1.5-acre active play area with open air shelter,

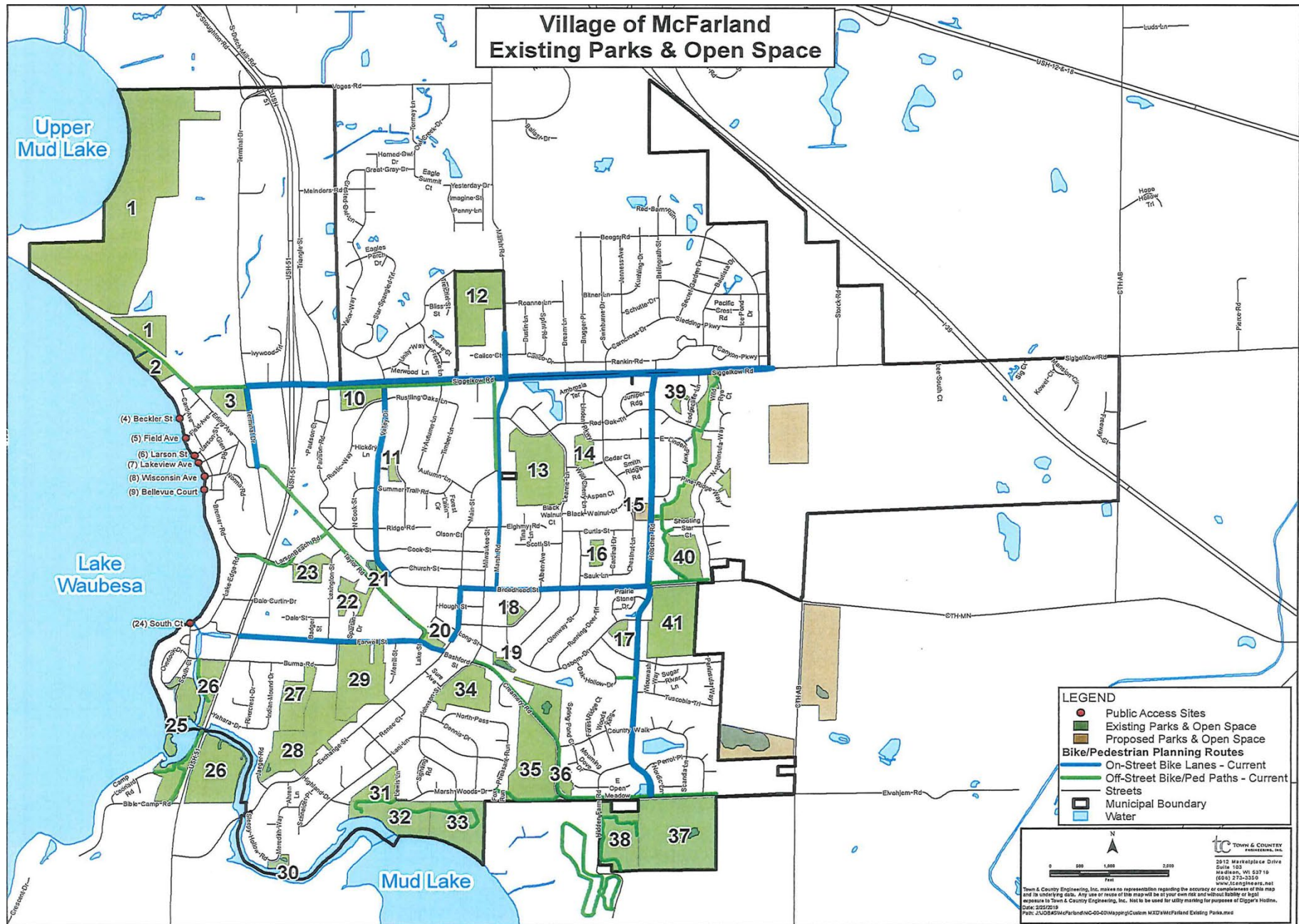
playground equipment and a council ring. Restrooms are to be constructed in 2018/2019

40. **Prairie Place Park:** This to be officially named passive park area is 3.3 acres in size with a 10ft. asphalt trail meandering thru a 6.8-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 spraying and seeding, removal of invasive species, scheduled mowing /burns and soil surface monitoring.

41. **McFarland School District Baseball Facility, CTH MN:** This site is approximately 23.0 acres and includes two baseball fields; one with artificial surface infield and one with skinned (all dirt) infield. Both fields have dugouts, backstops screens and fencing. The site also includes two large green space areas that support a variety of outdoor activities. Village of McFarland has approved the future development of a concession/storage/restroom facility and lighting.

The following parks are identified by official park signs:

- Arnold Larson Park
- Brandt Park
- Cedar Ridge Park
- Conrad Jaeger Trail
- Egner Park
- Highland Oaks Park
- Lewis Park
- McDaniel Park
- Orchard Hill Park
- Urso Park
- William McFarland
- Woodland Estates 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 6* 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 132.5 acres (totlots, neighborhood and community parks) of active and accessible passive Village recreational areas identified in the first two columns of *Table 6*. The 363.2-acre balance of the Village's 495.7 aggregate acres of parkland (495.7-132.5) includes natural areas, special facilities, and other open spaces that do not relate to park provision standards.

| <b>Table 6. Recreation Areas by Ownership, Park Type, and Function</b> |                               |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Type of Park &amp; Ownership</b>                                    | <b>Active Recreation Area</b> | <b>Passive Recreation Area</b> | <b>Natural Area</b> | <b>Special Facilities Area</b> | <b>Water, Wetland, Floodplain</b> | <b>Total Park Acreage</b> |
| <b>Totlots - Village</b>                                               |                               |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Discovery Garden                                                       | 0.2                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Ridgeview                                                              | 0.4                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Valley Greenway                                                        | 1.0                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| <b>Total – Totlots</b>                                                 | <b>1.6</b>                    | <b>0.0</b>                     | <b>0.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>                     | <b>0.0</b>                        | <b>1.6</b>                |
| <b>Neighborhood Parks – Village</b>                                    |                               |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Juniper Ridge                                                          | 1.5                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Autumn Grove                                                           | 1.5                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Highland Oaks park                                                     | 2.2                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Egner                                                                  | 2.3                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Arnold Larson Park                                                     | 1.4                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Siggelkow Road                                                         | 5.5                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Woodland Estates                                                       | 2.4                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Cedar Ridge                                                            | 3.9                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| <b>Total – Neighborhood Parks</b>                                      | <b>20.7</b>                   | <b>0.0</b>                     | <b>0.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>                     | <b>0.0</b>                        | <b>20.7</b>               |
| <b>Community Parks - Village</b>                                       |                               |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| William McFarland                                                      | 20.3                          |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Brandt Park                                                            | 4.9                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Lewis Park                                                             | 6.4                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Legion Memorial Park                                                   | 6.6                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| McDaniel Park                                                          | 8.7                           |                                |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Woodland Commons                                                       |                               | 5.0                            |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Orchard Hill Park                                                      |                               | 18.8                           |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| Urso Park                                                              |                               | 39.5                           |                     |                                |                                   |                           |
| <b>Total – Community Parks</b>                                         | <b>46.9</b>                   | <b>63.3</b>                    | <b>0.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>                     | <b>0.0</b>                        | <b>110.2</b>              |

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| Type of Park & Ownership                  | Active Recreation Area | Passive Recreation Area | Natural Area | Special Facilities Area | Water, Wetland, Floodplain | Total Park Acreage |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Conservancy Areas - Village</b>        |                        |                         |              |                         |                            |                    |
| Grandview Conservancy                     |                        |                         | 25.6         |                         |                            |                    |
| Indian Mound                              |                        |                         | 8.9          |                         |                            |                    |
| Legion Memorial (E)                       |                        |                         | 9.2          |                         |                            |                    |
| Marsh Woods                               |                        |                         | 19.2         |                         |                            |                    |
| McDaniel Park (N)                         |                        |                         | 7.0          |                         |                            |                    |
| Thrun Marsh                               |                        |                         | 8.2          |                         |                            |                    |
| Taylor Road                               |                        |                         | 5.9          |                         |                            |                    |
| Yahara River                              |                        |                         | 1.8          |                         |                            |                    |
| Babcock Conservancy                       |                        |                         | 16.3         |                         |                            |                    |
| Upper Mud Lake                            |                        |                         |              |                         | 123.6                      |                    |
| Juniper Ridge Park Conservancy            |                        |                         | 8.9          |                         |                            |                    |
| Prairie Place Park Conservancy            |                        |                         | 3.3          |                         | 6.8                        |                    |
| <b>Total – Conservancy Areas</b>          | <b>0.0</b>             | <b>0.0</b>              | <b>114.3</b> | <b>0.0</b>              | <b>130.4</b>               | <b>244.7</b>       |
| <b>School District and Dane Co.</b>       |                        |                         |              |                         |                            |                    |
| Primary and Elementary                    | 6.0                    |                         |              |                         |                            |                    |
| Waubesa School                            | 18.5                   |                         |              |                         |                            |                    |
| CTH. MN Ballfield                         | 23.0                   |                         |              |                         |                            |                    |
| McFarland High School                     |                        |                         |              | 15.0                    |                            |                    |
| Indian Mound Middle School                | 15.0                   |                         |              |                         |                            |                    |
| Babcock County Park                       |                        |                         |              | 36.4                    |                            |                    |
| Upper Mud Lake Access Area                |                        | 4.6                     |              |                         |                            |                    |
| <b>Total School Dist. and Dane Co.</b>    | <b>62.5</b>            | <b>4.6</b>              | <b>0.0</b>   | <b>51.4</b>             | <b>0.0</b>                 | <b>118.5</b>       |
| <b>Grand Total (All Recreation Areas)</b> | <b>131.7</b>           | <b>67.9</b>             | <b>114.3</b> | <b>51.4</b>             | <b>130.4</b>               | <b>495.7</b>       |

Table 7 includes the NRPA recommended acreage standards for each type of park per 1,000 persons and the existing active and accessible passive acreages per park category in McFarland. The information in this table indicates that the Village of McFarland is currently satisfying the recreational needs of its residents in terms of the ratio of total acreage of active and accessible passive Village recreation parkland to persons.

Specifically, Table 7 indicates that Village public park facilities currently meet the NRPA standard, of 6.25 to 10.5 acres per 1,000 persons, with 16.3 acres per 1,000 persons. In terms of the provisions of specific park types, results are mixed, the Village falls just short of the NRPA suggested range for mini-parks, with 1.6 acres, just meeting the standard for neighborhood parks and exceeding the range for community parks. The School District and Dane County provides 8.2 acres per 1,000 persons for recreation activities in special use areas and schools, for which there is no specified NRPA standards.

When active and passive recreational facilities belonging to both the School District and Dane County are blended with the Village's active and passive park facilities for totlots, neighborhood and community parks, a total of 199.6 (131.7 + 67.9) acres of park and open space land are provided for active and accessible passive use. This breaks down to 24.5 acres per 1,000 persons, much higher than the Dane

County gross acreage standard of 15 acres per 1,000 persons. However, it's important to keep in mind school and county facilities serve a larger geographic area and population, than just the Village-proper, and are not under the control of the Village park system.

| <b>Table 7. Recreation acres per 1,000 persons</b> |                     |                         |                                      |                                                   |                                      |                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                    | NRPA Standards      | Village Park Facilities |                                      | School and Dane Co. Active and Passive Facilities |                                      | Total                                |
| Type of Park                                       | Acres/1,000 persons | Total Acres             | Acres per 1,000 persons <sup>1</sup> | Total Acres                                       | Acres per 1,000 persons <sup>1</sup> | Acres per 1,000 persons <sup>1</sup> |
| Mini-park                                          | 0.25 - 0.50         | 1.60                    | 0.20                                 | 0.00                                              | 0.00                                 | 0.20                                 |
| Neighborhood Park                                  | 1.00 - 2.00         | 20.70                   | 2.50                                 | 0.00                                              | 0.00                                 | 2.50                                 |
| Community Park                                     | 5.00 - 8.00         | 110.20                  | 13.60                                | 0.00                                              | 0.00                                 | 13.60                                |
| Subtotal                                           | 6.25 - 10.50        | 132.50                  | 16.30                                | 0.00                                              | 0.00                                 | 16.30                                |
| Sch. And Dane Co.                                  | None                | 0.00                    | 0.00                                 | 67.1                                              | 8.20                                 | 8.20                                 |
| Total                                              | None                | 132.50                  | 16.30                                | 67.1                                              | 8.20                                 | 24.50                                |

<sup>1</sup> Used 2016 U.S. census population estimate 8,168 to calculate acres per 1,000 persons

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 and narrowly meeting our needs for neighborhood 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 2030. 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 16.3 in 2018. By the year 2030, the Village population is projected to increase to 9335 persons. (Given current development trends this figure could be much higher once the 2020 U.S. Census is completed and new projections are calculated.) Excluding school and special facilities, the Village would require a total of 152.0 acres (9.33 x 16.3) of active and accessible passive parkland or an additional (152.0 -132.5) 19.5 acres by 2030 to maintain the current Village standard.

## Activity Related Standards

| <b>Table 8. Activity Related Standards</b> |                      |                                   |                    |                     |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Activity                                   | Standard No./Persons | Minimum Requirements <sup>1</sup> | Current Facilities | Future Needs (2030) |
| Baseball Diamonds                          | 3,500                | 3                                 | 4                  | 0                   |
| Skating Rinks <sup>2</sup>                 | 3,500                | 3                                 | 3                  | 0                   |
| Softball Diamonds                          | 1,000                | 9                                 | 4                  | 5                   |
| Soccer Fields                              | 1,000                | 9                                 | 9                  | 0                   |
| Tennis Courts                              | 1,500                |                                   | 8 (one location)   | 1                   |
| Basketball Courts <sup>2</sup>             | 1,000                | 9                                 | 6                  | 3                   |
| Swimming Pools <sup>3</sup>                | 10,000               | 1                                 | 1                  | 1                   |

<sup>1</sup> Combination of National & locally adopted standards

<sup>2</sup> Includes the winter rink at Lewis Park

<sup>3</sup> McFarland High School indoor pool is open to the public.

*Table 8* indicates the number of activity-related facilities which have 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* **Error! Reference source not found.**), 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, the 2017 update to the Village of McFarland Comprehensive Plan 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 for those of varying physical abilities and that can support “lifetime” recreational exercise activities. Falling into latter category are activities such as tennis, horseshoes, bicycling, cross-country skiing, skating, walking, running, volleyball, pickle ball, badminton, hiking, swimming and bocce ball. Currently, walking and biking have the highest participation rates as demonstrated by responses to the 2018 recreation survey.

In designing recreation areas, the Village could possibly partner with occupational and physical therapists specializing in working with seniors as well as those affiliated with the McFarland School District who are acquainted with children in the McFarland community in order to be inclusive of the recreational needs of all members of the community.

2. The Village should continue to develop a pedestrian interlinked access system with an emphasis on child-safe access to parks and 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, interconnected sidewalks/bicycle trails with the goal to provide links to parks, neighborhoods and other destinations through a system of interconnected routes. Where recreation use is heavy, an off-street path linked 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 continue to be placed on increasing the use of bicycles within the Village, and interconnectivity of trails within our park system as well as connection to other communities (Madison, Dunn and Blooming Grove. With the completion of the McFarland segment of the Lower Yahara Trail, connection to the Capital Springs State Recreation Area through McDaniel Park is now possible.
3. More emphasis should be placed on accessibility and 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 that 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 invasive 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 to the east have taken place. Larger community parks are proposed in the Village’s Comprehensive Plan and the East Side Neighborhood Plan. Adjacent parcels to existing parkland should be considered as a means to merge newly annexed lands to increase park acreages. 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 community fund raising, 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 through fund raising. Utilization of volunteer labor is popular and 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 141 responses to the survey that supported opportunities for volunteer programs.

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. Two-hundred and seventy-nine (279) respondents were also supportive of more winter sports 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, poured in place play surfaces 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 242 responses to the survey that supported environmental corridor recreations such as hiking and bird watching, while 104 also supporting fishing along McFarland's river and lake shorelines.
11. Distribution of parks and facilities throughout the Village 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 Parks Department that would function as a 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 safety measures using appropriate technology into our park system. The Village looks to modernize its parks by retooling equipment and buildings to meet the evolving recreational needs of its citizens. Safety systems employing cameras, time locks etc. should be employed to protect our facilities.
14. A community park of approximately 20-40 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, natural resources areas adjacent to the Lower Mud Lake Resource Protection Area and explore a downtown family-oriented recreational amenity.
15. Park Signage. The Village should continue to develop consistent park signage policies throughout 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 established/refurbished/replaced based on condition and the need for updated information such as the new Village logo. Any new or replacement schedule should include new or replaced wayfinding signage for park facilities.
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 throughout 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 identified on the Proposed Park and Open Space Plan Map. Areas shaded in brown are identified for future park and open space as depicted in the 2017 Village of McFarland Comprehensive Plan (see Appendix E).

As the Village looks to the future, demographic changes in overall population and age distribution resulting in differing recreational needs and interests, will demand the Village continuously reassess our facilities to avoid having an outdated park system mismatched to the needs of our citizens.

### 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. Continue to work with the County to extend the Lower Yahara River Trail thru the southern portion of the Village exiting 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. Develop additional picnic areas
  - b. Increase woodland buffers with additional tree plantings
  - c. Plan and construct second shelter/storage building
  - d. Add larger outdoor grills, informational kiosks and trash cans
  - e. Maintain pier and construct second public pier
  - f. As time and money permit replace and add trees Add camera/security system
  - g. Look for opportunities to expand the park when adjacent parcels are up for sale.
  - h. Add boat racks for small boats
  - i. Continue to explore innovative possibilities to enhance the area
3. **Brandt Park, 4601 Siggelkow Road**
  - a. Continue to add trees to filter setting sun
    - i. Update ball field fencing, add 2-5 year age-appropriate playground equipment, and underground utilities
    - ii. Supply internet access
    - iii. Acquire the adjacent house on the Siggelkow Road for added parking
    - iv. 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
6. **Larson Street** – Better access and “Pedestrian Access Only” sign

7. **Lakeview Avenue** – Bench, limited parking, “Pedestrian Access Only” sign
8. **Wisconsin Avenue** – Limited parking, “Pedestrian Access Only” sign
9. **Bellevue Court** – 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. Explore the idea of establishing a community garden and athletic field
  - f. Add park benches, picnic tables, and kiosk
  - g. 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
12. **William McFarland Park, 4820 Marsh Road**
  - a. Maintain rain garden
  - b. Add two water fountains
  - c. Relocate skate park facility
  - d. Add benches and trash receptacles
  - e. Improve pedestrian access with sidewalk and crosswalk
  - f. Add pickle ball / tennis court
  - g. Continue working with the Soccer Association to implement a field maintenance program
  - h. Improve condition of parking lot
  - i. Update the Master Plan
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. Replace gazebo
  - c. Provide park benches
  - d. Add additional playground equipment
  - e. Explore the addition of restrooms and water fountain
  - f. 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

16. **Woodland Estates Park, 5601 Glenway Street**
  - a. Add water fountain
  - b. Reconfigure basketball court
  - c. 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. **McFarland Community Garden, 5710 Anthony Street**
  - a. Continue Village support for this effort.
19. **Discovery Garden Park, 5920 Milwaukee Street**
  - a. Add perimeter fence
  - b. Add shade trees near benches and picnic table
20. **Arnold Larson Park, 6002 Exchange Street**
  - a. Explore the addition of restrooms
  - b. Add trees and fencing on north side to screen railroad to prevent crossing of railroad tracks
21. **Valley Totlot, 5100 Broadhead Street**
  - a. Maintain
  - b. Add signage
  - c. Explore the addition of a water fountain
22. **Taylor Road Conservancy, Taylor Road**
  - a. Implement a conservancy management plan
  - b. Implement the Indian Mound Policy for this park
  - c. Prune pine trees
  - d. Provide park sign
  - e. Develop a forest management plan
23. **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. Develop Lexington St, access path
  - f. Update vegetative management plan
24. **Public Access Site, South Court**
  - a. Maintain
  - b. Add signage
25. **Babcock Conservancy, South Court**

- a. Add park identification sign
  - b. Provide informational sign
  - c. Provide benches
  - d. Develop a management plan
26. **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
27. **Indian Mound Conservancy, 6400 Exchange Street**
- a. Continue to implement the Indian Mound Policy .
  - b. Continue to involve the school in any development and maintenance plan.
  - c. Update signage at trailhead
28. **Thrun Marsh and Conrad Jaeger Conservancy, 6400 Jaeger Road**
- a. Maintain trails
  - b. Add a bench and trees
  - c. Concrete pads installed in 2018
  - d. Provide maps and kiosk information about area
  - e. Add signage
29. **McFarland High School/Indian Mound Middle School, 5103 Farwell/6330 Exchange Street**
- a. Continue cooperation between School District and Village
  - b. Develop plan for eliminating invasives
  - c. Install new signage
30. **Yahara River Conservancy, 6623 Meredith Way**
- a. Add informational sign
  - b. Add a bench
  - c. Develop a management plan
  - d. Install new signage
31. **Lewis Park, 5012 Highland Drive**
- a. Provide lighting for hiking/biking path
  - b. Develop shaded areas near playground structure
  - c. Provide additional benches especially near skating rink
  - d. Add restrooms
32. **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. Continue to implement a vegetation management plan for the shoreline
33. **Marsh Woods Conservancy, 5301/5305 Marshwoods Drive**
- a. Maintain hiking trails
  - b. Implement the Conservancy Management Plan

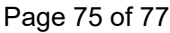
- c. Add trail signage
  - d. Add park main sign
  - e. Improve informational kiosk
  - f. Implement a vegetation management plan for the shoreline
  - g. Add boardwalk between Marsh Woods Park and Legion Park
34. **McFarland Primary School/Conrad Elvehjem Early Learning Center, 6009/6013 Johnson Street**
- a. Continue cooperation between School District and Village
35. **Grandview Conservancy, 5602 Creamery Road**
- a. Update and implement the Conservancy Management Plan
  - b. Complete trail system with signage, with a connection to Marsh Woods Park
  - c. Add park sign
36. **Egner Park, 5703 Bird Song Court**
- a. Maintain
  - b. Add water fountain & restrooms
  - c. Replace sign
  - d. Seal basketball court
37. **John Urso Community Park, 6201 Elvehjem Road**
- a. Ensure Master Plan addresses ADA standards
  - b. Continue expansion of the off-leash dog exercise area
  - c. Provide trail signage and improve trail surfaces
  - d. Provide informational kiosk
  - e. Continue to work with Dane County to establish connection to Lower Yahara River Trail
  - f. Explore addition of a water fountain
38. **Orchard Hill Park**
- a. New disc Golf Course
  - b. Restrooms
  - c. Parking lot
39. **Juniper Ridge Park (Juniper Ridge Subdivision)**
- a. Add restrooms
  - b. Establish name
40. **Prairie Place Park (Prairie Place Subdivision)**
- a. Establish name
41. **McFarland School District Baseball Facility**
- a. Concession/storage/restroom facility
  - b. Lighting



42. **Future Eastside Park 20-40 acres**

This park while only in the concept stage would encompass a very large area. Major improvements along with various utilities will needed to develop the area. The area may be a mix of useable and low land. The park may contain the following amenities.

- Agility Course
- Amphitheater
- Archery area
- Baseball/softball diamonds
- Basketball Courts
- Batting cages
- Bike Trails
- Bocce Courts
- Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Board Rack
- Climbing Tower
- Concession Stand (s)
- Council Rings
- Cross Country Running
- Cross Country Skiing
- Disc Golf
- Dog exercise area
- Exercise Areas
- Field Hockey
- Horseshoe Pits
- Ice Skating
- La Crosse Field
- Meditation areas
- Municipal Campground
- Natural Areas
- Natural Areas with Water Features
- Observation Platforms
- Off road biking areas
- Outdoor Art
- Parking Lot
- Pickle Ball Courts
- Play Structures
- Rest Rooms
- Sand Play Areas
- Shelter(s)
- Skate Park
- Snowshoeing
- Soccer Field
- Tennis Courts
- Various Seating Amenities
- Volley Ball Courts
- Walking Trails



## 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.

### 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.

**Note:** 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 both of these fees. The latest evaluation process for fees in lieu of parkland dedication essentially mimics the way impact fees have historically been determined. The Village has retained a consultant to assist in determining a methodology and resulting fee structure that complies with the new legislation.

**Table 9. Five-Year Proposed Parks Capital Expenditure Plan  
2019-2023**

| <b>2019</b>          |                                                    |                |                                |               |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Projects</b>      | <b>Description</b>                                 | <b>Funds</b>   | <b>Funding Type</b>            | <b>Amount</b> |
| General Improvement  | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 50,000     |
| McDaniel Park        | Add 2nd Shelter, Internal Paths, Facility Addition | Capital, Parks | Borrowed, Impact               | \$ 235,000    |
| McFarland Park       | Master Plan Study                                  | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ 25,000     |
| Park Equipment       | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 10,000     |
| Park Signage         | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 5,000      |
| Property Acquisition | East Side Park Purchase, Duplex Adjacent to Trail  | Capital, Parks | Borrow, Reserve, Grant, Impact | \$ 2,775,000  |
| Urso/Schuetz Park    | Disc Golf, Dog Park, Woodland Restoration          | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ 350,000    |
| Total for 2019       |                                                    |                |                                | \$ 3,450,000  |
| <b>2020</b>          |                                                    |                |                                |               |
| <b>Projects</b>      | <b>Description</b>                                 | <b>Funds</b>   | <b>Funding Type</b>            | <b>Amount</b> |
| Community Park       | Master Plan Study                                  | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ 50,000     |
| General Improvement  | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 50,000     |
| Park Equipment       | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 10,000     |
| Park Signage         | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 5,000      |
| Property Acquisition | Considered annually as opportunities arise.        | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ -          |
| Urso/Schuetz Park    | Internal Trail Development, Restoration            | Capital        | Borrowed, Grant                | \$ 500,000    |
| Total for 2020       |                                                    |                |                                | \$ 615,000    |
| <b>2021</b>          |                                                    |                |                                |               |
| <b>Projects</b>      | <b>Description</b>                                 | <b>Funds</b>   | <b>Funding Type</b>            | <b>Amount</b> |
| Brandt Park          | Parking Lot Addition                               | Capital, Parks | Borrowed, Impact               | \$ 200,000    |
| General Improvement  | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 50,000     |
| Park Equipment       | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 10,000     |
| Park Signage         | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 5,000      |
| Property Acquisition | Considered annually as opportunities arise.        | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ -          |
| Urso/Schuetz Park    | Facility Development, Restoration                  | Capital        | Borrowed, Grant                | \$ 350,000    |
| Total for 2021       |                                                    |                |                                | \$ 615,000    |
| <b>2022</b>          |                                                    |                |                                |               |
| <b>Projects</b>      | <b>Description</b>                                 | <b>Funds</b>   | <b>Funding Type</b>            | <b>Amount</b> |
| General Improvement  | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 50,000     |
| Park Equipment       | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 10,000     |
| Park Signage         | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 5,000      |
| Property Acquisition | Considered annually as opportunities arise.        | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ -          |
| Urso/Schuetz Park    | Facility Development, Restoration                  | Capital        | Borrowed, Grant                | \$ 1,250,000  |
| Total for 2022       |                                                    |                |                                | \$ 1,315,000  |
| <b>2023</b>          |                                                    |                |                                |               |
| <b>Projects</b>      | <b>Description</b>                                 | <b>Funds</b>   | <b>Funding Type</b>            | <b>Amount</b> |
| General Improvement  | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 50,000     |
| Park Equipment       | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 10,000     |
| Park Signage         | Applies to various parks as needed.                | Parks          | Impact                         | \$ 5,000      |
| Property Acquisition | Considered annually as opportunities arise.        | Capital        | Borrowed                       | \$ -          |
| Total for 2023       |                                                    |                |                                | \$ 65,000     |