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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Training Room City Hall 5:15PM
Action may be taken on any of the following items.

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of September 19, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. DeSanctis Park Master Plan**
- 2. Update on 2018 Season for Hoffman Park Camping**

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

*Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.*

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MINUTES

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:15pm

City Hall Lower Level Training Room

5:15pm CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

Members Present: Susan Reese (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Patricia LaRue, Jim Nordgren and Dennis Zielski

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-*Recreation Manager*; Reid Wronski-*City Engineer*; Amy Peterson-*Development Services Director*; Brandy Howe-*City Planner*; Mike Stifter-*Operations Director*; Nate Croes-*City Forester*; Tom Schwalen-*City Maintenance Supervisor*; Eric Viessman-*Public Works Maintenance*; Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*

Others Present: Todd Erickson-*Engineer with Gerrard Corporation*; Amanda Prosser-*Landscape Architect with ISG*; Kyle-ISG; Ben Fochs-local citizen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

MSC Nordgren/Downing to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindi discussed the Naming Rights Policy passed by City Council on 12-13-16 about renaming the new dog park, as there is a petition on Facebook to change the name at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Amanda Prosser shared design photos and discussed ISG's recommendation to use Vortex as the vendor to supply splash pad items because they offer a superior warranty period, less water consumption, more play features, more color options, ability to swap components, and age zone separation, among other benefits. The 95% CD review meeting will be November 14, 2018.

Todd Erickson with Gerrard Corporation showed a map and explained how storm water can be handled at the new DeSanctis Park Villas on Division Street. An infiltration pond north of the schoolhouse could be lined and serve as a year-round water surface of about 8' deep. Underground storm water piping would bring rain water from the new development and new street to the new pond. Todd said the pond

would fill after the first good snow melt, and the approximate 18" of annual rain should keep the pond filled. Park Board was also told that concerns about algae growth would be best addressed by community education in fertilizers, and that a fountain would adversely affect the process of maintaining the water feature. Park Board seems to feel a pond would be a nice addition to DeSanctis Park, assuming it actually contains water. Park Board encourages Gerrard Companies to continue working with the City engineering department. Any further questions about park design could come back to Park Board.

Amy Peterson says we need to send the DeSanctis Villa plan to the DNR for approval. The DNR is wondering why the 1994 plan has not yet been implemented. Park Board recalls that it was intended to be a passive park, and most conversations ended with "when there is water and sewer," which hasn't happened yet due to lack of funds. Now it's time to look at DeSanctis and move forward as money permits. Park Board will consider their vision for DeSanctis Park and share ideas at the next meeting.

City Council member Sean Downing feels the City could use a large water park, and that we could try to have a public/private partnership to help fund it. He indicated the current master plan for adding a larger pool at Glen Park when funds permit is not adequate. Others on Park Board feel we need to stick to the master plan and that it would be very difficult to receive enough in donations to fund a full water park, as we are already asking for donations to fund the splash pad and the nature playground. In addition, Park Board seems to agree that Glen Park is meant to be a green park with open space.

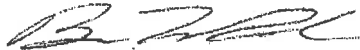
OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Larue/Zielski to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant

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PARK BOARD October 17, 2018 STAFF REPORT

ITEM: DeSanctis Park Master Plan Discussion

STAFF: Brandy Howe, Senior Planner

BACKGROUND

In light of the proposed DeSanctis Park Villas, staff contacted the DNR to determine whether or not the City has any specific obligations regarding development of a public road through DeSanctis Park as part of the overall development project. In that conversation, staff learned that a 1994 site plan (Exhibit 1) was approved by City Council in January 1995 (Res. 2568). That plan was included with the City's grant application to the DNR for funding to purchase the park land. During our conversation with the DNR, the question came up as to why the park was not developed as shown in the 1994 plan. The DNR has requested that the City either develop the park as planned, meaning add in the missing active recreation features, parking, etc., or provide an updated plan and narrative describing the changes.

At the September 19th Park Board meeting, the Board discussion was that funding was the primary factor in the lack of Plan implementation. It was decided that the Board would devote time at the October meeting to consider the future of the park. Part of that discussion will be whether the park will continue to function as a passive park or whether more active facilities should be added, as was depicted in the 1994 plan. Staff assumes the 1994 adopted Plan is a solid plan and only minor modifications, such as scaling back on the number of active components, may be in order. If that is not the case, future process options will be discussed.

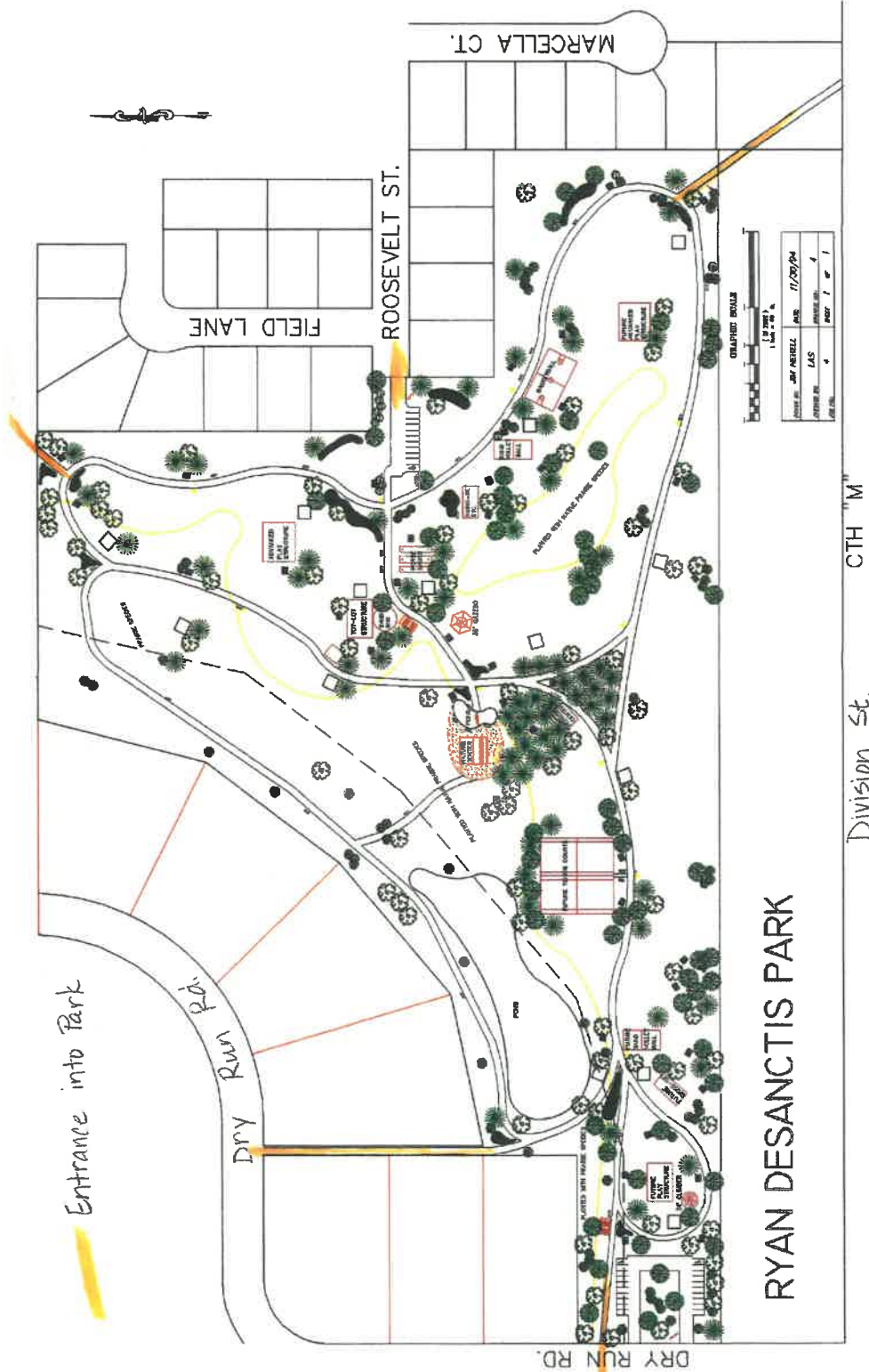
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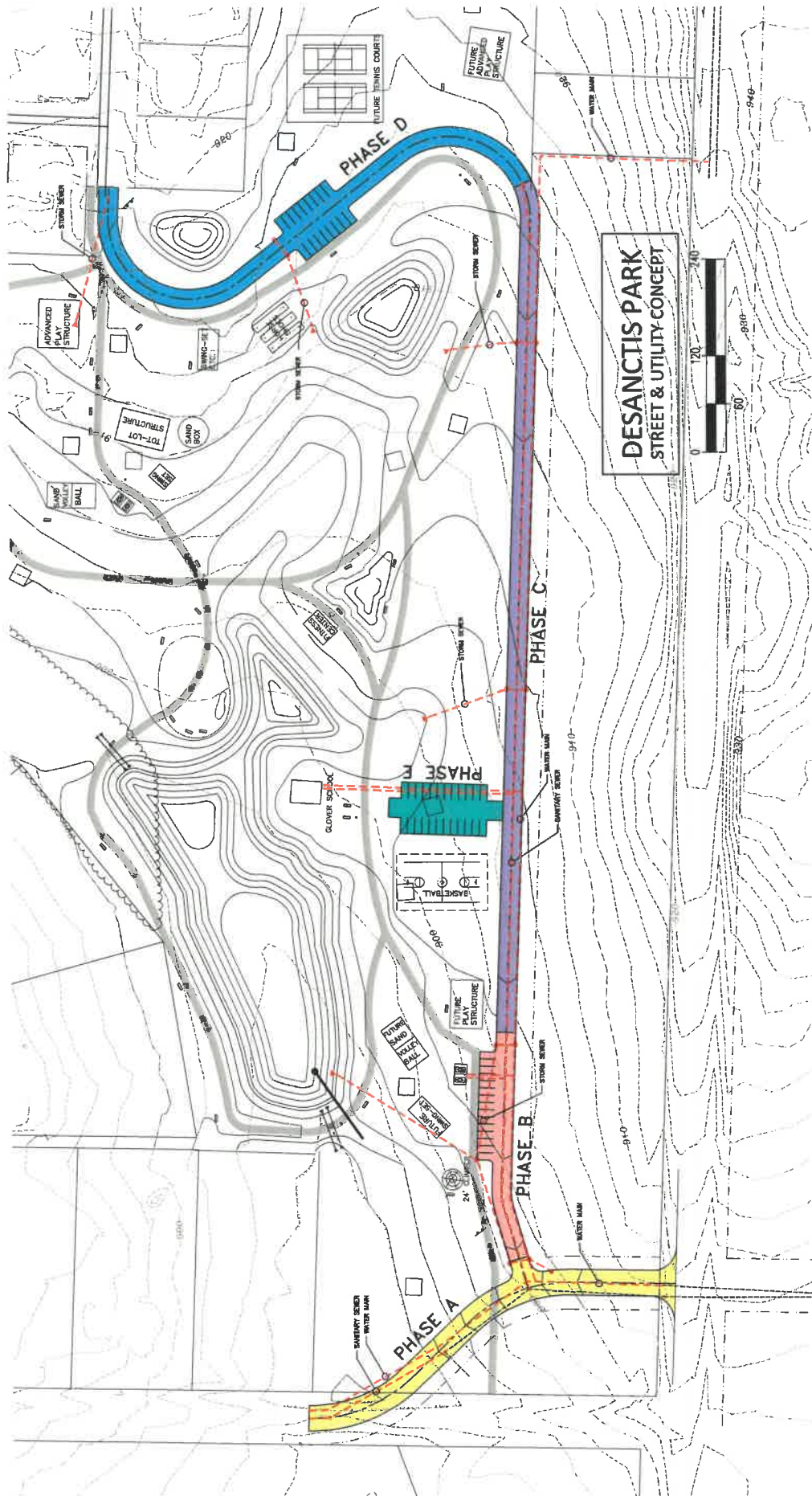
Based on the Park Board's direction, staff will provide an updated master plan and or narrative to the DNR.

EXHIBITS

1. 1994 DeSanctis Park Site Plan
2. 2000 DeSanctis Park Street Concept
3. CIP page on DeSanctis Park

1994 Site Plan





Capital Improvement Plan
 City of River Falls, Wisconsin

2019 thru 2023

Project #	18-CD-001
Project Name	DeSanctis Park-Phase 2



Type	Improvement	Department	Economic Development
Useful Life		Contact	Buddy Lucero
Category	Infrastructure		

Description

Phase 2 of the DeSanctis Park renovation, including parking area and improvements to Glover School House.

Planning, engineering and construction for a Parking Lot for approximately 36 parking spaces occurring in 2019.

The Glover School House remodel includes installing a water and sewer lateral from underground utilities near Dry Run Road; completing the restroom and installing fixtures; replacing four windows on the south side of the building and replacing the siding; install two paved handicap parking stalls off the trail near the building. This is anticipated to be completed in 2020.

Justification

The intent is for the parking lot portion of the project is to coincide with a private development proposal to realign Dry Run Road and construct Roosevelt South Street for a new housing development.

The work on Glover School is intended to be a complete renovation to make the building fully usable.

Expenditures	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Construction	63,000	43,000				106,000
Equipment/Furnishings	12,000					12,000
Miscellaneous		6,450				6,450
Total	75,000	49,450				124,450

Funding Sources	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Park Impact Fees	75,000	49,450				124,450
Total	75,000	49,450				124,450