

City of Whitewater
Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Monday, October 4, 2010 - 5:00pm
Cravath Lakefront Room - 2nd Floor, City Municipal Building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

Call to Order and Roll Call

Consent Agenda:

CA-A	Approval of September 20, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board minutes
CA-B	Acknowledgment of Receipt and Filing of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Forestry Commission minutes of June 8, 2010 • Urban Forestry Commission minutes of July 13, 2010 • Urban Forestry Commission minutes of August 8, 2010

Hearing of Citizen Comments:

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Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director	Punt, Pass, & Kick; Taste Trot 5K & Fit Kid Shuffle; Board & Commission Reports
Recreation & Community Events Programmer	Taste of Whitewater; Halloween Events
Senior Coordinator	Special Events

Considerations:

C-1	Discussion and approval of "Treyton Kilar Field of Dreams"
C-2	Discussion and approval of 2011 Department Goals
C-3	Review and possible action on Facility Rental & Reservation Policy
C-4	Review and possible action on Recreation Program Fee Policy
C-5	Approval of Natural Landscape Yard Ordinance (Urban Forestry Commission)
C-6	Request for future agenda items

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Monday, September 20, 2010 – 4:00 pm
Community Room – 2nd Floor City Municipal Building
312 Whitewater St, Whitewater WI 53190

Draft Minutes

Call to Order

Stone called meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Present: Negley, Daniels, Knedler, Stone, Dalzin (4:08 pm) and Kaina (5:17 pm). Absent: None. Excused: Olsen.

Staff: Matt Amundson, Chuck Nass, Michele Dujardin and Deb Weberpal

Guest: Richard Helmick

Consent Agenda

Knedler moved to accept the consent agenda which included the August 9, 2010 Parks and Recreation Board minutes. Second by Daniels. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: none. Absent: Dalzin, Olsen, Kaina. Motion passed.

Hearing of Citizen Comments

No formal action will be taken during this meeting, although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a 3 minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those issues as designated in the agenda.

There were no citizen comments.

Discussion and review of proposed Transparency Ordinance

Amundson referred to the packet. Would eliminate board and commission reports. Amundson will share concerns with council. Daniels questioned why 72 hours in advance? Negley liked the idea of meeting being recorded but questioned why board and commission reports would be taken off the agenda. Consensus of group is it is not necessary to video or audio tape every meeting.

(Dalzin arrived 4:08 pm)

Approval of special rental rate agreement with Tara Troemel for use of Downtown Armory

Amundson referred to the packet, this is similar to past agreements for long term rentals. Knedler Motioned to approve the long term rental fee for the Armory as presented in the packet. Second by Daniels. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Stone and Dalzin. Noes: None. Abstain: none. Absent: Olsen & Kaina. Motion passed.

Presentation of Summer 2010 Financial Report

Amundson referred to the informational piece in the packet and asked if Board had any questions. There were none.

Discussion and direction regarding need for increased lighting in Starin Park

Amundson referred to the packet. Corridor along the sidewalks to the building is dark. Not interested in lighting the playground but in lighting the sidewalk with a twelve to fourteen foot decorative streetlight utilizing LED technology. Is it needed with daylight hours in the summer? Ball games often

end after 10:00 pm. Do we ask Council to fund it? Funding is an issue as the Board will have to prioritize the project within the park development fund. Negley moved to approve the lighting for the sidewalk with the request that City Council assist in finding funding. Second by Knedler. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Dalzin and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: none. Absent: Olsen & Kaina. Motion passed.

Review and approval of park signage for Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve and Ray Trost Nature Preserve

Amundson referred to the packet concerning the quote and the artwork. Amundson received a request that wording be changed from "The Native American People" to just "Native Americans". The board feels what is currently proposed for the sign is an accurate referral to Native Americans. The sign is unique and the park is very special. Is Ho Chunk contributing to the sign? They contributed \$500. Trost is spelled wrong on the sign. Nass: Sign will be placed in consideration and with input from the family. Negley moved to accept the signage as presented in the memo, keeping the Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve as presented and correcting the spelling of Trost and adding park hours of 6 am to 12 am to that sign. Second by Dalzin. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Dalzin and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Olsen & Kaina. Motion passed.

Review and approval of 2011 Parks and Recreation Budget

Amundson presented an informational power point on the budget. Negley asked about prairie maintenance contracting for the Mounds Park. Amundson commented in 2011 it will be contracted with RFPs and that a current member of the parks/streets crew will be trained in prairie maintenance. Stone: page 4 supplies and services question on dollar amount for supplies and trees seems low. Acct 295 and acct 213 tree accounts are split. There is also another account for trees for new subdivisions. Amundson feels that hanging baskets will be scrutinized by City Council because of the cost. Amundson brought proposal from Jenka Blossoms. Negley complimented Nass on the "classy" look of the city. \$2500 provided by Downtown Whitewater and for 2011 a request will be sent to them for a larger donation. Budget process: Council reviews; they may ask questions in specific areas, they then decide if there will be cuts. Amundson: tried to get more detailed included in the budget. Amundson answered questions on prairie maintenance and DOT grant/Bike plan/Safe Routes to Schools Plan

(Kaina arrived 5:17 pm.)

Park Fund Budget: Stone asked about bench and kiosk for Trost Park. 2011 are potential projects if funding becomes available with bike trail plan being the priority if grant comes through. Dalzin moved to accept the Parks and Recreation 2011 budget as presented. Second by Knedler. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Dalzin and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: Kaina Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

Review and discuss Police Department's concerns regarding Halloween Party

Amundson referred to the packet. Halloween Party is 6-8 pm at the Armory and from 4-6 pm is Downtown Halloween event with street closure in front of Ketterhagen (2 pm to 8 pm). Negley: suggested that the UWW police be aware of the event. Consensus of the board that it is too late to make changes this year and the party should remain as scheduled. The Parks and Recreation Board appreciates the concerns of the police department.

Request by Alcoholics Anonymous to be considered as a partner organization in Facility Rental and Reservation policy

Amundson referred to the packet comments. Negley moved to designate AA as a partner organization in the rental policies and procedures. Motion seconded by Dalzin. Ayes: Daniels, Negley, Knedler, Dalzin, Kaina, and Stone. Noes: None. Abstain: none. Absent: Olsen. Motion passed.

Approve meeting date and time for future Board meetings

Consensus for first Monday meeting at 5:00 pm

Request for future agenda items

Stone requested agenda item for naming Treyton Kilar field. Dalzin and Olsen also received a phone call.

Staff Reports:

Parks & Recreation Director

- Treyton Kilar Field – Treyton was actively involved in parks and recreation programs; family was active in volunteering/assisting with programs. The hope is to create a project that will honor Treyton but also as an education piece against drunk driving. Hope to have a plan for discussion at the October meeting.
- Working for Whitewater's Wellness (W3)-joint effort with UWW and school district based on a similar project in Albert Lea, Mn, and website is www.w3wellness.org. Kick off at Taste of Whitewater with the Taste Trot and Kids Fit Run.
- Trail Construction Update – going full speed at Innovation Center.
- Youth Soccer is now playing games at Moraine View Park. Will be doing site work to get back four fields ready for play next fall.

Recreation & Community Events Programmer

- Taste of Whitewater – Dujardin handed out schedules. Safety Fair also occurring in conjunction with the Taste.
- Fitness Class Punch Cards & Complaint-handled out a letter in regards to the punch cards. This session there are 13 signed up with 3 punch cards. Feels those not happy are outweighed by those liking the program. There are now punch cards for Saturday morning.

Senior Coordinator

- WASC Conference Attendance
- Special Events: September is Senior Center Month. New activities include Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, UWW lecture series. Tai Chi demo at Taste of Whitewater. Global Gala October 14, desserts 6:00 pm and entertainment by UWW International students at 7:00 pm. Submitting for WPRA Silver Star Award. One Stop Shop fundraiser will be Saturday, November 20.

Board & Commission Reports:

Plan & Architectural Review Commission (Stone) –Jessica's expansion, request for changing zoning on campus to R-3. Community concerns with size of project. Group has pulled their project for the time being. Property owner still interested in change of zoning.

Urban Forestry Commission (Negley)-Working on ordinance to come to next meeting. Working on tree planting policy.

Whitewater Aquatic Center Board (Dalzin)-Waiting for a renewable energy audit with a proposal for cost reduction. Will meet this Thursday. New rates went into effect.

Indian Mounds Park Task Force (Kaina)-Matt working on RFP to do a restoration proposal and grant.

WPRA Legislative Advocacy (Knedler)-No report

Daniels moved and Negley seconded to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra Weberpal".

Debra Weberpal

CITY OF WHITEWATER
4th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

APPROVED - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by chair - Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Peter Disley, Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Tom Miller, Prudence Negley. Members absent - Beverly Stone, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass, Cameron Claperr. Others present - Roy Nosek.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The item of Emerald Ash Borer was moved ahead of natural lawn.
3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: MOTION by Negley with a second by Disley that the minutes be approved with a further clarification added to "natural lawns". Carried unanimously.
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Cameron Claperr introduced himself and said he was here to get acquainted with our commission.
5. PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REPORT: Miller said that the Walmart landscaping plan is not yet available and that no information is available on the newly revised landscaping guidelines being considered. The P&ARB meets on the 3rd Monday of each month.
6. PARK AND RECREATIONAL BOARD REPORT: Negley said they toured all the parks and were impressed with all the fine parks we have in the city. A new rain garden has been planted by the new shelter at Trippe Lake. Volunteers planted the native perennials on 'make a difference day'. Nass said it will be maintained by university students.
7. URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN: Chairperson - Tiiu Gray-Fow raised a concern that we need additional meetings to work on our urban forestry management plan which we need to submit to the Park and Recreation Board. It was agreed the meetings would be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. so that Nass could be involved. Interested citizens would be welcome to participate. Members who volunteered to participate are Gray-Fow, Disley, Negley and Ehrenberg. We took approximately 20 minutes to work on guidelines for spring planting plans, the work of which will continue at the first additional work session. The issue of whether or not 'natural lawn' guidelines should be included in a UFC management plan was raised. Our ordinance, established by the Common Council, presently limits us to guidelines for trees and shrubs only.
8. EMERALD ASH BORER: Ehrenberg reported that Grafton, Wisconsin, has a program in place to preserve as many city ash trees as possible. They are marking all public trees with yellow ribbons to indicate to the public where all the ash trees exist which will be killed by the borer. A program to adopt-an-ash-tree will allow anyone with a street tree in front of their house and business, pay the city approximately \$25.00 for each tree to have it treated by the city. Adopted trees then have the yellow ribbons replaced with green ribbons.
9. ADJOURN: MOTION by Miller and second by Disley to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Drafted by the secretary - Richard Ehrenberg, 6-13-2010



CITY OF WHITEWATER
5th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI

APPROVED DRAFT - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL. Meeting called to order by chair - Tiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiu Gray-Fow, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone. Members absent - Tom Miller, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass. Peter Disley has resigned. A quorum of four members is still required to conduct business. An audio recording was made of the meeting with everyone's agreement.
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA by consensus.
 3. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING will be reviewed at the next meeting since the secretary did not distribute the draft copy prior to this meeting.
 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.
 5. PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REPORT. None.
 6. PARK AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT. Negley reported to the P&RB what had been accomplished at the first work session on establishing policies for urban forestry and residential landscaping. The P&RB expressed hope that these policies would be completed by the end of summer. The P&RB has acquired two acres of woodland near Starin Park which will be kept natural and used for storm water collection.
 7. WORK SESSION REPORT. Gray-Fow reported that the first work session held on July 6, 2010 was very productive, where 2/3 of the time was spent on landscape policy and 1/3 was spent on urban forestry policy. Those present were Ehrenberg, Gray-Fow, Nass, Negley and Parker. Gray-Fow read a " summary of Goals " which is being used for the work sessions. (see attached).
 8. LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE. It is agreed that the 50% rule will determine whether a property owner needs to have a landscape plan reviewed, whereby a simple, not-to-scale plan be reviewed by a panel of 3 to 5 people. A review would be done to address concerns related to drainage, traffic visibility, and maintenance. It is the feeling of the commission that we should not tell people what kind of landscaping they must have on their own property. The policies from the work session were reviewed with no one in opposition.
 9. URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN. Tree planting policies from the working session were reviewed and finalized. Nass will find out if the policies we review shall be submitted to our city attorney prior to submission to the Park and Recreation Board.
 10. STAFF REPORT. None.
 11. ADJOURNED MEETING at 5:45 p.m. with a motion by Stone and a second by ?.
- Next mtg. is August 10, 2010. Next work session is August 3, 2010.

secretary - Richard Ehrenberg

CITY OF WHITEWATER
6th URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 10, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
Cravath lakefront room - 2nd floor, city municipal building
312 W. Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190

APPROVED-DRAFT - MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order by chair - Tiiu Gray-Fow. Members present - Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone. Members absent - Tom Miller, Wyatt Welter. Staff present - Chuck Nass. A quorum of four members are needed to conduct business.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Negley with second by Stone to approve the agenda. AYES - unanimous.
3. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: MOTION by Negley and second by Ehrenberg to approve minutes of June 8, 2010. AYES - unanimous. A change was requested for the July 13, 2010, minutes which will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.
5. PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL BOARD REPORT: None.
6. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT Negley spoke of the 'lakes study report' to the board. We discussed the pros and cons of our involvement with the lakes since we have responsibility for environmental issues related to vegetation.
7. WORK SESSION REPORT: Those present at the last work session of August 3, 2010, were Richard Ehrenberg, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Chuck Nass, Prudence Negley, Beverly Stone and Bruce Parker. The "Yard Management Ordinance" was substantially completed with a final review to be done today.
8. YARD MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE: Final changes and corrections were made on the draft from the work session. Gray-Fow and Negley will meet with Kevin Brunner to request the ordinance be "legalized" by the city attorney, after which we shall have another review of the document before it is presented the Parks and Recreation Board by Negley and Nass.
9. STAFF REPORT: A plan for addressing the problem of Emerald Ash Bore is in process. Ash trees on city property have been marked with small red tags.
10. ADJOURNED MTG. with a MOTION by Stone and second by Negley. AYES - unanimous.

NEXT MEETING: to be on September 21, 2010. This is a change from the regular 2nd Tuesday of the month. The UFC work session to address the tree and shrub ordinance will be on September 16, 2010, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Secretary - Richard Ehrenberg

Memo

To: Parks and Recreation Board

From: Matt Amundson, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: September 29, 2010

Re: Parks & Recreation Board Meeting: October 4, 2010

C-1 Discussion and approval of “Treyton Kilar Field of Dreams”

I have included a summary of current efforts on the project and a proposed budget. It is the intention of the committee to grant write and fundraise the amount needed to complete the project. I have every belief that these efforts will be accomplished; the amount of progress and effort accomplished over the past two weeks has been substantial. The field in concept will be a little league version of Prucha Field, the UW-Whitewater baseball field. It is my hope that shortly we will have an artist's rendering and a site plan for the project as these services have been donated by Rettler Corporation working with Midwest Athletic Fields. Rettler was the architect for the high school athletic complex and the UW-Whitewater athletic complex. I have invited Rob Gosh and John Vodenlich to the meeting to answer questions regarding the project.

C-2 Discussion and approval of 2011 Department Goals

I have included the sheet that is included as part of the budget document. It is my hope that the Parks and Recreation Board can discuss the goals that I have created and add or revise for presentation to the Common Council.

C-3 Review and possible action on Facility Rental and Reservation Policy

I feel that it is a good practice to review policies annually and I wanted to start the discussion on this policy and refining some issues identified below:

- Refunds – The current policy conflicts with the overall Satisfaction Guarantee policy the department has. Also, a great deal of rentals occur less than 30 days in advance of the event. It is my recommendation that we establish a processing fee that is non-refundable, that way someone cancelling an event gets a majority of their money back and we still recover the expense of time involved by staff.
- Should we continue to require a photo ID, since implementing the ActiveNet system we have not been following this practice.
- If the budget is approved including rental attendants, we will need to revise the policy accordingly

C-4 Review and possible action on Recreation Program Fee Policy

This policy was created in November of 2007 and has not been reviewed by the Board since. Again the main reason for review is that the Satisfaction Guarantee policy is not identified within this policy and conflicts with some of the existing language.

September 30, 2010

C-5 Review and approval of Natural Landscape Yard Ordinance (Urban Forestry Commission)

The Urban Forestry Commission has unanimously approved the policy. The Parks and Recreation Board needs to approve prior to the policy going to the Common Council.

Your consideration of these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

Matt Amundson,
Parks & Recreation Director

Treyton Kilar Field of Dreams Meeting
Whitewater Municipal Building
Wednesday, September 22nd 7:30 PM
Updates by MA in red on 9/29

Present: John Vodenlich, Rob Gosh, Kim Gosh, Ron Sdano, Debbie Masterson, Jeremy Niemuth, John Cordio, Jason Mackey, Shawn Alexander, Mike Kilar, Chad Kopecky, Matt Amundson

- 1) Fund Established at Community Foundation
Balance as of bank opening on 9/22 **\$4,385**
Have received 2-3 donations everyday this week
Balance as of bank opening on 9/29 \$5,940

- 2) Grant Submitted to Brewers Community Foundation
Maximum allowed request of \$10,000
Rob Gosh has contacted; other efforts are being made to contact through the family
John Vodenlich will contact Craig Coshun with the Brewers Broadcast team (former UW-W employee)
Rob Gosh has spoken with Tyler Barnes who requested to re-submit with full budget; Matt and Rob worked on revised submittal and sent on 9/28

- 3) Grant In Progress to Pepsi Refresh Project; will request 250K
Will need strong campaign for voting on campus/school district
Jay Alstad of WTMJ will do follow-up story, potential to use video for grants
(Matt will check with Alan Lockett, Debbie will assist in video prep, Rob is contacting WTMJ)
Matt will check on use of Field of Dreams and copyright concerns/issues
WTMJ will allow us to use any footage that aired; Alan Lockett will do any needed editing

- 4) Other Grant Efforts?
Walmart – Matt will follow-up with Joey Marx; **State Giving Program currently closed; Joey is exploring options**
Pepsi – Joey Marx/John Vodenlich have contacts
Oprah – Debbie contacted, needs video
Briggs & Stratton – Jeremy Niemuth will get contact info to Rob, CFO is former Warhawk
Harley Davidson – Paul Jones (former Whippet/Warhawk)
Generac – Rob Gosh will contact
Madison Mallards – Jason Mackey will contact Steve Schmidt/Vern
Lowe's – Rob Gosh has contacted

- 5) Fundraising Thoughts/Plans
Culvers - Kim Gosh will schedule
Lion's Club – Rob Gosh has talked to Bob Strand
Need to Contact Service Clubs – Rotary (Jason Mackey), Optimists (Jim Miller), Kiwanis (Matt Amundson), Masons (Jason Mackey)
Play for Trey – Volleyball team is hosting event on 10/7; Lisa Griep is in contact
Raffle/Dinner - Potential exists for meal/raffle event in future; will look to hold in future
Warhawk Athletics (John Vodenlich) – one game of major sports (M/W Basketball, Baseball, Football (2011), donated to foundation; look to sell tickets in community

Golf Outing – Debbie will contact Koshkonong; John Vodenlich will talk to Grand Geneva
Jason Mackey will send email to local businesses; Debbie will follow-up in person; Also discussed
outreach to Jefferson/Fort Atkinson

Potential exists to provide auction items for Warhawk Auction on 11/6; proceeds would go
towards fund; John Vodenlich will discuss with Auction committee; need to identify items if
allowed; **Rob Gosh has secured some auction items from Home Lumber, working on others**

6) Field Discussion

- a. 225-250' diamond, mesh backstop w/ brick retaining wall, family picnic area (courtyard)
& possible playground, lights, dugouts, concessions/restroom building behind home
plate
- b. Site – Discussed including relocating the Little League and North diamonds as part of the
project to create ideal layout/maximum use of available space
- c. Artificial Turf – John Vodenlich shared information on turf; consensus was to move
forward on including in the project; cost projection of \$6-9 per square foot including site
grading/preparation
- d. Restroom/Concession Building/Maintenance – locate behind home plate at hub of
complex
- e. Lights – could be an additional phase/Year 2
- f. Dugouts – include electrical and water service, storage area for equipment
- g. Memorial Signage/Statue – John Cordio will make contact with Scharine Group to
discuss options
- h. Courtyard/Entrance – could utilize Sharine Group on arched entrance, potential to
relocate Starin Pillars to complex entrance; donate a brick to create walkway

Local individuals to contact include Rick Babcock, Bryan Gnatzig, Mike Kachel, Russ/Ross Walton to assist
with or donate time for grading/equipment

Matt will contact design firms to inquire about donated conceptual plan and/or site plan. John
Vodenlich will contact Rettler regarding the same.

Future plans for fund need to be discussed, committee interested in yearly fundraising, maintenance
fund will need to be established

- **Rettler Corporation and Midwest Athletic Fields have agreed to donate services in an effort to
develop a conceptual drawing and site plan.**
- **Ross Walton has volunteered to complete any rough grading**
- **Rob Gosh has secured two masons who will supervise and lead construction of the brick wall
and dugouts**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6th at 7:30 PM.

Treyton Kilar Field of Dreams

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Construction Sequence & Probable Cost

1	Design & Lay-out Plan Approval (Urban Forestry, Park & Rec Board, Council)	\$0.00	donated by Midwest Athletic Fields/Rettler Corporation
2	Removal of Home (372 N Fremont) Absestos Inspection Absestos Abatement Fire Department Training/Controlled Burn	\$250.00 \$0.00	City City
3	Erosion Control Fencing Donated/Contracted	\$2,500.00	
4	Tree Removal Completed by City	\$0.00	City
5	Installation of water line to location of dugouts Completed by City	\$500.00	City
6	Installation of electrical service to location of dugouts Donated/Contracted	\$0.00	donated by Delta Electric
7	Site Grading & Installation of Artificial Turf Donated/City/Contracted	\$90,000.00	rough site grading donated by Ross Walton
8	Turf Establishment (non-artificial areas) Donated/City/Contracted	\$0.00	
9	Construction of Dugouts Donated/City/Contracted	\$6,000.00	
10	Installation of Brick Wall/Backstop Donated/Contracted	\$20,000.00	
11	Installation of Mesh Netting(Backstop)	\$10,000.00	
12	Outfield Fence	\$5,000.00	
11	Fence Cap Purchased	\$200.00	
12	Foul Poles Donated/Purchased/Fabricated by City	\$1,000.00	
13	Bases, Home Plate, Mound Purchased	\$500.00	
14	Bleacher Pads Donated/City	\$1,000.00	
15	Bleachers (2) 4 row, 56 seats each Donated/Purchased	\$4,500.00	
16	Field Signage Purchased	\$300.00	
17	Memorial Sign Donated/Contracted	\$2,500.00	
18	Scoreboard Donated/Purchased	\$5,500.00	
19	Lights Donated/Contracted	\$75,000.00	
20	Restroom/Concession Building Donated/Contracted	\$250,000.00	

\$474,750.00

DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION: Parks and Recreation

Youth Instruction	Adult Instruction	Senior Programs
Youth Sports	Adult Sports	Community & Special Events
Park & Open Space Maintenance	Park & Open Space Development	Lakes Management

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the City of Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department is to provide exceptional park and recreation services that enhance the livability of our community.

2010 SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS-(from city management plan):

- 1) Completed and implemented youth sports policy approved by Parks & Recreation Board.
- 2) Implemented healthy and fitness related information to a minimum of four existing youth programs.
- 3) Completed two sustainable projects/initiatives.
- 4) Implemented increased marketing efforts that increased on-line facility reservations.
- 5) Applied for two park related and two recreation related grant opportunities.
- 6) Reviewed contractaul program policies with Parks & Recreation Board and implement changes to drop-in practices.
- 7) Completed all park improvement projects on time and within budget.

2011 MAJOR OBJECTIVES/GOALS:

- 1) Review non-resident fee policy with Parks and Recreation Board and incorporate proposed changes in 2012 City Budget.
- 2) Expand wellness/fitness offerings within the community (minimum of 4 activities) through involvement with W3 by October 1,
- 3) Implement changes to youth sports sponsorship to ensure all teams are sponsored and that sponsors value involvement by September 1, 2011.
- 4) Add a minimum of two new recreation programs per season/brochure.
- 5) Expand and broaden a minimum of two Seniors In the Parks programs to include participants of all ages.
- 6) Establish sinking fund for facility rentals by working with Neighborhood Services Director, Finance Director, and Common Council to establish funding mechanism for equipment replacement and facility maintenance by September 1, 2011.
- 7) Complete comprehensive bike plan update and Safe Routes to School Plan by August 1, 2011.
- 8) Complete all park improvement projects on time and within budget.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES-(3 to 5 if possible):

PARKS & FACILITIES	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
Total Acreage	223.6	217.3	239.3	239.8	239.3
Active Recreation	10	72.2	90.2	90.2	90.7
Passive Recreation	213.6	145.1	149.1	149.6	149.1
Facility Rentals	373	475	425	335	350

* 267 permits issued from 1/1/10 - 9/28/10, 335 from 9/29/09 - 9/28/10

RECREATION	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Budget
Youth Sports Programs	11	13	13	13	13
Participants in Youth Sports	483	558	570	496	500
Adult Sports Programs	5	3	4	3	3
Participants in Adult Sports	715	384	564	431	450
Youth Instruction Programs	31	72	70	78	85
Participants in Youth Instruction Programs	1046	2159	2200	1894	2000
Adult Instruction Programs	19	81	80	98	100
Participants in Adult Instruction Programs	505	2326	2300	3061	3000
Special Events Programs	6	9	9	7	7
Participants in Special Events Programs	3581	4339	4500+	5391	5000+

CITY OF WHITEWATER POLICY		TITLE: Facility Rental & Reservation
POLICY SOURCE: Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Board Approval Date: 11/10/08 Revised: 11/02/09	TEXT NAME: G:\Park & Rec\Policy\ Facility Rental & Reservation Policy

I. PURPOSE

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department schedules, maintains, rents, and reserves indoor facilities, park shelters, and outdoor athletic facilities to the general Whitewater community and surrounding area. These facilities, which include the Downtown Armory, Starin Community Building, Cravath Lakefront Community Center, ball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts, are located in City parks and also on city property. The Parks and Recreation Department will schedule these facilities for its own programs, the Whitewater Unified School District, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and other private and not-for-profit groups and organizations. These other groups and organizations include, but are not limited to: Traveling Basketball, Traveling Baseball, and the Whitewater Soccer Club. The following policies and procedures have been developed to facilitate the scheduling of athletic facilities by all organizations.

II. SCHEDULING PRIORITIES

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department will determine capacity limits for all facilities consistent with established and accepted standards to maintain facilities for continued use. These capacities will be utilized when scheduling activities and may impact the availability of facilities for reservations.

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department schedules and reserves facilities according to the following priorities:

1. All Whitewater Parks and Recreation programs (games, scheduled practices, matches, camps, and instructional programs) will be the first programs scheduled at facilities that are managed/maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Whitewater Unified School District programs/athletic events will be the second programs scheduled at facilities managed/maintained by the City.
3. Whitewater Unified School District programs/athletic events will be the first programs scheduled at facilities owned by the District.
4. Whitewater Parks and Recreation programs will be the second programs scheduled at facilities owned by the Whitewater Unified School District.
5. Private and/or not-for-profit groups and organizations which reserved facilities managed/maintained by the City will have their programs and events scheduled after all Parks and Recreation and School District programs have been scheduled.

III. GROUP CLASSIFICATIONS

Group 1 No Charge

Partner Organizations will not be charged a facility rental fee for their facility usage provided that their facility use is for the purposes of holding an organization meeting, practice, game, etc. Partner organizations provide a charitable good to the Whitewater community and have had a history of receiving free rentals for facility space.

Exception: Partner List members holding an event serving food or drink will require paying the entire rental fee. Exclusions: Optimist Breakfast w/ Santa & Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Any event serving alcohol will be required to pay 100 % of rental fee.

Partner List:

Tax Funded Organizations:

City of Whitewater
Whitewater Unified School District
Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Whitewater
Whitewater Tourism Council
Whitewater Arts Alliance
Whitewater Historical Society

Local Civic/Charitable Groups:

Kiwanis Club (Breakfast, Noon, Circle K)
Knights of Columbus
League of Women Voters
Optimists
Lions Club

Local Community Program Providers:

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Special Olympics
Relay for Life (ACS)
4th of July Committee
Local Registered Political Parties
Walworth County Health Services
Whitewater 4H
Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
Stone Mill Quilters
AWANA
Kettle Moraine Baptist Academy
Alcoholics Anonymous

Youth Sports Organizations:

Whitewater Traveling Basketball
Whitewater Traveling Baseball
J-Hawks
Whitewater Youth Soccer

Note: To be added or considered as a partner organization, please submit a letter of request to the Parks & Recreation Director. Decisions will be based on charitable contribution to the community and/or services provided to youth in our local community.

Group 2 25% of Listed Fee

Non-partner civic or charitable group holding an event, meeting, or practice without food & beverage that is free to the public to attend

Group 3 50% of Listed Fee

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Recognized Organizations, Groups, Schools, Athletics
Private Events not serving food or beverages that are free to the public

Group 4 100% of Listed Fee

Private Event serving food and/or alcohol

Private Event charging admission

The Whitewater Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to deny programs and/or special events which conflict with existing programs, use facilities for an event the facilities were not intended, or cause undue hardship on the facility and/or surrounding area. The availability of facilities for Class 1 may be limited based on requests and other rentals. Groups in Class 1-3 can provide the damage deposit or sign a “financial responsibility and damage deposit” form.

IV. FEES & CHARGES

Facility	Capacity	4 Hours or Less Fee		Per Hour Fee Over 4 Hours	
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Cravath Lake Community Center	100	\$220.00	\$275.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
Starin Community Building	100	\$150.00	\$190.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Armory Gym w/ kitchen	300	\$150.00	\$190.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Armory Dance Studio	25	\$150.00	\$190.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Armory Activity/Meeting Room	25	\$75.00	\$95.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

Facility	Capacity	Daily Fee	
		Resident	Non-Resident
Cravath Lake Picnic Shelter	100	\$60.00	\$75.00
NEW Trippe Lake Shelter (beach)	100	\$70.00	\$90.00
Trippe Lake Picnic Shelter	100	\$50.00	\$65.00
Starin Picnic Shelter	100	\$50.00	\$65.00
Starin Kiwanis Picnic Shelter	100	\$50.00	\$65.00

Facility	Capacity	Daily Fee		Field Location
		Resident	Non-Resident	
Starin Ball Diamond	N/A	\$80.00	\$100.00	() Softball () North () South
w/ lights	N/A	\$150.00	\$190.00	() Softball () North () South

A minimum of 50% “down payment” must be made at the time of building reservation; balance due at time of key pick up.

Rental Damage Deposit

A \$500 damage deposit is required with any facility reservation, \$100 for picnic shelter reservations. These deposits can be paid in one of two ways. The first option is to provide a valid MasterCard or Visa Card; this card will be charged for any damage that occurs. The second option is to write a check to the City of Whitewater for the amount of the required deposit. This check will be cashed the day it is submitted and the damage deposit will be returned within two weeks if no damage is incurred.

Long Term Rental Discount

Group 4 Rental Groups interested in special rates based on continuous use must enter request 10 days prior to the month they are requesting use to the Parks and Recreation Director, who shall present an agreement to the Parks and Recreation Board for their approval at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

Proposed rates would become effective January 1, 2010.

REFUNDS & CUSTOMER SATISFACTON

V. RULES & REGULATIONS

- All facility reservations must be made and completed in full a minimum of 10 days prior to the event.
- Remember to check the site when you arrive! If there are any damages/problems please call 262-473-0122 immediately and leave a detailed message. The exact time of your call and your concerns will be documented.
- Separate permits are required for renters that are serving alcohol, using amplified sound systems (outdoor rentals only), or anyone selling merchandise or booth space. These permits can be obtained from the City Clerk's office.
- All park regulations shall be observed. Municipal Buildings open at 8:00 am and close by 11:00 pm unless approved by the City Clerk at the time the contract is signed. Parks are open at 6:00 am and close at 12:00 am (midnight). The renter will forfeit \$100 of the damage deposit if they are in violation of the park curfew ordinance.
- Payment for the reservation is due in full before the facility is reserved. Photo ID is required with completed facility request form AND payment of damage deposit, as renter you are responsible for damages.
- Keys are not distributed on weekend days. You must stop by City Hall before your event, Monday – Friday during normal business hours. Failure to pick up a key will result in a \$50 charge from your security deposit. Failure to return the keys within 5 days of the rental or lost keys the renter will forfeit \$500 of the damage deposit.
- Consumption of alcohol is by permit only and in compliance with applicable ordinances and regulations. Permits/requests to have alcohol in a city facility should be submitted with payment at least 2 weeks prior to the event date. Only the applicant may request an alcohol permit, and photo ID is required with the application. Failure to obtain the proper permits the renter will forfeit \$500 of the damage deposit.
- Applicant shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by virtue of the activity conducted. Damages fees are as follows: replace rectangular table \$150, replace folding chair \$50, replace stackable chair \$150, replace 60" round table \$350. Building maintenance will be estimated at a rate of \$50/hour. Carpet cleaning will result in a \$300 charge and any floor refinishing or resurfacing will range in cost from \$300-\$550.
- Handicapped accessible entrance doors are not allowed or able to be propped open. Please do not try and force the doors to stay open. Any damage done to the doors by keeping them open will be assessed to your damage deposit.
- No smoking is allowed in the City of Whitewater Buildings. Failure to comply the renter will forfeit \$500 of the damage deposit.
- Decorations are not to be attached in any way to the suspended ceiling at the Community Building. An eye-bolt is available in the ceiling of the West Room for hanging decorations. In all City facilities renters should avoid placing tape on the walls, if tape is needed the Parks and Recreation Department will supply special tape to be used on the walls. No crepe paper is allowed in any rental facility.
- Please keep our facilities clean. It is the renter's responsibility to: bring your own dishtowels/cloths, wipe down tables and chairs and restore to the original locations, wipe down counters, appliances, and other surfaces, vacuum/clean floors and walls of any spills, clean any garbage from around the outside of the facility that your group may have caused, take all garbage with you after your event. Failure to remove garbage from the site is a \$100 charge against the damage deposit.
- Tent structures must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Director at time of facility request and comply with Diggers Hotline, Building Code and Fire Code requirements. No approval will be given and installation denied if compliance is not met.
- A minimum of 50% "down payment" is required at time of reservation. Refunds for reservation fees will be given up to 30 days before the event. Cancellations within 30 days of the rental will not be refunded.
- Photo ID Required with facility request AND payment of damage deposit.

CITY OF WHITEWATER POLICY		TITLE: RECREATION PROGRAM FEE POLICY
POLICY SOURCE: Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Board Approval Date: November 5, 2007	TEXT NAME: G:\Park & Rec\Policy\ Recreation Program Fee Policy

I. Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to provide guidelines necessary to charge a reasonable fee to participants of recreation programs.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the City of Whitewater to open participation in Parks and Recreation Department sports and instructional programs to anyone and charge fees to participants of those programs to meet cost recovery guidelines outlined in this policy. The fees charged to participants of recreation programs shall be established by the Parks and Recreation Department to meet the guidelines provided in this policy.

III. Definitions

1. *Youth* – age 17 and under
2. *Adult* – age 18-54
3. *Senior/Older Adults* – age 55 and older
4. *Special needs* – individuals of all ages who require special accommodations due to physical and/or mental disabilities.
5. *Sports Team* – Compilation of individuals who participate as a group in a designated sport, i.e., basketball, soccer, baseball, flag football, etc.
6. *Administrative costs* – General cost of administering programs such as clerical staff, legal counsel, administrative overhead, payroll and finance functions, capital improvements, etc.
7. *Operating costs* – Costs directly related to the operation of a program. These costs include direct program staff, supplies and services.
8. *Resident* - Any person who lives within the limits of the Whitewater Unified School District.
9. *Non-resident* - Any person who lives outside of the limits of the Whitewater Unified School District.

IV. Cost Recovery

1. Youth instructional and sports programs, as a whole, shall recover 100% of the operating costs of those programs.
Exception: Any new or pilot program shall be required to recover 75% of the operating costs during the first two years of the program.
2. Adult instructional and sports programs, as a whole, will recover 110% of the operating costs of those programs.
3. Senior programs will recover 100% of the operating costs of those programs.
4. Drop-In and Special Event programs, as a whole, shall recover 45-55% of the operating costs of those programs thru fees or sponsorships/donations.

5. Contractual program fees will be set-up to recover the administrative costs of the City and adequately reimburse the contractual provider.

V. Fees

1. User fees will be charged through team entry fees, individual fees, and/or user fees.
2. All youth and adult program participants requesting to register after the deadline will be accepted if available spots remain in the program and a late processing fee of \$10.00 is paid. Exception: All adult sports teams requesting to register after the deadline will be accepted if the team meets the league criteria and a late processing fee of \$25.00 is paid.
3. All program fees will be established based on the cost recovery guidelines and will be reported out to the Parks and Recreation Board on a quarterly basis.
4. Participants having financial difficulties may apply for fee assistance as outlined in the Recreation Sunshine Fund Program (Financial Assistance Program).
5. All fee adjustments noted in this policy will become effective for programs offered in the 2008 Winter/Spring Program Brochure.

VI. Falsification of Information

The registrant will be removed from all registered programs and all fees will be forfeited if the registrant falsified information on a registration form.

VII. Refunds

1. A full refund will be credited/issued to the participant for any program cancelled by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. A full refund will be credited/issued to the participant if a program time, date, or location is changed by the Parks and Recreation Department and the participant is unable to attend because of the change.
3. A refund will be credited/issued to the participant prior to the third meeting of the program. Programs with four or less meetings are refunded only prior to the first meeting.
4. A team fee will be refunded until the deadline for the team registration. After the deadline, the team fee will be refunded only if there is another team willing to fill that spot in the league. Refunds will not be granted for any reason after the playing schedules are mailed from the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. All refund requests, if applicable, will be credited to the family account in the registration software program. Requests for a cash refund will be subject to a \$10.00 processing fee for each participant and program.
6. Late fees paid by either teams or individuals will not be refunded.
7. Refunds of \$5.00 or less will not be processed, but will be credited to the family account.

VIII. Review of Policy

1. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Parks and Recreation Board and any changes or revisions will be forwarded to the City Council for final review.

**ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 19.56
NATURAL LANDSCAPE YARD ORDINANCE**

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Whitewater Municipal Chapter 19.56 is hereby created to read as follows:

NATURAL LANDSCAPE YARD ORDINANCE

19.56.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Natural Landscape Yard Ordinance is to address concerns regarding landscaping in the City of Whitewater. Natural Landscape Gardens are viable alternatives to lawn development as they can be economical, low-maintenance, effective in soil and water conservation, and may reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. This ordinance is consistent with the goals of the Whitewater Comprehensive Plan referenced in Chapter (4), Natural Resources pp 35, 38-44. Because the State of Wisconsin has prohibited yard waste in any solid waste disposal facility; has increased percentage regulations on storm water run-off and has laws that protect the chemical invasion of lakes, streams and wetlands by lawn products, this legislation should enable the City to progress in achieving said State regulation. It is hereby noted that these landscape alternatives are no more or less appropriate than turf grass yard choices in regard to the visual appeal of individual properties. It is also important to note that the intent of this ordinance is not to allow vegetated areas to be unmanaged. Control of noxious, invasive weeds shall be required in all landscape plans.

19.56.020 Natural Landscape Gardens Allowed

(a) A Natural Heritage Garden, Ornamental Garden, Rain Garden and/or Sustenance Garden may be planted if it is in compliance with the following provisions:

- (1) The garden does not violate any other City of Whitewater ordinance.
 - (2) The garden is authorized by the owner or occupier with written permission as verified by owner.
 - (3) The garden, or any portion thereof, does not encroach on any property ownership line or public right of way.
 - (4) The owner or occupier complies with the notice provisions of 19.56.030
- below:

19.56.030 Notice of Natural Landscape Garden

(a) If any Natural Heritage Garden, Ornamental Garden, Rain Garden, Sustenance Garden, or combination thereof, exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the surface area of the property, not otherwise occupied by buildings, structures, or improvements, the owner shall file a notice with the Neighborhood Services Director. This notice shall contain:

(1) A drawing or sketch depicting the area of the garden relative to the property ownership lines, public right of way, buildings, and structures and improvements located on the property. The drawing need not be done to scale or prepared by professionals;

(2) Information indicating the general vegetation to be used within the plan and their approximate locations;

(b) The landscape garden plan shall be submitted to the Neighborhood Services Director for review. If the plantings might suggest a negative impact on drainage, visibility or drainage easements the plan shall be changed or submitted to the Garden Landscaping Review Board for further review;

(c) Information on planning an alternative landscape yard can be secured from the Neighborhood Services Director. A review of the costs and labor involved in the planting and maintenance of these yard alternatives may be discussed at that time.

(d) No fees shall be assessed for this application and/or review.

(e) If the garden(s) do not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the surface area as set forth above, the garden(s) shall be allowed without filing a notice, but shall still adhere to the other sections of this ordinance.

19.56.040 Garden Landscape Review Board

(a) A Garden Landscape Review Board shall be appointed by the City Council for a three-year term. The Board shall consist of the City Forester, the Park and Recreation Board Urban Forestry Commission representative, a City Council member, and two citizens at large. The Board shall meet as needed.

19.56.050 Noxious Weeds

(a) The following noxious weeds are prohibited in natural landscape gardens:

(1) Buckthorn (Common glossy) (*Rhamnus cathartica*)

(2) Burdock (*Arctium*)

(3) Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

(4) Garlic Mustard (*Allaria petiolata*)

(5) Wild Honeysuckles -Japanese (*Lonicera japonica*); EurAsian bush (*Amur, Lonicera maackii*); and Morrow's (*L. morrowii*)

(6) Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrium solitaria*)

(7) Reed Canary Grass (*Pharlaris arundinacea*)

(8) Thistles- Purple, Bull (*Cirsium vulgare*); Musk (*Carduus nutans*);
Plumeless (*Carduus arvensis*); Yellow star (*Centaurea solstitialis*); and
Canada (*Cirsium arvense*)

(b) Other invasives that may become problematic in Whitewater, as defined by the Wisconsin DNR listing and pictured in the publication “A Field Guide to Terrestrial Invasive Plants in Wisconsin”, Wisconsin DNR 2010, may be referred to the Garden Landscaping Board upon request for review, and said board may recommend that the Council add the plant(s) to the above list.

19.56.060 City Controls

(a) The City staff may not damage, remove, burn, or cut vegetation in any privately owned residential yard that has a notice required by 19.56.030 on file with the City, for which the City does not have management responsibilities, except the City may take such actions following a hearing in front of the Garden Landscaping Board at which it is found:

(1) That noxious invasives specifically named in City ordinances exist in that landscape, or

(2) That a condition(s) creating a clear and present hazard to public health, safety or city maintenance issues exists or

(3) That property management responsibilities have not been met by the property owner

(b) This hearing must occur within thirty (30) days following notification.

(c) This section shall not in any manner restrict the City’s right to maintain trees and vegetation in City right-of-ways.

19.56.070 Non-conforming Use

(a) Properties with Natural Landscape Gardens in place in compliance with the above regulations at the time of the enactment of this ordinance, which would be required to file a notice pursuant to 19.56.030, shall be considered a non-conforming use. In order to assist in the enforcement of this ordinance, any owner claiming non-conforming use status regarding the natural garden notice provisions called for herein shall register with the City Clerk, on a form provided by the City Clerk, within one hundred eighty (180) days of the passage of this ordinance by the Common Council. The information required on the registration form shall include the address of the property in question as well as a description of the gardens contained thereon. Any property not registered within one hundred eighty (180) days of the enactment shall not receive non-conforming use status. Any property granted nonconforming use status must continue to adhere to all of the provisions of this ordinance except for the notice requirement.

19.56.080 Natural Landscape Yard Ordinance Definitions

(a) Cottage Garden: A mixed garden of perennials, annuals, herbs and sometimes vegetables that visually enhance the yard area around a home.

(b) Exotic Plants: Plants that have been brought into the state from elsewhere such as (a) Exotic EurAsian plants native to Europe and Asia and (b) Exotic American plants natural to the Americas but not to southeastern Wisconsin and (c) Exotic “cultivated varieties” propagated by the horticultural industry.

(c) Green Sustainability: The process of encouraging the maintaining an environmental base in the City in order to meet human needs while preserving the environment.

(d) Herb Garden: A type of garden established for the planting and/or harvesting of herbs.

(e) Natural Heritage Garden: An area that is managed with the intention of simulating a natural community of plants native to the State of Wisconsin (e.g. prairie, meadow or woodland which may include grasses (short and tall) and forbs (flowers), usually perennial in nature.

(f) Natural Landscape: Plantings of grasses (short and tall), forbs (flowers), shrubs, woodlands and other gardens as defined that are often native but are sometimes mixed with non-natives, and are usually perennial in nature.

(g) Natural Lawn: Turf lawn that is organic in nature but does not practice the use of chemicals in the form of pesticides and insecticides and is kept no longer than 7 inches.

(h) Noxious Invasives: Weeds considered offensive and invasive to landscape gardens specifically named in this and other City ordinances.

(i) Organic Lawn Care: Necessary inputs that are “natural” as opposed to “synthetic” as used in traditional lawns (the goal being to have the least toxic management for pest control).

(j) Ornamental Garden: An area that is managed for the visual display of a variety of plants, including, but not limited to, trees, shrubs, ferns, flowers, grasses, ground cover, mosses, and that does not contain any plant defined as a noxious weed or one that constitutes a nuisance to the community.

(k) Rain Garden: A garden that effectively uses stormwater run-off to grow and nurture a specifically designed garden bed.

(l) Sustenance Garden: A garden that is vegetable, fruit or herbal in nature that is usually planted and maintained for household food production.

(m) Traditional Lawn: Turf lawn that is often managed chemically, mowed regularly to be kept at a height no more than 7 inches.

The above definitions include terms not yet referred to in this ordinance, but are provided for reference in case of ordinance amendments.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Ordinance introduced by Councilmember _____, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilmember _____.

AYES:

NOES:

Kevin Brunner, City Manager

ABSENT:

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

ADOPTED: