

Eau Claire Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, July 2, 2018

Present: David Ferguson, Mike George, John Glassman, Dan Malkin

Absent: None

Visitors: Ken Karn, Ben Baker and Natalie Dean of Wightman

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented, second by Glassman, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Parks: Ben Baker of Wightman went over concerns with the trail layout; beginning at Elizabeth Park – Look into the possibility of creating a sidewalk on the Westside of Taylor instead of the Eastside this would make for an easier street crossing over into Veterans Park. Do crosswalk on the North side of the intersection that crosses over into Veterans Park.

In Veterans Park the Village wants the Sledding Hill preserved for winter sledding. The grade is too steep by Ivy Court and Homes on Second St. Look into the possibility of using the East side then cross the creek, but it is not in the Budget for a Bridge or Culvert to be built, over on Love there is the same problem the grade is too steep. If the grade is too steep then it becomes an ADA issue and there would have to be a ramp with hand rails and landings which would drive the price up. Ben will check on the price of Bridge vs. a Culvert. There needs to be a way to connect everything over to the Ball Fields. It was suggested that there be balusters placed by the Ball Fields parking area to prevent any full size cars from “driving” past the designated Parking spots. The old Ivy Court right-of-way could be used. Looking at the possibility of a sidewalk on the south side. Ben will also look at the cost of crushed concrete vs. gravel. It looks like the Village may be ready to Bid out for construction on the Park Grant this Fall with the project starting in the Spring of 2019. Ben will return with a new proposition at the next Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Natalie Dean was here to go over the Master Plan, the previous Master Plan that was done in 2012 needs to be updated, the old plan was gone over page by page. Village demographics will be updated. The purpose and themes will remain the same. The Vision Statement still applies; Sustainability and Growth will be looked at again. Several of the Policies will be objectives; the current objective 3 – Economic Development, suggestion that the Village needs a DDA, Downtown Development Association to promote the downtown and schools and the Industrial areas available in the Village to possibly attract more businesses. Objective 4 – Park, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways, Trails and Public Structures this section can be tightened up now as we are starting the Park Grant.

Motion to adjourn: K. Karn 6:40 PM

Unapproved Meeting Minutes by Shawn Foster, Village Clerk