

# ADVISORY PARK BOARD AGENDA

June 24, 2013

5:30 P.M.

Meeting Rooms D&E  
City-County Government Center

160 South Macy Street  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call
- B. Declaration a Quorum is Present

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 20, 2013

## III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- A. Proposal for Lakeside Park Youth Baseball Complex  
Subject: Build Little League Diamonds at Lakeside  
Park  
Initiator: Ryan Haus  
(Proposed Action: **Review proposal and make  
recommendation to City Council**)

## IV. ADJOURN



# Advisory Park Board

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*"The City of Fond du Lac provides equal opportunities and services to all individuals, including those individuals with disabilities."*

## ADVISORY PARK BOARD MINUTES

May 20, 2013  
5:30 P.M.

Legislative Chambers  
City-County Government Center

160 South Macy Street  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

### CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Present - Catherine Block  
Ted Eischeid  
Daniel Feyen  
Doug Kindschuh  
Shawn McCrary  
Karyn Merkel  
John Piper  
Renee Wagner

Absent - Sandra Krueger (excused)

Administrative Staff - John Kiefer, Park Superintendent  
Jordan Skiff, Director of PW  
Steve Klein, Asst. Police Chief of  
Operations

Deputy City Clerk Margaret Hefter declared a quorum present.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### Chairperson

Motion made by Kindschuh to nominate **John Piper** for the position of Chairperson of the Advisory Park Board.

With no further nominations being made, Deputy City Clerk Hefter declared the nominations closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye - Block, Eischeid, Feyen,  
Kindschuh, McCrary, Merkel,  
Piper, Wagner  
Nay - None

Carried.

**John Piper** was elected as Chairperson of the **Advisory Park Board**.



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**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Request from City Council**

Subject: "Rules Governing Skate Park"

Initiator: City Council

Appeared in Support of Sharing BMX Park:

Tim Weddle, 810 S Pioneer Pkwy., Fond du Lac  
Ryan Rochwite, 644 Grove St., Fond du Lac  
Mason Roberts, 816 S Pioneer Pkwy., Fond du Lac  
Kameron Mand, 342 15<sup>th</sup> St., Fond du Lac  
Jasmine Lopez, 644 Grove St., Fond du Lac  
Carrie Gau, 104 Walnut St., Fond du Lac

Did Not Speak: In Support of Sharing BMX Park

Blake Miller, 135 Chapleau St., Fond du Lac  
Ethan Gill, 609 Michigan Ave., N Fond du Lac  
Joe Bauer, 760 E Merrill Ave, Fond du Lac  
Jake McDermott, 788 Sterling Dr., Fond du Lac  
Brianna Stafford, 30 Olcott St., Fond du Lac  
Dakota Schraufnagel, 256 E Merrill Ave., Fond du Lac  
Mitchel Weinkauff, 33 N Main St., Fond du Lac  
Adam Nett, 417 Ellis St., Fond du Lac  
Kyle Nett, 417 Ellis St., Fond du Lac  
Brittney Buelow, 522 Saratoga Ave., N Fond du Lac  
Jeston Glish, 207 Military Rd., Fond du Lac  
Bailey Koenigs, 265 Boyd St., Fond du Lac  
Bailey Urquhart, Guindon Blvd., Fond du Lac  
Alec Glish, 207 N Military Rd., Fond du Lac  
Chad Leal, 506 Russell St., Fond du Lac  
Kate Gibson, N8543 Lakeshore Dr., Fond du Lac  
Mario Shea, 33 Main St., Fond du Lac  
Conor Corrigan, N5141 Summit Dr., Fond du Lac  
Derek Steger, 16 Westfield Cr., Fond du Lac  
Hailee Pickering, 609 W Scott St., Fond du Lac  
Walker Ven Haus, 112 S Sallie Ave., Fond du Lac  
Zack Altman, 35 6<sup>th</sup> St., Fond du Lac  
Kate Rumbuc, 211 S Marr St., Fond du Lac  
Spencer Tennessen, 112 S Sallie Ave., Fond du Lac  
Tyler Theis, 127 Ledgeview Ave., Fond du Lac

Motion made by Kindschuh to recommend to City Council that BMX bikes be allowed to use the skate park on a trial basis this summer from June 13, 2013 through Labor Day. This may be reviewed as needed.  
Seconded by McCrary.



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## Lakeside Park Baseball Complex Proposal

### Proposal

To build 2 new little league diamonds at Lakeside Park in the City of Fond du Lac along Harborview Dr. between Main St and Doty St. The site is presently virtually unused green space other than used for soccer during Walleye Weekend. Each diamond would be fully or partially enclosed baseball diamonds with 225 ft. fences. The fields would be ideal for all little league baseball 12 years old and younger and girl's softball all the way up to high school level. Lakeside Park serves as an ideal location due to its location, space, and access to already existing bathrooms and playground area. The possible use of lights in the future would also increase the use of the fields in this area. The fields will draw many families to the diamonds as well as drawing many teams from other cities to our community. It would be likely that each diamond would host a game at 6pm between a FDL team and an out of town team thus bringing in 20+ families to FDL each night from April to July. These fields would be true community diamonds in that they would never be locked and could be reserved by the public after a priority for youth baseball on weekday evenings. Fields would be fantastic for community use for family or corporate kickball or softball games. In many communities the city manages and cares for the baseball fields. We do not expect that nor are we asking for that kind of relationship. We are asking for a lease option for use of the land similar to that with FDL Softball on Oven Island. Any city support in helping build the fields would be greatly appreciated but not expected. Many communities like Neenah and Waupun have made financial investments into their parks for youth baseball.

### Need

There is an extreme need for more quality baseball diamonds in the city of Fond du Lac due to the high numbers of kids playing baseball as well as the now growing youth girl's softball program. Fields are also in demand with programs from UW-Fond du Lac, the FDL recreation Dept., and the YMCA. At the present time there are likely over 1200 kids in a youth baseball/softball program. Since the 1980's, only one new field has been built in FDL. Two new fields were built along 4<sup>th</sup> Street Rd but yet the city also lost Boys Field at the Fairgrounds as well as the high school diamond that used to be present at the Fairgrounds. Plamore Park also used to have 2 baseball diamonds and one was converted to a volleyball area and the other has had no improvements in years. The lack of fields leads to kids playing on less than ideal fields in terms of size and safety as well as altering schedules where games are shortened to fit in 2 games each night on each diamond. More fields also allow more games to start later where it is easier for families to watch as well as participate. The truth is that smaller cities like Ripon and Waupun have more fenced in little league diamonds than Fond du Lac does. The FDL community has done very little to improve all baseball fields in city parks as well as on school district property since they were originally built. The only field located on city or school district property that is fully enclosed is Ernie Schneider Field in Adelaide Park and this raises serious safety concerns for players and fans. Russell Park

is a prime example of this. New fields will also allow increased access for youth to play spontaneously as well as allow coaches to reserve and use on weekends. The new diamonds on 4<sup>th</sup> street do not allow this due to consideration for the neighbors so close by.

These new fields provide increased access as well as filling a need for the specific sizes of the diamonds. With the technology improving the types of bats kids can use, safety and integrity of the game become sacrificed on the smaller diamonds presently available. These new diamonds will have outfield fences at 225ft rather than 200ft which frankly are now too short for 11 and 12 year olds. These new fields will also have larger infields allowing for 70ft bases. Increasing the size of the infield is a growing trend in youth baseball as safety becomes a concern with the new bats. Moving the bases back allows for more reaction time for fielders. The only youth baseball field in the city that has a large enough infield presently is Ernie Schneider Field

### **Use**

The main use of the fields would be from April through August but possibly fall leagues could develop allowing play through October (especially if lights were available). The fields would be used Monday-Thursday evenings (after 6pm) to host games between Fond du Lac travel teams vs. other communities as well as rec league games. The fields could be used each night prior to host rec league games as well as practices. The possibility exists that the facility may host a few weekend games or tournaments during the summer. Otherwise the facility would be open to use by the general public. The diamonds should improve the beautification and use of Lakeside Park

### **Management**

The fields would be run and managed by FDL Youth Baseball and the FDL Recreation Dept. A lease would be signed with the city of Fond du Lac similar to the agreements with Fond du Lac Adult Softball or the Fond du Lac Skate Park in Adelaide Park. As a true community field it is to be modeled after other community ballparks where pride is created through requiring those that utilize the fields to volunteer in the care and maintenance of the field. The field management group would maintain a close relationship with the city leaders in meeting the needs of FDL residents. With approval from the city, there is a likelihood that we would want to name the fields similar to what has been done at Lakeside Park.

### **Financing/Fundraising**

A fundraising campaign would begin immediately on approval of proposal. Goal remains for both community and corporate support. Cost of each field is about \$35,000 but it is believed we can lower that through volunteer and in-kind work as well as material and labor donations. The present plan is not to begin the project until funds are collected, thus not accruing any type of debt. It is possible that one field may be built and then the next as funds are continued to be raised.

### **Timeline**

Goal is to construct fields this fall with fields available for play in spring of 2014. Timeline is dictated by fundraising.

### **Design/Construction**

See map and layout. Goal is to have multiple phases as part of providing more baseball facilities in Fond du Lac. Phase 1 is building these two new diamonds in Lakeside Park. Goal is to get quality fields available for kids to play on as soon as possible. The next priority with future approval from city might be to provide amenities like bleachers, scoreboards, and lights as well as possibly a small building/shed to house equipment and possibly a small concessions area for games. Construction will be done with local contractors with possible management through professional company such as HK Sports Fields.

### **Phases of construction (based on fundraising)**

#### Phase 1

- First priority is to put players first and create fields to host games for kids 12 and under as well as possibly high school softball
- 1. Build 2 playing fields at Lakeside Park with infield, outfield, dugouts, and perimeter fencing. Fields will never be locked. Infields will be able to host games with base distances of 60 or 70 ft. and outfield fences will be at 225ft. This allows for baseball games up to 12 years old and girl's softball games up to the high school level. Work would include killing present grass where infield would sit, grading fields for draining, installing baseball mix, and installing fencing. Outfield areas of grass would remain unchanged other than maybe some dirt to fill holes and grass seed planted randomly
- 2. Adding amenities as bleachers, scoreboards, scorer booths, and possibly lights for field. Possible additional shed/building to house equipment and offer some sort of concessions.

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PHASE 1 - JUST FIELD VISIT  
PHASE 2 - STORAGE SHELTER  
PHASE 3 - SCENE AND LIGHTS / Pavilion / concession / BUSHES

15 FOOT BACKSTOP  
6 FT FENCE AND REST OF FIELD  
OUTBOOTS

Fond du Lac County, WI



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Map Scale  
1 inch = 112 feet

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