



CITY OF MARSHFIELD
MEETING NOTICE

AGENDA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016 at 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL PLAZA

1. Call meeting to order – Chairman Buttke
2. Approval of minutes of December 14, 2015 Board of Public Works meetings
3. Citizen Comments
4. Presentation of 200 Block – Community Square Project – Presented by members of the Economic Development Board
5. Approval of plans and authorization to seek bids for Hackman Field Storage Building – Presented by Justin Casperson, Parks & Recreation Director
6. Award quotation for Trailer Mounted Pressure Washer for the Street Division – Presented by Mike Winch, Street Superintendent
7. Presentation on development of anti-icing program – Presented by Mike Winch, Street Superintendent
8. Approval of temporary cell tower locations in Grant Mini Park – Presented by Tom Turchi, City Engineer
9. Consideration of payment to Town of Cameron for lost road aids – Presented by Dan Knoeck, Director of Public Works
10. Downtown parking concerns update – Presented by Steve Barg, City Administrator
11. Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Chapter 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
 - Purchase of land for downtown parking lot expansion
12. Reconvene in Open Session
13. Action on matter discussed in closed session, if appropriate
14. Recommended items for future agendas
15. Adjournment

Posted this 15th day of January, 2016 at 4:00 PM by Daniel G. Knoeck, Director of Public Works

NOTE

It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS BACKGROUND

01/18/16

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See attached memo and plans. **Recommend approval and authorize advertising for bids.**
6. Award quotation for Trailer Mounted Pressure Washer for the Street Division – Presented by Mike Winch, Street Superintendent
See attached memo. **Recommend purchasing the trailer mounted pressure washer from Beaver of Wisconsin in the amount of \$19,650 and authorize execution of a purchase agreement.**
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This is an informational item only.
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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Buttke at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Tom Buttke, Ed Wagner, Gary Cummings, & Chris Jockheck

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alderman Earll; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Winch; Assistant Street Superintendent Hawley; City Planner Miller; Library Director Belongia; Joe Dolezal, the Boson Company; the media; and others.

PW15-138 Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the minutes of the November 30, 2015 Board of Public Works meeting.

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments – None

Joe Dolezal, The Boson Company, presented an update on the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library & Community Center construction. This was an informational item only.

PW15-139 Motion by Jockheck, second by Wagner to recommend approval of the low bid submitted by Earth, Inc. of Arpin, WI for crushing and stockpiling of the asphalt and concrete salvage from the 2015 construction season, at a cost of \$2.87 per ton, and authorize execution of a contract.

Motion Carried

City Planner Miller gave a presentation of the 200 block parking study. This was an informational item only.

PW15-140 Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to recommend approval of entering into a one year contract with Cummins NPower LLC of White Bear Lake, MN for maintenance of the City Hall emergency generator at a cost of \$2,449.21 and authorize execution of the contract.

Motion Carried

PW15-141 Motion by Feirer, second by Wagner to recommend that traffic control at the intersection of Becker Road and Galvin Avenue be changed to require traffic on Becker Road to stop for traffic on Galvin Avenue, that Day-Vis Blinker signs be installed along with advanced warning signs, that modifications to westbound speed limits approaching the City be made, and that the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations be amended to reflect the changes.

Motion Carried

City Engineer Turchi reviewed traffic crashes at the intersection of Blodgett Street and Ash Avenue. This was an informational item only.

PW15-142 – Motion by Cummings, second by Wagner to recommend that the downtown parking coupon book program be allowed to expire at the end of 2015.

Motion Carried

Recommended items for future agendas: Review of traffic control at the intersection of Blodgett Street and Ash Avenue. Alderman Earll asked that the Board continue discussion on the alternate side parking ordinance for ditched streets. Alderman Wagner asked that the Board continue discussion on downtown parking issues.

Motion by Cummings, second by Wagner that the meeting be adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS



City of Marshfield Memorandum

TO: Board of Public Works
FROM: Jason Angell, Director of Development Services
DATE: January 18, 2016

RE: Community Square – downtown redevelopment proposal

At tonight's meeting members of the Economic Development Board will be on hand to present and discuss a proposal they have been working on for the past couple months. The idea to construct a "Community Square" in the west 200 block of our downtown. As part of the presentation you will hear about the time and careful consideration that has been taken in preparing this proposal.

To assist the EDB in shaping this plan they looked to the existing and previously adopted Downtown Master Plan. Previous requests by Main Street Marshfield, Marshfield Business Improvement District and general statements regarding downtown gathering space were also recalled. To further define the plan, and more importantly to assess the community support levels, the EDB developed and administered numerous avenues to gather public feedback. It should be noted that although the majority of direct business owner meetings have been completed, members of the EDB are still working to meet with some of the owners. It is the Boards goal to complete these meetings by January 26th.

At their January 7, 2016 regular meeting, the EDB reviewed the feedback that had been received to date. After discussing the feedback and considering any suggested changes, the EDB unanimously approved moving the plan forward in the process with consideration being given to add a "shade structure in one or both dining areas" and to "consider adding wifi to the Square". The Board felt that the level of support for the proposal clearly out ways those that do not (total estimated support is 65-70% of all parties providing feedback through the various avenues provided).

For your consideration a copy of all public feedback that was received via the online survey, storyboard comment boxes (6 locations) and notes from direct business owner meetings completed to date, are attached. Also included in the Downtown Vision Statement and FAQ's that accompanied the storyboards. Unfortunately the file size of the actual plan is too large for us to include in this packet. However the plan will be available at the meeting and members of the EDB will take the time to clearly go over the plan and explain what it all entails.

Recommendation

The Marshfield Economic Development Board (EDB), on a unanimous vote, recommends that the Board of Public Works approve the plan to create a Community Square in the west 200 block of downtown.

Concurrence:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Barg".

Steve Barg, City Administrator

Attachments:

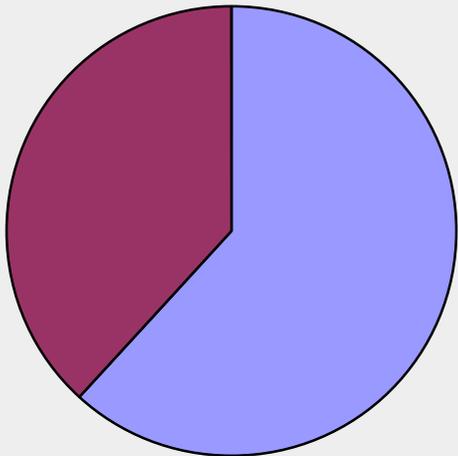
1. Online survey summary results
2. Direct business owner meeting notes
3. Downtown Vision Statement
4. Frequently Asked Questions

City of Marshfield Community Square (200 Block) Survey

Do you support the idea of constructing a Community Square in our downtown?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	61.8%	183
No	38.2%	113
<i>answered question</i>		296
<i>skipped question</i>		3

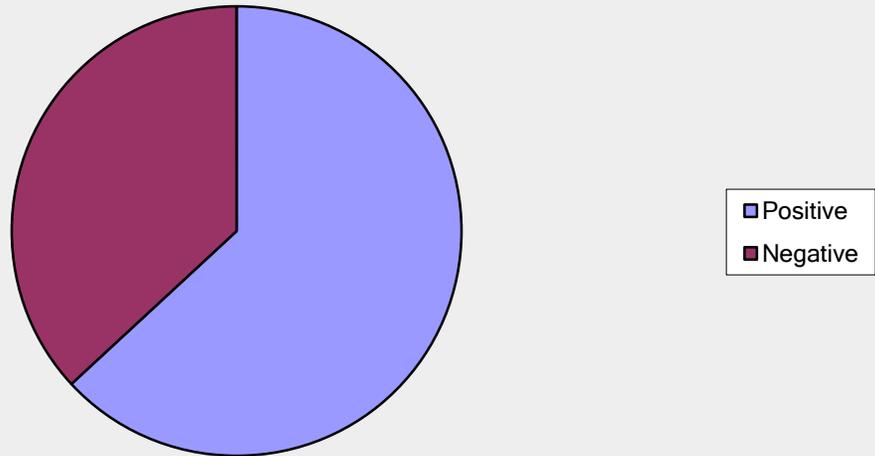
Do you support the idea of constructing a Community Square in our downtown?



What impact do you feel the proposed Community Square will have on the local economy?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Positive	63.1%	181
Negative	36.9%	106
<i>answered question</i>		287
<i>skipped question</i>		12

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City of Marshfield Community Square (200 Block) Survey

Comments

Answer Options		Response Count
		217
<i>answered question</i>		217
<i>skipped question</i>		82
Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jan 4, 2016 3:55 PM	we have a outdoor stage 2 blocks away in front of st. johns. we have an ice rink at pickle pond. we have farmer markets at festival and pick n save (notice the parking situation at those places during shopping). we have a park on 4th street about 4 blocks away. I have tenants that live on the same block as the Thomas house that can't find parking on certain nights because of the traffic from 2 restaurants and several bars. I also have tenants that their back door is facing this project. they will have the same problem, not being able to park on certain nights, during events or during the day because you are reducing the no# of parking spaces. its nice and pretty but we have a big area on 4th street that is a unused space. perfect place for this project. it already has parking available. downtown should be a place to support the people who live there and businesses that are trying to survive. since I'm a building owner (2 of them) and I pay the extra taxes for having them in the tif area my opinion should weigh more than someone who lives somewhere else. if you are willing to spend 1.2 million and pay whatever per year for the upkeep. then you should spend that money on a 2 or 3 story covered parking lot on half of that space and make money for the city by charging for parking permits and hourly parking. you have a major office building that has 20+ people working every day and other businesses that have patrons that come and go all day. do the math. build something that will make money and not pull more money out of Marshfield's budget.
2	Jan 2, 2016 10:15 PM	The costs exceed the benefits of the park. It would be more advantageous to have taxable buildings on site to generate revenue for the city.
3	Jan 2, 2016 7:01 PM	Need to maintain streets better before adding additional parks. Streets bring people to the center of the city. First impression is the maintenance of streets.
4	Jan 1, 2016 8:05 PM	Put this issue on a referendum and let the taxpayers choose. Also put the 2ND street project on the same referendum.

5	Jan 1, 2016 6:16 PM	Please add sun-shelter. I would more likely eat lunch, watch kids in the splash pad, sit and rest from biking, or listen to a noon-day concert if a shelter (open-sided is fine) were provided. Sitting in the direct sun is uncomfortable and not good for one's skin.
6	Jan 1, 2016 4:17 PM	the same money should be looked at for better developements and parking for the exiting parks.
7	Jan 1, 2016 4:02 AM	This is an exceptionally suburb idea! I am thrilled with the proposed "200 Block" park design. It will be in an ideal location that will be easy for residents and visitors to find downtown, and will draw local residents and visitors to downtown Marshfield. I would not change anything with the proposed plans. The splash pad will be popular. My sister lives in Atlanta and they have at least 3 splash pads there, which are used frequently by the residents there. The starburst pattern of sidewalks, just like the 400 Block in Wausau, will be conducive to Art Festivals or weekly Farmer's Markets in this 200 Block Park, where art vendors or produce/food vendors can line each side of the multiple sidewalks. The stage will be an excellent place for the Vox Concert series/other music concerts in the Summer, esp since the Park will likely have bathrooms (I don't believe Columbia Park has restrooms, which limits its usefulness for longer concerts). The creation of an ice rink every Winter, similar to what exists in downtown Milwaukee, will draw people to this Park in the Winter, which will really help out the local businesses with the increased pediastrian traffic in downtown during the Winter months. Also, this park will be located along the future greenway of the 2nd Street corridor, which makes it an ideal spot. I like the fact that in the design above, there will be ample parking by the Park in the alleyway, and that the mail dropboxes have been moved there (instead of eliminating the mailboxes). I would support this Park with a private donation. I am confident others will too. This Park should be created sooner than later.
8	Jan 1, 2016 12:02 AM	It is not needed. There is a park on each end of the downtown on chestnut ave. one park even has a bandshell. The parking lot across from the post office is full every day. Where do you plan to have parking for the post office. As a business owner downtown lets get the traffic on central to stop and allow pedestrians to cross central ave. let's get some of those pedestrian crossing signs at every uncontrolled intersection from ninth street to Becker rd. Also lets get the logging trucks off central.
9	Dec 31, 2015 1:58 PM	I think the ice rink idea is not necessary - judging by the number of people that use Pickle Pond every year, flooding 2 area outdoor rinks for skating would be wasteful. Unless Pickle Pond will no longer be used for this purpose, then an new ice rink would be fine. It would also need a small heated shelter.

10	Dec 30, 2015 11:26 PM	I'm not sure who conducted your study on vehicles parked in the current lot. I only know my personal experience- Sometimes it's easy to find a parking place. However, on numerous occasions I have had a tough time finding a parking place. I use this lot OFTEN! I am really wondering why this location is better than Columbia Park. It seems hidden and smaller than where Columbia Park is located. This whole plan to me would be exciting if located in Columbia Park. I am totally opposed to the proposed location - it will hurt the Daily Grind and my hair stylist (Victoria's) more than it will help their businesses in my opinion. If I can't find a parking place I will not continue going to their businesses (and I love them both!). Good Plan - absolutely horrible location!!
11	Dec 30, 2015 9:52 PM	bringing more people to uptown area for events--which means more money spent in the uptown area
12	Dec 30, 2015 9:15 PM	I truly believe we need to make improvements to our community that will draw persons from other communities to visit. Additionally, our children deserve a special place like this. It would also be fantastic to have an updated pool in Marshfield.
13	Dec 30, 2015 8:37 PM	Downtown Marshfield is NOT a strolling downtown. It is destination shopping and businesses. Why would there only be 1 block of one-way streets going opposite directions nonetheless. How confusing? The whole fiasco between the cc and the business owners was ridiculous. Shaming prominent business owners in public should NEVER happen. How embarrassing. My main concern is who is going to maintain it and who is going to clean the tables and monitor it. We are not Wausau. Looks like we are copying them.
14	Dec 30, 2015 8:24 PM	Hopefully this will encourage more stores to open in the area. Specialty shops or restaurants.
15	Dec 30, 2015 8:05 PM	Parking around the Post Office is already limited, especially in winter. For senior citizens, even trying to cross the street from the current lot is a challenge due to piles of snow frequently left by the plows at the crosswalk. Also, we currently have an excellent park with the tennis courts and ball fields just two blocks away. If you want a green space, make just the former News-Herald lot into a park and leave the parking lot where it currently is.
16	Dec 30, 2015 7:48 PM	It will draw people to Marshfield and downtown. Will the back of the alley buildings be renovated? Consider having a small playground for children and a public bathroom in the park.
17	Dec 30, 2015 6:10 PM	More effort should be put into providing downtown housing, new stores, restaurants,etc. and utilizing empty buildings rather than continuing to eliminate parking (i.e. Burlington) and removing commercial property from the tax roll.
18	Dec 30, 2015 4:48 PM	I would rather see this amount of money being used for the poor and homeless in our town. More community care for those in need.

19	Dec 30, 2015 3:56 PM	<p>We believe that the proposed downtown community square will not have a positive effect in promoting the downtown area. Features of the proposed park are not needed because they are duplicates of similar features located in other parts of the city (most of them in the downtown area except the swimming pool, which would probably be smaller than Hefko Pool and may distract from the latter's use). Also, additional funds would probably be needed in the budget for park maintenance, requiring a higher property tax rate.¶</p> <p>A one way street (W 2nd), which would be the only one in the city, would be confusing and undesirable because it would discourage visitors, and residents, not knowing that the one way is only one block long. If the park is built, it should definitely not create a one way street. That street should still have two way traffic, and should still have street parking, which could be parallel or angle. There should be street parking on W 3rd on that end of the proposed park, so that the number of parking spaces would not be reduced substantially.¶</p> <p>David and Connie Sochan, 310 W 28th Cir¶ Gloria R., 606 S Walnut Ave</p>
20	Dec 30, 2015 3:43 PM	Waste of taxpayer money.
21	Dec 30, 2015 2:58 PM	Our streets need attention first
22	Dec 30, 2015 1:47 PM	There will be poor parking for the post office. We already have a location for concerts and it is rarely used.
23	Dec 30, 2015 1:43 PM	You say we will only lose 8 or 10 parking places with the park. BS. We aren't stupid we are just heading for the poor house trying to pay for everything you think you need.
24	Dec 30, 2015 1:14 PM	It can help make the downtown (and Marshfield in general) "The Place" to be. Make it beautiful and functional as per the original plan, and people will come.
25	Dec 30, 2015 4:43 AM	This is written as a downtown businessperson. The primary beneficiaries of these downtown revitalization ideas are the consultants who recommend them. I asked someone involved in the planning of the Second Street redevelopment project what the criteria are that will be used to determine if it is a success...his response led me to believe there are not any, other than " we need to try something."
26	Dec 30, 2015 3:42 AM	I think having the park would be a wonderful addition to our town. However, I think the name of the project needs to change. I think Hub City Park would be more appropriate. The location is perfect, especially to bring more people to Upham Mansion. It would be swell to have a Roaring 20s Gala utilizing the park, Upham Mansion, and the Chestnut Center! With the road and parking spaces surrounding the park, a fence of some kind would add a safety measure for little children. Also, make sure there are garbages available!

27	Dec 30, 2015 3:26 AM	I like the idea of the new park in general ... but ... not sure it will be enough land to hold events with enough space for seating. And parking is already scare in that specific area of town with the popular business ... people already have those parking spaces filled. The idea of the park might work if it was a full block long. (And yes I know the cost would at least be double.) Also one thought would be to fence in 2 sides of park just to be a safer zone for parents with small children who like to roam and if it would be a park that was dog friendly. ☐ ☐ .
28	Dec 30, 2015 3:25 AM	Although this is a great idea, I recommend simplifying the plan and put the money towards renovating Hefko pool.
29	Dec 30, 2015 1:43 AM	I have no opinion regarding question 2. I don't feel we need another "park" in the downtown area. Even if funds are raised through contributions, how will the ongoing needs and maintenance costs be met? With tax payer dollars? And who will be taking responsibility for policing the area from homeless individuals and loitering? I doubt if our police department would have the manpower to take on this responsibility when they obviously don't even have the manpower to control traffic from driving through red lights and stop signs. Perhaps the City should consider cameras at intersections and the resulting fine monies can then be used for upkeep, etc. of the Community Square. I have no doubt that the Community Square will become a reality.....I, for one, will not be using it.
30	Dec 30, 2015 1:34 AM	it would add endless possibilities and opportunities for the down town area
31	Dec 30, 2015 1:27 AM	I had total knee replacement surgery in April. There were many numerous appointments associated with it, which meant riding in a car. I would dread the thought of it because the city streets are in such disrepair, I was constantly being jostled in pain!! (and I am not an elderly person) Our alderman said years ago, the street we live on isn't even in the 10 year plan. All the streets to get to the many appointments were horrid!! I suggest street maintenance and repair are more important than a park. Also, the stores downtown are "destination" stores, not browsing, as it has been suggested.
32	Dec 30, 2015 1:03 AM	Park is a good idea....but lets not forget about the pool and need for a water park !
33	Dec 30, 2015 12:13 AM	The city should absolutely do this. It would draw more people downtown and our city needs a central gathering area. Personally, it would be much nicer to take my kids to a farmer's market at a park than a parking lot. Also, the city council needs to start investing in our town. Medicine is going to come more and more competitive and the city needs to realize that if we are going to stay viable. With Highway 10 done, Marshfield has to compete with all the towns along Interstate 39 and this would be a great way to start.
34	Dec 29, 2015 10:56 PM	Parking for the Post Office is insufficient. I recommend 10 parking spaces on the Park across from the Post Office.

35	Dec 29, 2015 10:35 PM	Stupid waste of money!!!
36	Dec 29, 2015 10:10 PM	Why not restore some of the current parks instead of creating another one, such as Columbia Park.
37	Dec 29, 2015 10:06 PM	Stop wasting money on stupid crap like that, beating the "downtown" dead horse, colored crosswalks, libraries we don't need, and whatever else and just fix the streets. We need another park like another hole in the head.
38	Dec 29, 2015 9:15 PM	lets spend money on with while roads and other maintance thing instead of spending on things that will not bring people to the downtown area. kids will have another place to hang out loiter and cause trouble. people are losing jobs and you want to keep spending our money.[] [] Find a growing "light industry" that would love access to the Post Office and the downtown which is highly rated but under- shopped. All the fine places to dine and window shop would trump our existing business park employee" lunch time" access to these great benefits. Our "Main Street" merchants would be thrilled to see a large increase in pedestrian traffic and the City would be collecting tax money instead of wasting it on projects that duplicate what we already have.
39	Dec 29, 2015 9:03 PM	We have many park areas already downtown. We do not need to spend more at this time. Spend the money to fix the streets in town instead!!
40	Dec 29, 2015 8:32 PM	Road maintenance, or lack thereof, is a primary concern in our city. What will happen to the stage area in Columbia Park? It sounds like it will be set aside and forgotten as a popular venue. Why are we looking to create new areas, when we should be maintaining and upgrading the ones we have so they do not fall into disrepair, which have been a mainstay of Marshfield.
41	Dec 29, 2015 6:31 PM	I am not opposed to a Community Square however I fear the proposed location will result in reduced parking in an area where we need all the parking spaces that are there now.
42	Dec 29, 2015 6:14 PM	What is wrong with Columbia Park. That is very, very close to downtown and is underutilized. We do not need another park.
43	Dec 29, 2015 6:00 PM	By looking at the plan, I feel other ideas could be incorporated to the overall feel of the area. [] Have another landscape company design draw a design
44	Dec 29, 2015 5:58 PM	Most citizens would benefit from walking a few extra steps to get to the post office! The designs are beautiful.
45	Dec 29, 2015 5:54 PM	The \$1.2 million would be better used for street repairs. Marshfield already has many locations that can be used for this same purpose: fairgrounds, Wildwood Park, Columbia Park (band shelter), Brehm Park, school property, Holiday Inn, etc. It's not necessary to always build new, new, new! I don't see a return on money spent for this project for the City of Marshfield.

46	Dec 29, 2015 5:47 PM	A frivolous expense for a limited use park on an unattractive street. The money could be better used for maintenance of existing infrastructure. We don't believe that if you build it they will come!
47	Dec 29, 2015 5:24 PM	I think it is a great idea and will compliment the new library and revitalize this portion of downtown. I don't see business flocking to this area and it would increase traffic and business development.
48	Dec 29, 2015 5:08 PM	It will create more parking issues in the downtown, especially in the winter. We have enough green space in the city and it could turn into a night time problem like Wausau has.
49	Dec 29, 2015 4:56 PM	Mfld needs a space like this to inhance our community. We have attended several events in Wausau's 400 block and witnessed the positive community spirit. Go for it!
50	Dec 29, 2015 4:55 PM	Attractive, yes. Needed or beneficial, NO. Parks do not generate tax revenue, they cost money to maintain and remove(valuable commercial) property from the tax rolls. The Parks and Recreation Dept. has reduced staff to the point our existing parks and zoo are not maintained and serviced as they should be.¶
51	Dec 29, 2015 4:50 PM	I think it would be nice to have somewhere to go on a nice summer night Wausau has something like this and it is used all the time it would be a great addition to marshfield
52	Dec 29, 2015 4:39 PM	Too expensive. Land would be better used for a business downtown which generates tax dollars. We already have ONE park downtown. That's enough!
53	Dec 29, 2015 4:00 PM	We already have Columbia Park with a stage just a few blocks North. We need more private buildings that pay taxes in order to ease the tax burden for the rest of the community.
54	Dec 29, 2015 3:37 PM	JUST ANOTHER WAY FOR MARSHFIELD TO WASTE MORE TAX PAYER MONEY, WHY TRY TO COPY WAUSAU'S DOWNTOWN 400 BLOCK, CANNOT BE DONE.
55	Dec 29, 2015 3:17 PM	A boost for downtown, and a great perk for the near by businesses.
56	Dec 29, 2015 3:16 PM	There will virtually be no parking for businesses nor for the Chestnut Center. There is only one restaurant in the area for possible outdoor dining. Where would the mailboxes be relocated. This block is very busy with traffic to the post office.
57	Dec 29, 2015 3:15 PM	take the 1.2 million and put towards the School Athletic fields that we need so we can compete with the other schools we have very good athletes here and when you go to other schools and see what they have for there facilities it make Marshfield look Poor Come on lets help the Kids out
58	Dec 29, 2015 2:54 PM	With a minimal loss of parking spaces, an attractive gathering place would be created. Looks lovely. The progress that is already done in other spots on Central will only be enhanced by this improvement.
59	Dec 29, 2015 2:36 PM	Waste of tax money. There are plenty of parks in the surrounding area. It is not worth the cost for the 3 events a year that will be successful.

60	Dec 29, 2015 2:06 PM	I do not think it will have any effect on economy. I question the cost of the splash pad and ice skating areas. I think you are trying to add too much to such a small space.
61	Dec 29, 2015 2:01 PM	The city currently has no focal point. This has excellent proximity to the Chestnut Center and the athletic fields and is more welcoming for community festivals than a blocked off city street. Please move forward with this plan.
62	Dec 29, 2015 1:33 PM	The concept of a downtown park is nice but I question the location with Columbia park so close.
63	Dec 29, 2015 1:22 PM	We need a new or much improved swimming pool, better roads and many other improvements more than another park. Put a splash pad by wildwood zoo where families and kids are now hanging out!
64	Dec 29, 2015 1:05 PM	Actually, there should have been another choice (neutral). I do not believe this would be either positive nor negative.
65	Dec 29, 2015 12:07 PM	This survey is very limited....I do support a proposed park in this location, but not supporting the SIZE OF THE PARK. I would like to see a much smaller park, so that a percentage of this land could still remain open for future development, and something that would appear on the tax roll for the city. I also feel that REDUCING the amount of parking, and creating more activities that would DEMAND more parking does not equate. THANK YOU
66	Dec 29, 2015 11:52 AM	This park could become a site similar to Wausau's 400 Block, an obvious asset to the Wausau area, offering another reason for residents to stay in town.
67	Dec 29, 2015 11:51 AM	Having no one way streets- always a positive for visitors to our community. I owned a business downtown for 20 years- clients always complained about lack of parking in this area. City crews are already frustrated by extra time needed to clear snow from landscaped lots & extended intersections. CUSTOMERS are needed for strong downtown businesses-CUSTOMERS need convenient parking. How many EMPTY storefronts because of lack of convenient CUSTOMER access?
68	Dec 29, 2015 11:33 AM	Use Columbia Park for concerts, etc. Why aren't we putting money into maintaining our nice main street? There are holes in the street that aren't being taken care, waiting for a pedestrian to get hurt first? You have all these grandiose ideas for the city but once they are constructed you don't take care if them and go on to another project.
69	Dec 29, 2015 8:28 AM	I am all for green space, but S. J. Miller Recreation, Strohmman Park, Columbia Park, Veteran's Park, and the newly added Hardacre Park are all in this central Marshfield area. I would rather see the city take care of what they already have and replace our municipal swimming pool. The current pool is an eyesore. The area being considered for the Community Square should be commercial property that adds to the tax base. A new aquatic center would have a greater impact on the local economy than a Community Square.
70	Dec 29, 2015 3:47 AM	Marshfield needs more community based areas for families to go to spend their free time. We'd definitely be in favor of and use the area often...especially the splash pad!

71	Dec 29, 2015 3:38 AM	We need the parking and there are much better ways to send a million of taxes dollars. Are roads are in sad shape.
72	Dec 29, 2015 3:13 AM	City streets need repairs more than we need another park for kids to hang out. How will you pay for the upkeep when you can't keep our streets in good repair? Spend the money on the streets. Fix the pot holes.
73	Dec 29, 2015 12:16 AM	We need something like this downtown.
74	Dec 28, 2015 11:12 PM	There are plenty of streets in this TIFF district that need repair. But I guess as long as the high-horses don't travel them, they aren't important, right?
75	Dec 28, 2015 10:54 PM	Utilize Columbia Park for concerts etc. Where will the post office drive up boxes be? What will the maintenance costs be? Lunch - maybe six months. Ice rink We have one that is very seldom used.
76	Dec 28, 2015 10:49 PM	We need events and that will bring people downtown
77	Dec 28, 2015 10:39 PM	LOVE the dining areas, concert area, splash pad and possible ice skating rink during winter - all brilliant! I would consider seasonal canvas sun covers somewhere in the park during the summer months, and reconsider the eastern row of pine trees as they block sight lines. So excited!!
78	Dec 28, 2015 10:15 PM	need a place for dogs to get some water, there is none while out walking with them.
79	Dec 28, 2015 9:50 PM	Leave the parking lot. We have a performance space at Columbia park already. Put the splash pad at the pool or Wildwood or work with the YMCA on the indoor pool and splash pad space that can be used year round
80	Dec 28, 2015 9:48 PM	We have plenty of parks one is two blocks away and another is just three or four blocks away. We should use the money on the local pool it could use a water slide and new large diving board to draw people in.
81	Dec 28, 2015 9:35 PM	Keep the parking across from the Post Office
82	Dec 28, 2015 9:29 PM	Instead of spending \$1.2m on a park very few would use how about spending \$1.2m on repairing pot holes on our city streets that would benefit many.
83	Dec 28, 2015 9:26 PM	I feel it is a duplication of existing equipment. Stage at Columbia Park, new Hardacre Park has funding for music. Splash pad nice but should've near playground, possibly at Wildwood Park. No one hangs out downtown and thus won't help. Looks to decrease parking for post office.

84	Dec 28, 2015 9:19 PM	Being an almost lifelong resident of Marshfield with the exception of a few winters as a snowbird and a short time living in several other cities/areas of our country, I have seen what other communities have done to enhance the quality of life for their residents as well as what some other communities have NOT done. Marshfield, in my collective 75 year opinion, has mostly been a very conservative minded, "leave it as is, don't make changes" community and more than a few "keeping up with the times" ideas have been talked down by a minority of citizens AND local business and industry. In those 75 mostly Marshfield years of observation, not much has changed in how Marshfield looked in the 1940s and 1950s from how it looks today in comparison to other cities. The population of Marshfield in 1950 was approximately 13,000. In 65 years, and having one of the leading Medical facilities in Wisconsin and the Midwest, our city has grown only 6,000 in population. There has to be a reason for that. There has to be a reason most Marshfield homegrown young people can't wait to leave, and not many older people are drawn to Marshfield in spite of the great Medical system here. Marshfield needs to move out of the mid-20th century. This is a start. We have more than enough half filled parking lots in the downtown area. Activities and interesting stores bring people in, empty stores and parking lots do nothing. Thanks for listening.
85	Dec 28, 2015 8:33 PM	Please consider using landscape plantings that are not only beautiful and easy to maintain, but also edible. Examples would be apple trees, black and red currants, raspberries, rhubarb, hazelnuts, asparagus, sun chokes, blueberry bushes, rugosa roses, and perennial herbs (aka mints) and flowers.
86	Dec 28, 2015 8:29 PM	I can't answer either question until I know where the money is coming from.
87	Dec 28, 2015 8:28 PM	A simple green space. Trees and grass. A few benches. A couple picnic tables. Serenity in the city
88	Dec 28, 2015 8:08 PM	I'm hoping this happens!! Would be great for summertime!
89	Dec 28, 2015 8:05 PM	Be sure to "pretty up" the backs of the buildings that will face the park. I drove by that area today and noticed how ugly the backs of the buildings are.
90	Dec 28, 2015 8:05 PM	It will give local families something to do that wont cost anything!
91	Dec 28, 2015 7:58 PM	Please explain why this is needed when Columbia Park is only 3 blocks away? If the stage are in Columbia Park needs improvement, then improve it!!!! I bet it could be done for a little less than this will cost.
92	Dec 28, 2015 7:58 PM	Love a green Marshfield. Beautiful gathering area.
93	Dec 28, 2015 7:48 PM	This would be a great way to start bringing back the festivities to the downtown that have over time been moved away. It would be great to see everything from Dairyfest, Hub City Days, etc. back downtown vs. at the fairgrounds. This would also make for a great way to host more events without the strain of shutting down S. Central Av. such as for the Block Parties.
94	Dec 28, 2015 7:47 PM	I think the city of marshfield would be dumb to waste that kind of money on some thing so dumb put the money to good use!!!!!! Like some street repairs!!!!!!

95	Dec 28, 2015 7:35 PM	This town already has Columbia Park, the park by city hall, Bream park and Wildwood., this is a waste of the town's money.
96	Dec 28, 2015 7:08 PM	Waste of money
97	Dec 28, 2015 6:38 PM	I have lived in Marshfield my whole life and think this would be supremely beneficial. I think it would be a ten times better venue for the Vox Music concerts as well. It would also be a great opportunity for The Daily Grind to either expand on hours and menu choices, OR for another restaurant dining company to come in on that side of Central Avenue and have outdoor back end seating.
98	Dec 28, 2015 6:25 PM	It would be great to have more places to take the kids during all the different seasons.
99	Dec 28, 2015 6:22 PM	\$1.2 million. I feel the money would be better spent on fighting the heroin problem we have. You want long term economic growth, start with that.
100	Dec 28, 2015 6:18 PM	Kids need things to do in Marshfield. I'm tired of the same old things we currently have...and I dislike having to take my kids to neighboring cities to to things-keep it local! I know this will bring people from surrounding areas to Marshfield!
101	Dec 28, 2015 6:18 PM	It is a major waste of tax payer money and makes no sense.
102	Dec 28, 2015 6:15 PM	Build this. Nothing wrong can come from it!! It could be used in so many ways with festivities, 5k runs, craft shows, endless ideas
103	Dec 28, 2015 6:01 PM	Marshfield should focus on getting our roads fixed up before building more parks. We should also finish other building projects like the library.
104	Dec 28, 2015 5:59 PM	GO 4 IT PEOPLE OF MFLD WI 54449 USA!!!
105	Dec 28, 2015 5:59 PM	I feel that it will give people more to do in the city. I wish that we had an ice rink open all year round though :(
106	Dec 28, 2015 5:52 PM	You are taking away parking for most of the businesses there. It shows parking stalls but if people are at this "park" where do the others park when no stalls are available when they have appointments in these businesses. Also feel that it could be quite dangerous for children to run out into the streets easily. And putting the side road a one way street is stupid. We are NOT step up to be like Wausau or St. Point!
107	Dec 28, 2015 5:52 PM	Marshfield will benefit from a town square where different activities can be held to draw people into the downtown area. These activities could range from small concerts to farmers markets, etc.
108	Dec 28, 2015 5:48 PM	You currently have a park a few blocks to the north and to the south. Either of these parks are currently not used very much. I do think the city could better spend our money.
109	Dec 28, 2015 5:46 PM	I think it's a great idea to have a place for community right in the middle of Downtown. Marshfield should be growing and we need big-city ideas if we want that to happen.
110	Dec 28, 2015 5:39 PM	Although I responded to the affirmative in the 2 questions above, that does not mean I support the current Community Square concept. I believe these questions could lead to incorrect conclusions because they are so limited.

111	Dec 28, 2015 5:37 PM	There are very nice parks within a few blocks north and south of the proposed Community Square. Money does not need to be spent to create another such area. Supporting and helping existing and new businesses, preserving historic buildings and landmarks, and providing adequate and business-friendly parking, in my mind, are what is needed to keep our downtown alive. At Christmastime, my sister, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, drove through Marshfield on Central Avenue and commented on how alive our downtown section looks with thriving businesses and cute little shops. That, and good restaurants, are what draws people downtown. (I have lived and worked professionally here for over 40 years.)
112	Dec 28, 2015 5:37 PM	If we have \$1.2 million to spend on a park, maybe a tax decrease is in order.
113	Dec 28, 2015 5:31 PM	This is a great idea!
114	Dec 28, 2015 5:09 PM	I responded no and negative because I'm not sure what this space is trying to accomplish that both Veterans Park and Columbia Park can't accomplish. Also I would want more details on how much tax revenue is needed to maintain the park once it is completed.
115	Dec 28, 2015 5:03 PM	Wonderful idea
116	Dec 28, 2015 4:59 PM	Question number two should have another choice of "Very Little Positive Impact." Input from the community was not sought. Prior to asking the community the City already funded and had the drawings. Now the citizens of Marshfield will have to endure even higher taxes. The community is over taxed as it is.....
117	Dec 28, 2015 4:53 PM	St his should enAble marshfield residents to come for music and congregating; somewhat what Warsaw has done. It will certainly beautify this area.
118	Dec 28, 2015 4:50 PM	Who is responsible for maintenance? The city owned properties look terrible! City hall park, cemetery, fire department, parking lots, Columbia park, zoo, to mention a few. The weeds are higher than the shrubs! Veterans parkway is the only space that is maintained along with the Rotary spaces. You can't rely on only volunteers. Main Street does not do enough. I shutter to think what this space will look like. Also parking will be used up by the majority of the employees on central Ave. Clients will have to walk a block or two to get to the businesses (especially the elderly) . Not all have a rear entrance. Ice rink???-where is the warming house? Not a good plan!
119	Dec 28, 2015 4:44 PM	I would take out the band shell and make more parking spaces.
120	Dec 28, 2015 4:38 PM	Would promote & support downtown area especially if activities span all ages and help encourage use by younger generations.
121	Dec 28, 2015 4:38 PM	This design is HORRIBLE!! Why in the world would you remove parking across from the post office? You're decreasing parking spaces and hoping to increase the number of vehicles that need to park the area? Very disappointing. Please remember those who still utilize the post office for daily business needs. Using the parking lot by the police department is not an acceptable solution.
122	Dec 28, 2015 4:35 PM	We need more green space downtown.

123	Dec 28, 2015 2:30 PM	I'm really indifferent about the creation of this park; I think it would add a lot from an appeal perspective to this area. If the idea behind this park though is to get more people to spend money downtown, I don't think that this will serve that purpose. Yes, it would get more people into that area and may bring some additional business in the downtown but for the most part, the people who want to spend money downtown already do - we are a small town where it takes 10 minutes to drive anywhere so I don't believe people look at having to make the most of their trips like they do in a bigger city where a single trip may be 30 min to hour - I don't believe people would look at having to combine shopping and trip to the park in one, if they are going to the park, that is what they are doing; not a big deal to go to park, head home, and come right back to same area to do shopping because it really doesn't take long to get around. My biggest question is what happens to Columbia Park or what does this add that Columbia Park doesn't have - I see in the FAQ that the response is that this is downtown and Columbia Park isn't - these two parks would be 2-3 blocks apart and appear to offer essentially the same amenities; if someone isn't willing to walk downtown from Columbia Park, do you really think that being 2-3 blocks closer will make a difference; based on this proposed location, people will still need to walk to get downtown. I think a better use of these funds would be an update to Hefko pool with a gradual transition to a waterpark - I think this would have better return with higher fees that could be charged and likely higher number of visitors to the pool. Overall, I'm really not sure how I feel so I've put that I'm not in favor of this park. Additionally, I really don't think that it would have a negative impact on the economy but also don't feel that it would have significant enough impact to say it would be positive either - I really think it would be pretty comparable to how it is now.
124	Dec 27, 2015 2:16 PM	this would bring enjoyment and inspire business to cater to this area
125	Dec 25, 2015 4:01 PM	I love every bit of this idea. A multi purpose, appealing place for our community will definitely add value and draw people!
126	Dec 25, 2015 2:55 AM	Stupid waste of tax money
127	Dec 25, 2015 2:38 AM	Developments such as this are necessary for the long term vitality and viability of downtown.
128	Dec 24, 2015 8:01 PM	He have Columbia park that doesn't get used. Do something with that instead of taking parking away. I hate parking on the street
129	Dec 24, 2015 7:47 PM	I get Marshfield has a lot of older residents but we need things like this to attract new families to the area. My husband and I are always looking for places to eat that have outdoor seating. It would be great if there would be tables and we could get our food from the grind and sit outside. I would also like to see a new outdoor aquatics center when looking at future developments/parks.
130	Dec 24, 2015 5:42 PM	Incorporating a pretty gazebo on the northern edge (rather than just a planter) would be pretty.
131	Dec 24, 2015 5:03 PM	Would be awesome for our kids--splash pad and ice skating! There isn't enough for little kids to do in town besides playgrounds.

132	Dec 24, 2015 2:22 PM	Two blocks North Columbia Park, three blocks South Veterans Park, three blocks West Miller Park and sixteen other parks in the city. Most taxpayers I speak with wonder why this but believe it because you spent the tax dollars buying up the failed businesses that were paying property taxes downtown and can't a business to build in the dying downtown. Buying the News Herald Building should give you good press however. This is just another waste of taxpayer money much like the waste of time completing this survey that will never get used!
133	Dec 23, 2015 8:52 PM	Move these ideas to Columbia Park instead.
134	Dec 23, 2015 8:12 PM	When looking at the city landscape there really isn't a better location at this time. As a father of a young family always looking for spaces just like this I couldn't welcome it more!
135	Dec 23, 2015 8:04 PM	This would be a great addition to the community. It reminds me of places like San Antonio where they have a River Walk or even Kansas City's Country Club Plaza. It all takes time and money but I could see this becoming a real attraction as it is decorated for holiday events, becomes the center piece for community gatherings and a welcome refresh to the downtown area.
136	Dec 23, 2015 6:42 PM	Great idea! What a wonderful addition this would make.
137	Dec 23, 2015 6:37 PM	Look forward to ice skating here
138	Dec 23, 2015 6:20 PM	Love this design. Very beautiful. Hope it is well-lit at night!
139	Dec 23, 2015 6:10 PM	Awesome idea!
140	Dec 23, 2015 5:34 PM	The splash pad idea may not be necessary as it would be of such limited usage (Wisconsin climate).
141	Dec 23, 2015 3:58 PM	I love the idea and the proximity to the Chestnut Center! ¶ ¶ The one and only thing I do not like about the idea is the splash pad. To me it just seems out of place. I wouldn't want to take my kids downtown where there isn't a fence, high traffic area for people and cars. Just seems like a liability for the city to me. I would much prefer to take my children to Hefko or the holiday inn. I also think it is a bit out of place and wouldn't really add value to the space. It may even take away from the space in my opinion. Less standing room / spots for vendors for events. It may keep people from coming to the park because there are a bunch of wet munchkins running around. ¶ ¶ Other than the splash pad I LOVE the idea and think it would add a great place for the people of Marshfield!
142	Dec 23, 2015 12:03 PM	This design will help to enhance our community and specifically the downtown!
143	Dec 23, 2015 9:05 AM	Would love to see some kind of activity like a splash pad or park.
144	Dec 23, 2015 4:41 AM	The idea of having another space for our community to gather is great! So glad that our city is always striving to make our community a better place to call home.

145	Dec 23, 2015 4:36 AM	First of all, that area is not as large as it appears in this rendering. Second, Columbia park is a couple blocks away, with a stage. Make improvements there instead. Why not literally make this green space with sidewalks cross-crossing through it? I don't support this project.
146	Dec 23, 2015 3:57 AM	Great idea to bring more people out downtown. Downtown really needs that space. It's so cold and non-green now. People will go, just like in Wausau. Movies in the Park would be great their. You could do a chalk fest as well.
147	Dec 23, 2015 3:28 AM	Splash pad is a must!
148	Dec 23, 2015 3:00 AM	I think it makes great use of property that has been an eyesore in what is otherwise a wonderful downtown area.
149	Dec 23, 2015 2:26 AM	Love the idea. Green space is always good. Like the idea of flooding it during the winter for an ice rink.
150	Dec 23, 2015 2:21 AM	A lot of concern about downtown parking...you are removing valuable parking lot/s.
151	Dec 23, 2015 2:12 AM	Like larger cities it has the potential to also bring undesirables into the area, more crime and therefore loss of revenue as people will not want to shop in that particular area. I lived in Chicago...saw this kind of thing happen in neighborhoods before.
152	Dec 23, 2015 2:03 AM	It takes up the parking across from the post office for limited use. We have a similar park 4 blocks from there. Renovate that park and make this space more parking for downtown
153	Dec 23, 2015 2:01 AM	Green space so needed in downtown. Will help attract young people downtown.
154	Dec 23, 2015 1:56 AM	I know the parking will be questioned, but I personally have not had an issue with parking downtown to this point. I think it's a great starting point. What the downtown really needs is entertainment and more dining and I think this is a aesthetic starting point with practical use.
155	Dec 23, 2015 1:54 AM	Would make a beautiful and useful addition to Mainstreet Marshfield! I look forward to bringing my children to play on the splash pad and skate on the rink. I think the space would be well used and help revitalize the block.
156	Dec 23, 2015 1:49 AM	Why not retrofit the Columbia Park to look like this and turn the proposed area into something else? I don't have a better idea for that area though...
157	Dec 23, 2015 1:42 AM	Put the money in making the pool nicer. Add a splash pad there so it's all in one area for families and close to the park. Why recreate when you can add to what we have and make it nice. Seems like a huge waste of money to me.
158	Dec 23, 2015 1:34 AM	I feel that the splash pad area will not be large enough to accommodate the amount of people that will most likely use it!
159	Dec 23, 2015 12:57 AM	What is the purpose of the large size of the hard surface north of the splash pad?
160	Dec 22, 2015 8:47 PM	Marshfield needs a centralized gathering place. It should be modeled after Wausau's 400 Block and supported and administrated by it's own governing authority to promote and assure it's highest utilization.

161	Dec 21, 2015 11:42 PM	I would like to see an area dedicated to food trucks as this is becoming quite an option for lunch in many cities. Please make sure any furniture you have is weather proof, not wood that needs constant upkeep.
162	Dec 21, 2015 9:23 PM	Great idea to get the community together and should also hold more events throughout the year instead of the main Dairy Fest activities and Band concerts.[]
163	Dec 21, 2015 2:58 AM	The Community Square will draw people to the downtown for entertainment and exercise. It will be a great place for concerts, craft shows, and other venues. Focus on green space to enhance the environment ie trees, shrubs and flowers. A water feature sounds great, too.
164	Dec 19, 2015 10:06 PM	I routinely use this area to park when visiting downtown businesses. There are times when I have a hard time finding a parking space that is not a 15 minute limit in this lot. I would think that the best thing you could do for downtown is make parking easier for the visitor and employees of the downtown businesses....wouldn't that bring more to your downtown?[] [] I am also a volunteer Master Gardener in the city of Marshfield...there are green spaces and parks that the park and rec city employees have difficulty maintaining already and you want to add to that schedule. It is always easy and exciting to come up with a new idea but no thought goes into the long term cost of upkeep and maintenance. Check out the condition of the park next to the plaza building or the plantings around Wildwood Station. Yes, we all love a green space but tell us how and who will clean up the litter, prune the trees and shrubs, mow the lawn, rake the leaves, replace the things that die, etc. Sure a few trees and a couple picnic tables would be nice but keep the project within your budget for time and money for the next 20 years. More importantly maintain the projects the city has already invested in.
165	Dec 19, 2015 7:40 PM	Although I like the idea, I thought that the original justification of purchasing these properties was to revitalize the downtown with new businesses, and thereby add to the tax base. I understand that no businesses were interested, but now there will be no possibility of adding to the tax base, plus there will be ongoing maintenance costs, even if 100% of the construction cost was provided by donations.[] [] The city spent a good deal of money on the properties already, between the purchase and demolition. It would be interesting to go back and see if the city council would have voted to buy these two properties if they were told up front that the purpose was to build a park.
166	Dec 19, 2015 4:21 PM	You already have Columbia Park only a few blocks away. I see no reason to develop another park this close to an existing park. This would just be a waste of my tax dollars!

167	Dec 19, 2015 3:04 PM	Downtown businesses are largely specialty businesses. Most potential customers will shop for something specific and leave. The potential impact to the downtown economy at best will likely be very little. Sacrificing potential parking (which downtown businesses have indicated is needed) seems counterproductive. Turning second street into a one way street was viewed by Marshfield residents in an earlier survey as unpopular. Instead of inconveniencing motorists trying to negotiate one way downtown streets to gain a couple more parking spaces, why not turn this area into parking without having to establish one way streets, something that even some businesses are not in favor of. It's difficult not to consider both plans as being something that is being thrust upon us, regardless of the opinions of Marshfield residents and businesses.
168	Dec 19, 2015 2:07 PM	Although the concept is nice, the city currently has a band shell at Columbia Park and Hefko pool is a better water recreation area. Using the property for the other listed features and events is a good idea.

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Dec 18, 2015 11:33 PM

I find it sad that there is a proposal to waste tax-payer money to develop something the city does not need. Having visited the Wausau splash pad in Marathon Park quite often when my children were younger, I have always felt it would be a great thing to have, but part of what makes the Wausau splash pad so nice is its location in Marathon Park (away from downtown, in a park with plenty of trees and shade). The Marshfield splash pad would be much nicer as part of Wildwood Park! ☐

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Regarding the "Concert Venue": Is there not an historic concert venue a few blocks away in Columbia Park? Is it used so often that a second venue is needed? Or is the long term plan to level that piece of history in the name of "progress"? ☐

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Dining areas: Seriously??? As I commented on a survey awhile ago regarding the "2nd street" proposal, the nearest restaurants are at least a block away, and there are nearly no close buildings conducive to opening a restaurant. ☐

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I see the one-way street option is still being looked into. Look back at history, please! This was proposed in the past and greatly opposed by the residents of this city. ☐

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It seems like all of these changes are meant to make us more like Wausau. We are not Wausau! If I wanted to live in a city like Wausau, I would move there! I like what this city has to offer that is different than Wausau. ☐

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If the city needs to spend money (which seems to be the driving force), take a look at the city streets, especially North Central Avenue from Arnold to Taco John's. Somehow that stretch of road has been ignored even though the entire rest of the street has been fixed. It is a shame people need to vary their position in a lane to avoid significant bumps and holes, which the city seems happy to merely patch. ☐

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Please get your priorities straight. The city is in more need of parking for the downtown businesses than this horrible proposal! And regarding the 2nd street changes: move your planned "library to Oak street park pedestrian connection" to Veterans Parkway, which already has the walking path, has at least 5 restaurants/food businesses within a half block, and will nicely connect to the Front of the New Library at Veterans and Maple Avenue!

170	Dec 18, 2015 10:56 PM	<p>It would be nice if your goal for community feedback allowed more...well more feedback. Only 3 questions? The park and recreation department is always doing things without talking to the public. They build the bear exhibit without getting feedback from the public, now this. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The concept of a community splash-pad is well deserving, but in reality, not practical at this location. There is not enough for families to do at this location. Families will feel uncomfortable in a high traffic and urban area. It is different when families are restricted to high traffic urban areas like Milwaukee, Twin Cities or Chicago, but Marshfield has only a small high traffic urban area. Few families will use the splash-pad because it lacks other park components. A splash-pad at SJ Miller park, which is 2 blocks away would make more sense. That park has 4 baseball diamonds, tennis courts, a playgrounds, bike trails, a community center and a large parking lot. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The large trees located on the north dissect the park and should be move to the outer perimeter. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>The performance stage is not needed. Columbia Park is 3 blocks away and has a stage already. The Vox concert series doesn't even use Columbia park. They pretty much use the building at Wildwood for 95% of their shows. They probably won't even move their shows to this park. Why build 2 stages within 3 blocks of each other. I heard the fairgrounds are building a stage. Does the City need another outdoor stage? How many stages does Marshfield need? It would be better to fix the stage at Columbia park instead building another stage. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>I agree with the downtown master plan and the city in the creation of more green space downtown, but not the idea of a splash-pad or performance stage at this location. I think there is too much effort in trying to replicate the 400 block in Wausau without taking into consideration Marshfield's social environment. The 400 block is surrounded by vibrant social environment with popular cultural establishments. The Marshfield park is surrounded by a police department, post office, vehicle repair shop and senior housing...that is not my idea of a vibrant night life. ☐</p> <p>☐</p> <p>What will be the impact on the other are parks if this is built? How will this impact Hardacre Park (3 blocks away), Strohman Park (4 blocks away), Sj Miller Park (2 blocks away), and Columbia Park (3 blocks away). ☐</p> <p>☐</p>
171	Dec 18, 2015 10:39 PM	<p>The downtown area definitely needs to feel more pedestrian friendly. I feel our lack of any type of downtown walking/congregating area is a detriment to the city. It is not pleasant to spend time downtown fighting four lanes of traffic. This would be off of central and help make a downtown area as opposed to a busy four lane strip solely defining downtown Marshfield.</p>

172	Dec 18, 2015 7:51 PM	There is a beautiful old performance space at the end of downtown--the band shell at Columbia park. Eliminating the parking will have a negative impact on the downtown economy.
173	Dec 18, 2015 4:33 PM	You should build your NEW city hall there. Ha, Ha. I cannot imagine that you intend to spend \$3.2M on the Forward Bank site while it is appraised for tax purposes at \$2.5M. That is what I call our tax dollars at work for us. You cannot really believe that you can create another 400 block like Wausau. There is nothing special to draw at this site, along with having parking available. You are taking up any available parking for the post office, along with doing away with the mail boxes at that site, which are used a lot. Maybe you do need to look into hiring someone at city hall that actually has some insight. This along with your thinking of all the new improvements you wish to create on the 2nd street fiasco.
174	Dec 17, 2015 10:54 PM	I think that the space is not large enough for what is being proposed here. Did you look at Columbia Park to improve that area rather than do the same thing in this location? If you are calling this a splash pad I hope it is not intended to replace Hefko Pool. Our community needs to do a splash pad feature in the Hefko Pool area and improve what is there. This looks more like a mini play fountain. I don't think people will bring their children here to use this area and then go shopping in the businesses located downtown. The parking lot in this area always has cars in it are you sure we can take this away and still provide enough places to park for people to use this. Let's take care of what we have not just build new all the time.
175	Dec 17, 2015 2:44 PM	I think this is a fantastic idea, I have one concern. The astetics of the alley side conerns me. It needs to LOOK good...
176	Dec 17, 2015 12:12 AM	This looks like a great move for Marshfield!
177	Dec 16, 2015 10:49 PM	I think it needs to provide entertainment not empty decorated space like Hardacre Park.
178	Dec 16, 2015 7:09 PM	I think this would be a wonderful addition to our downtown. Would love to see more things like this coming to Marshfield!
179	Dec 16, 2015 4:22 PM	I do not want Columbia Park to lose it's events. The bandshell has served this community well for many years. Why not work on making Wildwood Park/Zoo/Hefko Pool more of a Marshfield destination. With improvements to the pool, families would come and spend an entire day in town. The availability of foods in that vicinity makes it such a good area. I feel that the pool is well used now, but with updating it could become so much more!!
180	Dec 16, 2015 3:13 PM	I do support something that will bring people together within our community. My only concern is the location. There is nothing to really do downtown when it comes to restaurants, shopping that stays open or that majority(younger adults) would want to go into. My question would be has anyone looked into addressing already existing Columbia Park where Vox happens? We have gone to this multiple times and the area is great especially with a green space that already exists.
181	Dec 16, 2015 2:43 PM	Very exciting! Something that Marshfield needs.

182	Dec 16, 2015 12:13 PM	I would be so disappointed if this doesn't happen
183	Dec 16, 2015 4:38 AM	I travel to Wausau to use theirs. Have eaten at their restaurants that I may not every had eater at if I wasn't going to a concert. Will Alcohol be allowed? Wine coolers and wine seem to be part of a relaxing night. Will retailers stay open longer?
184	Dec 16, 2015 3:42 AM	Include a Starbucks, and WiFi.
185	Dec 16, 2015 3:37 AM	Love this idea. Farmers market and a place for concerts would be great!!
186	Dec 16, 2015 12:45 AM	As the tax base will not be increased, and tax base increase is necessary to keep taxes down, a project that will add to the tax base is necessary in this block, especially since the parking space is less.
187	Dec 16, 2015 12:22 AM	How will some of this area's proposed uses impact other city venues such as Columbia Park and Wildwood Station?
188	Dec 15, 2015 10:57 PM	Coming from Wausau, I know firsthand what a positive impact this can have as many activities arise and bring the community together (movies in the park, ice rink, marketplace and farmer's market days, etc.). It also entices people to shop / eat / drink downtown!
189	Dec 15, 2015 10:03 PM	It looks beautiful, but I think what the downtown really needs is a wider variety of stores and restaurants. Right now there are maybe 2 that I would visit on a regular basis so I don't have much of a desire to be downtown. Having something like a children's museum would also be really nice.
190	Dec 15, 2015 9:49 PM	Like Wausau, the development of our downtown will add great opportunities to provide residents with things to do in an otherwise boring community with out having to leave Marshfield.
191	Dec 15, 2015 9:33 PM	I like the idea of central place to meet up with family and friends. Large enough and open to hold crowds for larger events, but also able to be broken up to accommodate smaller private gatherings. Looks like a great place for a farmers market (better than a parking lot) or events like Maple Fall Fest. [] [] It also extends Central Ave. and the Main Street area, which makes the downtown larger and open to growing. [] [] I agree that this location is more desirable than updating Columbia Park.
192	Dec 15, 2015 9:21 PM	Impressive and visionary. If Marshfield wishes to attract young people to the area this is the kind of gathering place we need.
193	Dec 15, 2015 9:12 PM	I think the park will have very little impact on the downtown businesses-they are open very limited hours that would not likely coincide with the use of the park but would have a positive impact on businesses with better hours than the downtown businesses.

194	Dec 15, 2015 8:52 PM	I don't understand the need for a band shell that is located a couple of blocks from the current band shell? This concept looks to make it harder and farther for parking for the post office. I would revisit the proposed angle parking and one way traffic flow to help with this. If you want to make a splash pad, then make a splash pad, not a water fountain that will get my kids wet, then board in 5 minutes. I like the green space, picnic/rest area concept. Reduce the number of trees and add some shade structures. Is this a location where we could hold farmers market instead of grocery store parking lots?
195	Dec 15, 2015 8:32 PM	How will the project be funded? This would affect my response
196	Dec 15, 2015 8:27 PM	Columbia park is very close, and should be expanded if anything. I don't believe the parking survey, we need the stalls for the Chestnut center, visitors to Hub City Days, Visitors to local business.
197	Dec 15, 2015 8:20 PM	Although I think a Community Square would be good, If it does not get approved I would like to see this property back on the tax roll. We do not need anymore housing downtown.
198	Dec 15, 2015 8:17 PM	I just wish Columbia Park would have ended up in the downtown area as it seems a waste. This appears to be a great place for a farmers market as they have in madison. Huge draw but in an area where individuals can buy from vendors, people watch and enjoy entertainment all at the same time.
199	Dec 15, 2015 8:15 PM	I think it is important that various organizations in the community be brought together to brainstorm the way they can contribute to the success of the Community Square by relocating their current activities to the park or developing new activities/events.
200	Dec 15, 2015 8:10 PM	Mimic the 400 Block of Wausau - I think that it is a great idea except I question the stage. And the reason I question it is because not that far to the North is another green space with the band shelter which for all practical purposes is under utilized - will this impact it further? And with Senior housing right to the South will it be accepted??
201	Dec 15, 2015 8:08 PM	It would be nice if we could upgrade Columbia Park, which is only two blocks away. While I do feel it is important to have something like this downtown or to get more activity downtown, we need to address the parking issues before we can expand. There are several businessee/restaurants that would consider relocating or starting business in some of the numerous vacant locations but their biggest concern is lack of parking for themselves, employees and customers. If we can find a way to increase parking availability, we stand a better chance at growing out downtown businesses and in turn the desire to spend time downtown.
202	Dec 15, 2015 8:02 PM	Absolutely beautiful
203	Dec 15, 2015 7:43 PM	I think it is a beautiful idea. Just wondering the impact it will have on other parks that already exist... we have a park with a bandshell (not too far away) with Columbia Park and we have a park in need of some updating in the water feature area with Wildwood park.

204	Dec 15, 2015 6:30 PM	I would eliminate the band shell. There is one at Columbia Park. I would use that space to create more parking for those using the Community Square and the businesses surrounding the Square.
205	Dec 15, 2015 6:09 PM	The positive effects the Community Square could have on our community cannot be understated. Please follow through with this vision; it is the right direction for Marshfield!
206	Dec 15, 2015 5:37 PM	I feel that the area is too small to put everything in this area that is being proposed. Why not look at putting the money in to Columbia Park that is just two blocks away?
207	Dec 15, 2015 5:32 PM	We need to be fiscally responsible with this project; do not feel 2nd St should be reconstructed if we proceed with this project. Other projects within the city will also cost the taxpayers money including the YMCA, library, streets, senior high sports complex and electric rates are rising. Remember, our seniors are not getting an increase in SS.
208	Dec 15, 2015 4:09 PM	I think this will be a HUGE draw for Marshfield and will allow the area to offer so much more to the community!
209	Dec 15, 2015 3:08 PM	I hope this goes through! I'm very excited about the prospect of having such a venue in our area - so many great opportunities will be available once it's created.
210	Dec 15, 2015 2:47 PM	This is needed in Marshfield!
211	Dec 15, 2015 2:32 PM	We need more centrally located events to help our community feel more like a true downtown. This should benefit all businesses downtown as well.
212	Dec 15, 2015 1:01 PM	Need to bring PEOPLE downtown. This will help.
213	Dec 15, 2015 4:23 AM	Bad location
214	Dec 15, 2015 4:00 AM	How can I contribute?
215	Dec 15, 2015 3:42 AM	I think instead of spending money on a new park that it would be wiser to update Columbia park.
216	Dec 15, 2015 12:19 AM	This would be awesome.
217	Dec 14, 2015 10:32 PM	It can be a wonderful gathering for people of all ages and one of enduring value that our whole community can be proud of.

Storyboard Feedback Received

FF	Jan. 5. 2015	I think the park idea is wonderful, a couple concerns; the rear facades of the buildings facing the new park should be improved, hopefully the façade program will encourage that but more may be needed. Also, has the park plan and the changes to 2nd Street been put together to see the impact of the one way and access into the new park area.
FF	Jan. 5. 2015	The nose-in parking should be across from the post office...along Chestnut. I come to the Post Office every day to get the church mail and I don't way to walk across the park to get to the Post Office.
FF	Jan. 5. 2015	Fantastic Plan. Really like the outdoor eating areas and the bandstand.
FF	Jan. 5. 2015	I like the idea of the community square. A lot of good suggestions to put in the square. Is construction scheduled to start in (2016) spring?

CC	Jan. 5. 2015	This proposal for a downtown park on Chestnut is unwarranted. It is ridiculous to believe it will bring more people to Marshfield. Our population is declining numbers and age. People move because of jobs not because of bike trail or parks. This will contribute to the tax roll.
BH	Jan. 5. 2015	With continual budget problems and increased costs things like this park don't need to be constructed and additional costs are not warranted.
BH	Jan. 5. 2015	172 parking stalls and this plan will reduce the stalls to 160. This plan will bring more people to this area of town...with the need for more parking.
BH	Jan. 5. 2015	Your taxing me out of my house.
BH	Jan. 5. 2015	Not enough parking.
PL	Jan. 5. 2015	Why are the post office boxes on the wrong side of the one way street? The way it is set up now you are dropping off your mail through your passenger window.
PL	Jan. 5. 2015	Will the paved area near the sprinkler pad be the spongy/rubberized type of playground cover? It would reduce injuries. Place a tree or two in the larger green spaces for shade. Love the concept!
PL	Jan. 5. 2015	This is the most ridiculous thing I have seen yet. 1) We already have a concert location in Columbia Park (3 blocks away) which has historical significance. 2) Dinning courts? The nearest restaurant is a block away! 3) One way street? This was presented years ago and voted down. This whole thing is a waste!
PL	Jan. 5. 2015	There should be a mailbox (drive thru) at library, maybe next to book drop-off.
DG	Jan. 5. 2015	The design looks very good. My only concern is the center paved area being useless. It looks nice but has no practical use. In the winter a nice icerink for skating would be cool. Large city Christmas treet in center. Please put money towards refurbishing the back sides of the buildings in the alley to make a better view from the back.
DG	Jan. 5. 2015	Their's a lot of stuff packed in a small space! Ice rink would be nice!
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Yes. I am optimistic for phase II. We will rise again. We will.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	It looks amazing.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	I would suggest that the area for parking on the east side be switched for the west side. We are promoting the arts in Marshfield, the extra parking spaces would be GREAT for the Chestnut Center which is all about the arts.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Very nice!
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	It looks so good but it must have a play ground.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Please do this.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	It look so good but it must have a play ground
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	More water
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Looks great, make it bigger though. And more trees and benches. Maybe a bus stop. Bigger amphitheater. More parking.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Bigger splash pad!

RC	Jan. 6. 2015	The new periwinkle colored "park" that was put in is a eyesore and a waste of money. If its anything like that - put the plan in the can.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Fix streets rather than this project.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Would not be a bad idea, actually.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	I like it a lot it looks cool.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Redo columbia park instead
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Should have a play-groun
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Should have a fence
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Beer garden!!
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Could work - could circle be enlarged to cover w/ ice in winter for a small ice skating rink as in the 400 block in Wausau? Kiosks to sell hot cocoa, etc.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	One word Fence
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	How do where do we park for the post office
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Kickass
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Waste of our tax dollars. New football field instead.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	This would be amazing! Definitely need this.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Yes! Yes! Yes!
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Do it
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	You should add playground space. The playgrounds in Marshfield aren't very good so a nice smaller one would be great.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Yes
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	I'm from California; I love seeing small communities being so committed. Keep pursuing it will only end up thriving.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Make the fountain bigger.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	I absolutely support a community space downtown in the Phase II manner. Wow!
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Bitchin'
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Waste of tax dollars
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	You have no better use of \$. We need the parking.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Make splash pad bigger. See Wausau's splash pad design.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	This is a wonderful idea - think how successful the 400 block in Wausau has been! Let's do it!
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	This entire city suffers from delusions of granduer! Spend money on needed things like schools and roads.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	This is pretty cool.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Waste of tax dollars
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	We need the parking more than the park. To much money and to small a park. We already have a park with a bandshell we don't use.
RC	Jan. 6. 2015	Hell no!

Baltus Oil Company

January 13, 2016

9:00 AM

Baltus Oil Company

Present:

John Baltus
Frank Baltus
Ron Dickrell
Bob Trussoni

They were very positive!! They only mentioned the concern that the Columbia Park bandshell would no longer be utilized especially for the City Band concerts. We informed them that the Community Square could not accommodate the City Band concerts so that Columbia still would be utilized. They were fine with that. They were not able to attend the BPW or Council meetings so I encouraged them, if they felt led, to send their position in a letter to the Mayor or an alderman. They said they felt strongly enough about it to move forward and would consider doing that. Good meeting!!

Billing's Law Office

January 11, 2016

10:30 AM

Billing's Office

Present:

Alan Billing
Ron Dickrell
Jason Angell

- + Loves the concept.
- + "You don't need to convince me. This is a fabulous idea."
- + Feels the proposal would result in a definite increase in the value of his property.
- + Would look to improve the rear of his building to complement the project.
- + May not be able to attend any of the upcoming meetings (BPW or CC), but wants to make sure his voice is heard as one that supports this project. He will write a letter to the Mayor and ask that it be shared with the entire Council.

Marshfield Monument

December 10, 2015

11:30 AM

Marshfield Monument Office

Present:

Brian Hopperdietzel

Angie Eloranta

Jason Angell

- Concerns that it will take away from Columbia Park.
- ? Why have a splash pad when we haven't addressed Hefko Pool?
- Parking

After speaking with Brian about his questions/concerns he had a better understanding of the project and why it was being proposed in this location. We explained that in order to do this at Columbia Park we would have to remove most, if not all, of the mature trees, which would virtually destroy the character of the park and the surrounding neighborhood. It was explained that the Council and Parks and Recreation Dept. are currently exploring options for Hefko Pool and that the proposed splash pad is not intended to take the place of the pool.

BMO Harris Bank

December 11, 2015

1:30 PM

BMO Office

Present:

Al Nystrom

Bill Sennholz

Jason Angell

- + 100% supportive of the proposed plan.
- + Does not believe there is a parking problem downtown.
- + This would have a huge impact on the downtown.
- + Will gladly take this to the BID Board and encourage them to support it.

Brown's Living
December 9, 2015
3:30 PM
Brown's Living Office

Present:

Terry Howard
Carol Howard
Chris Howard
Erin Howard
Tammy Meissner
Angie Eloranta
Jason Angell

? What would it take in order to hook-up a computer to program the splash pad? Visit pps.org for ideas.

+ Don't call it a park. Call it a Community Square.

Would consider placing the mailboxes on their property, but also suggested that they be placed closer to the intersection at 3rd Street where people already have to stop.

+ Strongly believe this will be a huge economic benefit to the downtown and the community as a whole.

+ No concerns with parking. Employees have no problem parking and walking. They only ask that a parking lot/area be designated where they can park (if permits are still going to be required).

+ Will absolutely support this project. Chris and Terry asked that we send them the dates for future hearings/meetings and they will plan to attend to speak in support of the project.

+ This will definitely help draw new businesses to the area – Charles Hotel Bldg.

Daily Grind

December 15, 2015

1:00 PM

Daily Grind

Present:

Bill Gratzek

Bill Sennholz

Jason Angell

+ All for it.

+ No concerns with parking.

+ If he was 20 years younger he would definitely look to expand his business to capitalize more on the traffic that will be generated.

Feddick-Goodwin Law Office

December 15, 2015

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Present:

Alanna Feddick-Goodwin

Jason Angell

- Parking. Currently her employees and her clients are parking in the BMO parking lot.
- +/- Only statement was she thought the plan was "Interesting".

MACCI Board of Directors

December 21, 2015

4:00 PM

Chamber Office

Present:

MACCI BOD

Ron Dickrell

Bob Trussoni (also a MACCI BOD Member)

Jason Angell

? Could this project be developed in stages/phases?

? When would the project start?

? Would all funding need to be in hand prior to the project starting?

+/- Easier sell if the City would contribute 50% of the funding.

+ Great project for the community. Don't see why anyone would be against it.

Lois TeStrake

December 14, 2015

9:00 AM

Jason's Office

Present:

Lois TeStrake

Jason Angell

- + This is exactly what we (Main Street) have been asking for for numerous years.
- + Would be a great addition to the downtown.
- + Upset that her store is no longer located in the Charles Apartment Bldg. as she would have been right next to all the activity.
- + Great programing potential for Main Street and others.
- + Does not believe there is a parking problem downtown. People just need to be willing to walk a short distance to get to their destination.
- + Can't see why anyone would be against something like this.

Main Street Executive Board (partial)

December 14, 2015

1:45 PM

Main Street Office

Present:

CW Mitten

Josh Kilty

Angie Eloranta

Jason Angell

? What is the maintenance cost for the splash pad?

? Where will everyone park when events are taking place?

+ Likes the design and thinks it would be a good addition to the downtown.

As part of our discussions, we talked about event parking. Jason explained that he felt event parking would be handled similar to how parking was recently handled for the Hot Chocolate Run or Hub City Days in the past – for both of these events we see people parking all over the downtown and walking several blocks to get to the event.

Main Street Executive Board (partial)

December 15, 2015

2:30 PM

Main Street Office

Present:

Jenna Hanson

Tony Abney

Tammy Meissner

Al Michalski

Angie Eloranta

Jason Angell

? What type of parking demand do we anticipate for the various events that would be held here?

+ See the potential for businesses to stay open later to serve the crowds of people.

+ Excited about the plan.

+ Endless potential

+ Love the splash pad. Families with young children will truly enjoy coming to the space to let their kids play.

? Could the "band shell" include a concession area?

Main Street Board

January 6, 2016

7:30 AM

Main Street Office

Present:

Main Street Board

Bob Trussoni

Jason Angell

? Will there be enough electrical power within and around the park (along Chestnut) to support the bands and other things that go with events (i.e. food vendors)?

? Will the stalls along the alley be “timed” or permitted parking?

The full consensus of the Board was that this is a great idea and something they support. They do ask that additional consideration be given to parking in the area, whether it is through overall parking changes that the BPW is considering or modifications to the plan.

Victoria's, Haas Building Supply, Expressions

January 6, 2016

3:00 PM

Haas Building Supply

Present:

Jerry Haas
Mary Tishim
Vicki Handrick
Ron Dickrell
Al Michalski
Jason Angell

- Would prefer the entire half block to be all parking.
- Just because you obtain a parking permit doesn't guarantee you a spot in the lot as it currently stands. This plan wouldn't help the situation.
- Make the improvements to Columbia Park instead of here.
- Safety risk for kids playing in the park with all of the cars currently driving around the area.
- No space for employee parking.
- Love the gravel lot that currently exists because it allows contractors to pull in with a trailer that are visiting the store.

? Why can't the park be built on the east side of downtown?

? Has anyone done traffic counts for the number of people that use the existing lot for the mail drop box?

- Can't see the big picture.

? Where is the handicap parking?

+/- Demand for parking will increase with this plan.

? Could you reserve half of the space for future development? (i.e. a building)

 Couldn't we wait a little longer to see if a developer is interested in the site?

- Wouldn't benefit their businesses at all.

? Is the alley wide enough for cars to back out of a stall if a semi or delivery vehicle is parked in the alley?

“Imagine Marshfield” – Community Square

The Vision for Downtown Marshfield

"Downtown is a dynamic mixed use center and heart of the community. More than any other part of the city, downtown defines Marshfield and embodies its character, history, culture, and commerce. Marshfield will continue to sustain and build upon those assets and qualities that make it a distinctive and cherished part of the community: its urban character, history, cultural resources, welcoming businesses, people, and diversity of uses. These efforts will be carried out through a partnership of city officials, Main Street Marshfield, business leaders, property owners, and others committed to strengthening the social, cultural and economic position of the downtown. Together, we will make downtown Marshfield a more welcoming, attractive and vibrant place to live, work, shop, learn and play." – 2015 Downtown Master Plan

The Vision for the Community Square

Create a centerpiece for the community in the core of Downtown Marshfield. This multi-use centerpiece will provide a year round gathering space for the community, a place for the arts, events, families, lunch hour gatherings, relaxation, and entertainment. Some of the proposed features and uses include a pavilion for outdoor concerts, a visual appealing splash pad for kids to cool off in the hot summer days, dining and seating areas, parking for the square and the surrounding downtown area, an area for a large winter ice rink, outdoor farmers markets, a large recreation area, and much more. Similar to the 400 Block of Wausau this project will continue to enhance the City of Marshfield’s Downtown.

“Wausau’s 400 Block hosts Concerts on the Square every Wednesday in the summer, drawing 2-3,000 people downtown every Wednesday night. (Many of the surrounding businesses offer take out specials for concerts, and that exposure is invaluable” Elizabeth Field, Wausau’s River District Director.

Downtown Projects – Past, Present, and Future (funding)

- Holiday Inn and Convention Center (private)
- Founders Square (private)
- Veterans Parkway (public)
- Street Upgrade – S Central Ave (TIF)
- Street Upgrade – S Chestnut Ave (TIF)
- Façade Improvement Program (public and private)
- Street Upgrade – S Maple Ave (TIF)
- Hardacre Park (private)
- Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library (public and private)
- 2nd Street Corridor – Phase I – connectivity library to SJ Miller Park (TIF)
- 200 Block Community Square – public gathering space (public and private)
- Redevelopment of City Hall into affordable housing units
- Redevelopment 600 Block of S Maple Ave
- Redevelopment of Weinbrenner Shoes Factory Site
- Redevelopment of City Garage area
- Evolve downtown into a pedestrian friendly area

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a need for another park and a public gathering space?

The 2015 Downtown Master Plan conducted by hired consultants through the vision and guidance of public input has indicated that there is a need for a large central public gathering space that would include outdoor dining areas, provide space for local events, entertainment, and the local arts.

What impact will this plan have on parking in the area?

Recent surveys conducted of the area found that there are a total of 172 existing parking stalls in the vicinity. At most there were 102 vehicles parked in the study area. The proposed plan would reduce the number of stalls to 160. The proposed number of stalls is still larger than the highest observed parking counts. It is our hope that parking demands in the area will increase primarily in the evenings and on weekends when business parking is reduced.

What will happen to the drop-off mailboxes?

The mailboxes will still be accessible and will be relocated within the area. The current plan shows the mailboxes located with direct access off the alley behind the Blodgett Haus. This location is subject to change based upon comments and feedback.

Who will maintain and manage the community square (schedule activities)?

These details are still to be determined. Some possible considerations include the Department of Parks and Recreation, Main Street Marshfield, and Marshfield Convention and Visitor Bureau.

What is a splash pad and would there be a charge to play in the splash pad?

A splash pad is a recreational area that typically will spray water upward from the ground, similar to a large fountain, with no standing water. This feature is aesthetically pleasing and as seen used in other communities will allow children to cool off in the hot summer days. We do not anticipate that there would be a fee to play in the splash pad.

Can I rent the entire community square for an event and would parking be included?

The board currently anticipates the park would be available to rent for special events. A policy and cost will need to be developed prior to accepting any rentals. It has not yet been determined if parking will also be included with the rental of the park.

Will restrooms be available?

Yes. At this time restrooms are proposed to be on either side of the pavilion.

What will happen to the band shell at Columbia Park?

The band shell at the Columbia Park will remain. The City Parks and Recreation Department will continue to operate and maintain Columbia Park as it has.

Why not spend the money on enhancing Columbia Park?

As identified in the 2015 Downtown Master Plan, the Columbia Park does not have the location or connectivity to the Downtown core. The proposed 200 Block site is located in the center of the core retail and dining areas in the downtown and is located directly across the street from the Post Office and the Chestnut Center for the Arts. This park location is also part of a long-term City vision of making our downtown a strong gathering (retail, dining, events, etc.) location and ultimately the redevelopment of 2nd Street.



City of Marshfield

Memorandum

TO: Board of Public Works
FROM: Justin Casperson, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: January 18, 2016
RE: Hackman Field Storage Building Project #61-2856

Summary:

There are four baseball fields located at Steve J. Miller Park. These baseball fields are used by many community groups, schools and organizations including Marshfield School District, Columbus Catholic Schools, Chaparrals, Varsho Baseball, American Legion, & Small Town Baseball. Currently the baseball field maintenance equipment and materials are stored at the park maintenance shop at 512 E. 25th Street (the old waste water treatment plant). The equipment and materials must be transported back and forth between the park maintenance shop and the fields. This new building will allow on site secured storage of equipment and materials and improve operations and increase efficiency. The building was approved in the 2013 CIP process, but placed on hold during the construction of the bear exhibit. Now that the bear exhibit is constructed, the goal is to construct the building in 2016.

Attached you will find the building floor plans. The Parks and Recreation Department worked Bestimate on the design and construction plans, as well as the Building Services Department.

Attachment(s):

Hackman Field Storage Building Project #61-2856 floor plans

Recommendation:

To grant approval for the Parks and Recreation Department to solicit bids for the construction of the Hackman Field Storage Building Project # 61-2856.

Concurrence:

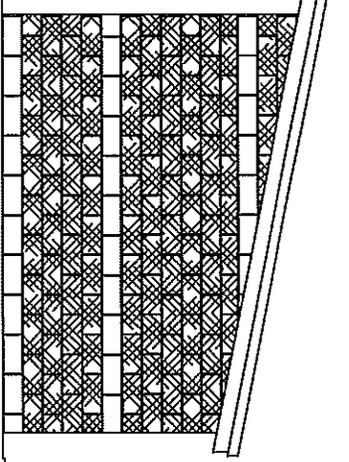
Concurrence:

Dan Knoeck
Director of Public Works

Steve Barg
City Administrator

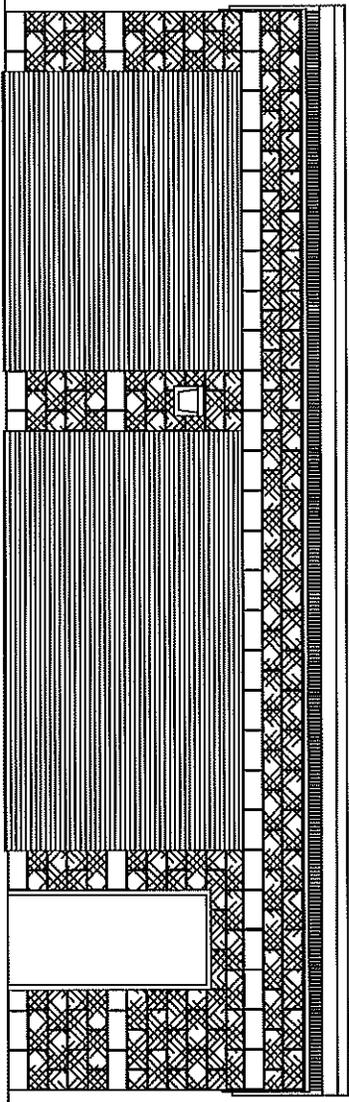
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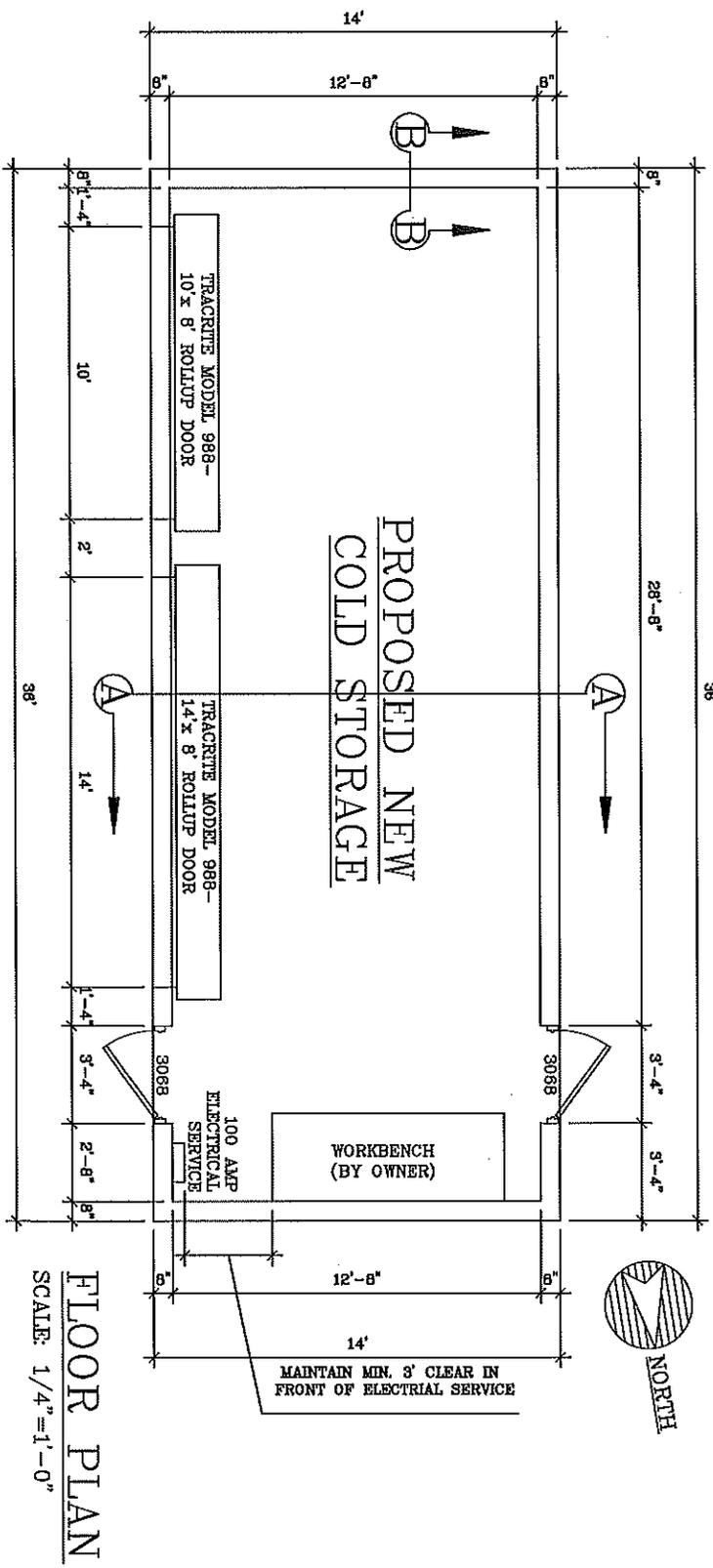
NORTH ELEVATION

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EAST ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"



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PROPOSED STORAGE BUILDING FOR
 CITY OF MARSHFIELD
 Hackman Field Storage Building
 Project #61-2856

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To: Tom Buttke, Chairman, Board of Public Works
Members, Board of Public Works
From: Mike Winch, Street Superintendent
R.E.: Trailer Mounted Pressure Washer
Date: January 4, 2016

Background:

With the elimination of the portable boiler due to safety certifications the Street Division is approaching the thawing of frozen culverts by using a trailer mounted pressure washer with hot water. This method has been used by Wood County Highway Department. When the county was asked how the pressure washer method worked they said that the pressure washer method was not as efficient as a boiler, but a lot safer. That alone convinced us to get away from a boiler. Boilers had to be inspected annually and also required a special insurance to operate. A trailer mounted pressure washer not only would be used to thaw frozen culverts, but would have other uses as well like: washing exterior walls of buildings, cleaning floors in the buildings within the city garage campus, and cleaning of construction equipment too large to wash indoors.

Analysis:

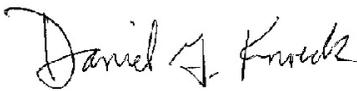
Trailer Mounted Pressure Washer is a specialty item that is custom built to fit our needs. I asked for quotes from two vendors. Beaver of Wisconsin (who does our maintenance on the indoor wash system) and Envirotech of Pewaukee. Envirotech would not quote as they don't really build a system the size we need. Beaver of Wisconsin quoted us a price of \$19,650 for a unit that fits our needs. The trailer mounted pressure washer is the same size unit as Wood County Highway Department uses, which they purchases in 1994 for over \$20,000.

Recommendation:

My recommendation is to purchase the Trailer Mounted Pressure Washer from Beaver of Wisconsin for the amount of \$19,650.

If you have any questions in advance before the meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Concurrences

Cc: 

Dan Knoeck, Director of Public Works



Steve Barg, City Administrator

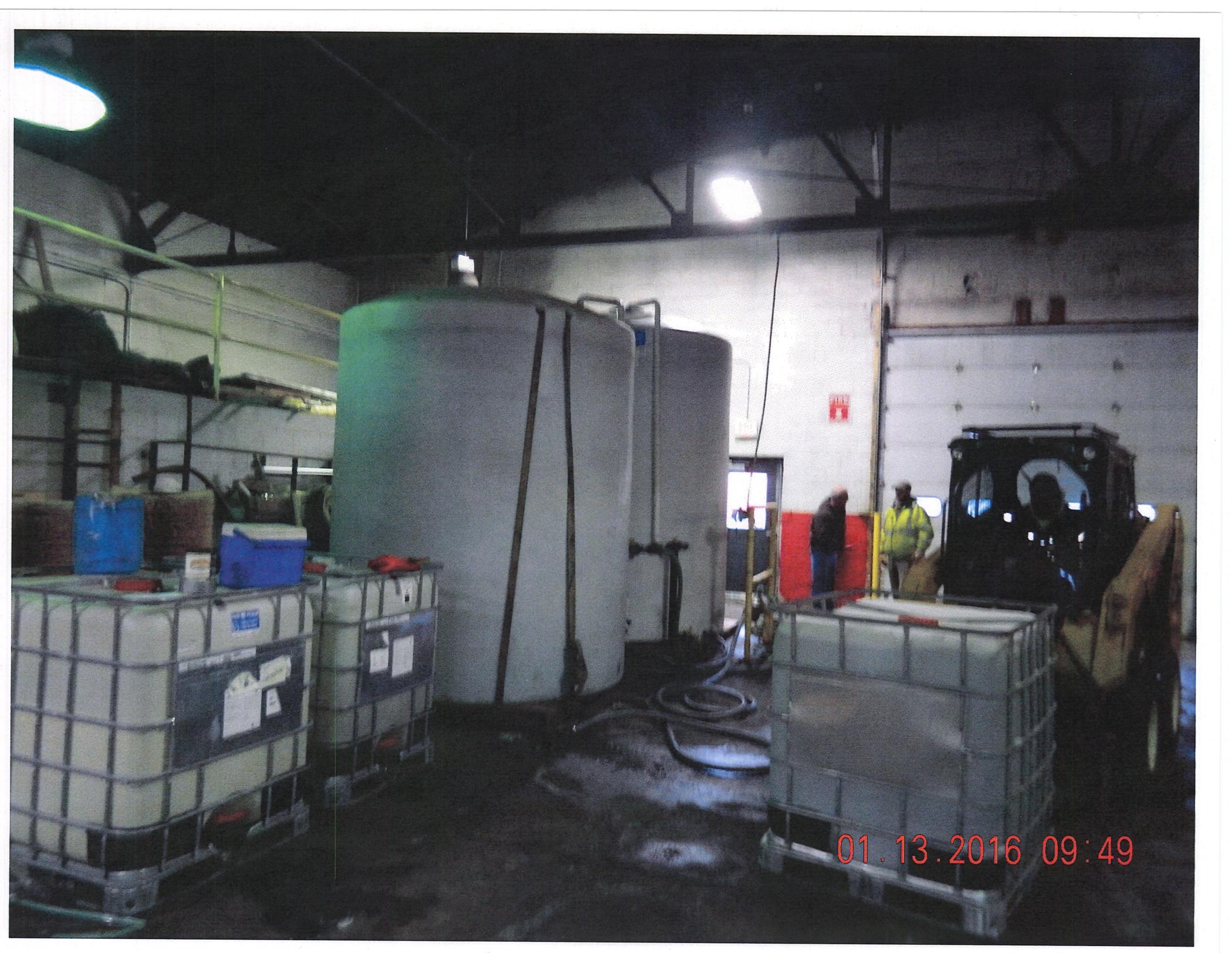


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City of
Marshfield
Memorandum

TO: Board of Public Works
FROM: Thomas R. Turchi
DATE: January 15, 2016
RE: Review of Temporary Antenna in Grant Mini Park.

Background

A request has been brought forth by ATT & Verizon to place a temporary cell tower antenna adjacent to Grant Mini Park.

Analysis

This spring Marshfield Utilities Water Department has a project to paint the water storage tank at the intersection of Cleveland and Doege.

In order to paint the tank a meeting was held with the two lessees that currently have cell tower installations on this tank in December. From this meeting we received a request to place a temporary cell tower 143 feet east and 43 feet south of the existing tower for the duration of the tank painting project (see the attached drawing).

The temporary cell tower will be a trailer that requires three guy wires for stability. These cell companies intend to place fence around the temporary cell tower as well as the anchors for the guy wires to prevent access. All temporary equipment will be placed west of the sidewalk that progresses through the former Oak Avenue and will not have any impact on the use of Grant Mini Park.

Recommendation

I recommend that temporary access be granted to ATT & Verizon to place a temporary cell tower as shown in the attached drawing during the duration of the water tower painting project and that ATT & Verizon vacate this temporary access within 45 days of the completion of the painting project and that this approval be contingent upon the City Plan Commission granting the necessary conditional use permit.

Concurrence

Steve Barg
City Administrator

Dan Knoeck
Director of Public Works



**City of
Marshfield**
Memorandum

January 15, 2016

TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: Dan Knoeck, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Payment to Town of Cameron for Lost Road Aids

BACKGROUND

With the completion of the relocation of USH 10, the Town of Cameron took over maintenance jurisdiction of Old Hwy 10, now called Heritage Drive. In 2013, the City annexed land south of Heritage Drive, which also included a portion of the Heritage Drive right-of-way south of Mill Creek Business Park. Because this 0.29 mile segment of Heritage Drive is now in the city limits of Marshfield, the Wisconsin Department of transportation has allocated the road aids for this segment to the City of Marshfield, even though the Town of Cameron continues to maintain this segment. The Town brought this to my attention in December of 2015 and asked to be reimbursed by the City for their share of road aids on this segment of Heritage Drive.

ANALYSIS

The Town is paid \$2,202 per mile for road aids so the 0.29 mile segment has a value of \$638.58. This allocation first occurred in calendar year 2015. As such it would be appropriate to approve a payment to the Town for both 2015 and 2016.

I further recommend that an agreement between the Town and the City be drafted that addresses the road aid payment going forward until such time as the City would take over maintenance jurisdiction of all or portions of Heritage Drive.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend approval of a payment to the Town of Cameron for lost road aids on Heritage Drive for 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$638.58 per year. I further recommend that staff be directed to draft an agreement with the Town to address road aid payments in the future.

Concurrence: 
Steve Barg, City Administrator



City of Marshfield Memorandum

DATE: January 14, 2016
TO: Board of Public Works
FROM: Steve Barg, City Administrator
RE: Downtown parking concerns

At our last meeting, Councilmember Wagner requested under “items for future agendas” that our next agenda include an item on downtown parking issues. He referenced permit parking, timed parking restrictions and parking enforcement. Main Street Board members and downtown business owners also have concerns with downtown parking, and it seems appropriate that we do a comprehensive review of the entire downtown parking situation. At Monday night’s meeting, we will try to identify the areas of greatest concern to Board members, and I’ll propose a plan and timeline for this project.