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Office of Parks and Operations

**PARK BOARD**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Rotary Park - Reuter Pavilion**  
**4100 W. Highland Road**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. Park Board - Meeting Minutes - Aug 18, 2016
  - b. Park Board - Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2016
3. Pukaite Woods Tour
  - a. Pukaite Woods Tour
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Director's Report
  - a. Director's Monthly Park Report
6. Informational Items
  - a. News Graphic Articles
7. Adjourn

*Dated: September 21, 2016*

*/s/ Bruce Barnes, Chairman*

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**PARK BOARD**  
**Thursday, August 18, 2016**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Villa Grove Park**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

**Present:**

Chairman Bruce Barnes  
Board Member James Lysaught  
Board Member Steven Gray  
Alderman Mark Gierl

Also present: Parks Director Curran and Staff Liaison Szymanski

No quorum – Milwaukee River Tour was conducted viewing riverfront parks.

*Dated: August 18, 2016*

*/s/ Dan Abendroth, Chairman*

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Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 18, 2016 6:30 PM (Approval of Meeting Minutes)

CITY OF MEQUON  
WISCONSIN  
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**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**May 18, 2016**  
**Mequon City Hall**  
**11333 N. Cedarburg Rd.**  
**6:30 PM**

Chairperson Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm with roll call as follows:

Members present: Bruce Barnes, Kip Jackson, Mary Glenn Fuchs, Tom Menzel, Robert Walerstein  
Fran Rechcygl and Ald. Mark Gierl

Members absent: Jim Lysaught

Also present: Parks Director Curran and Staff Liaison Szymanski

1. **Approval of Park Board Minutes:**

Moved by Robert Walerstein and seconded by Fran Rechcygl to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice acclamation.

2. **Visitor Participation/Recognition:**

None

3. **Election of Officers:**

A motion by Robert Walerstein, seconded by Fran Rechcygl, to nominate and elect Bruce Barnes to continue to serve as Chairperson passed unanimously by voice acclamation. A motion by Robert Walerstein, seconded by Mary Glenn Fuchs to nominate and elect Robert Walerstein as Vice Chairperson, passed unanimously by voice acclamation.

4. **2016 Improvement Projects:**

At the March Park Board meeting there was discussion regarding potential improvement projects that could be addressed in 2016. A list a projects was discussed using the park improvement projects fund of approximately \$17,000.00.

Projects included improving drainage and walking tails at Carpenter Park. A quote from an outside contractor was discussed along with the possibility of volunteers providing some assistance.

Villa Grove Park is in need of an additional launch for kayaks and canoes to avoid congestion at the boat launch. The launch project could be done by a Boy Scout as an Eagle project along with Park staff removing trees and brush and preparing the area.

Little Menomonee Park is in need of improved accessibility. A walking trail could be constructed from the parking lot through the woods and grassy area.

Other improvements include replacing picnic tables as needed.

A motion made by Bruce Barnes and seconded by Mary Glenn Fuchs to proceed with the listed improvements projects utilizing staff along with Boy Scout projects at Villa Grove and Little Menomonee Park, along with additional pricing when available for walking path improvements at KKCP passed unanimously by voice acclamation.

5. **Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park Project:**

Director Curran met with a local Boy Scout that is interested in creating a dog obstacle course at KKCP. The project would assist him in his efforts to earn the Eagle Scout award. The course would consist of multiple stations for dogs to train and exercise as part of their visit to the park.

The proposed area will be located on the lawn area south of the Zedler Lane parking area. Signatures from patrons of the park were obtained supporting the project. The majority of the materials needed would be donated or purchased with outside funding. Park funding could be used to install a split rail fence to enclose the obstacle course.

A motion made by Robert Walerstein and seconded by Fran Rechcygl to approve the proposed obstacle course to enhance Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park passed unanimously by voice acclamation.

6. **Chairpersons Report:**

Chairperson Barnes recently accepted a donation by the M-T Lions Club for use in the parks to be determined. Gathering on the Green will feature Huey Lewis and the News on July 15th along with Family Day events on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Pre sales have been strong.

7. **Directors Report:**

Director Curran reported there are no new developments with the Shoreland Nature Preserve.

**Adjourn:**

A motion by Fran Rechcygl and seconded by Kip Jackson to adjourn at 7:28 pm passed unanimously by voice acclamation.

Future meeting date.....June 15, 2016 at Reuter Pavilion

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF MEQUON PARK BOARD

Attachment: Minutes May 18, 2016 (1818 : Minutes 5/18/16)



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**Office of Parks and Operations**

**TO: Park Board**  
**FROM: Don Curran, Director of Parks and Operations**  
**DATE: September 15, 2016**  
**SUBJECT: Pukaite Woods Tour**

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The purpose of our September 21 Park Board meeting will be a walking tour of Pukaite Woods at Rotary Park. We will be joined by Connie Pukaite and Christine Bohn from the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust. They have been coordinating the efforts to control invasive species and provide a management plan for the site. During the tour they will provide information on the efforts to date, and also future plans for the site including the future link to the Spirit Lake property... They along with members of the local Rotary Clubs have held numerous work days to remove invasive species and also to plant Oak trees in the savannah area and perennials near the entrance of the woods. Along with the trails through the woods there is also a trail in the meadow area west of the woods. Depending on the weather and the amount of daylight available we will cover as much of the areas as possible. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and review information at the conclusion of the walking tour at the Reuter Pavilion.

To take advantage of the available daylight please plan on a 6:00PM start time rather than our normal 6:30PM start. The walking tour will be through the wooded area so please wear appropriate attire for an outdoor meeting. Hopefully mosquitos will have diminished by this time however you may want to bring repellent for the tour. I anticipate about one hour outdoors with a follow up discussion inside the Reuter Pavilion. If you are not able to attend the meeting please advise Pam so we know who will be attending.



**TO: Park Board**  
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**SUBJECT: Director's Monthly Park Report**

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### **Little Menomonee Site**

A walking trail has been created and there is now access into the interior of the property. Parks Department staff mowed a trail along the south side of Freistadt Road that continues to the east boundary of the site. The trail then heads into the woods in a southern direction, then west back to the parking lot. Along with the trail work, gravel was added to the parking area and additional mowing was done around the parking lot. There is currently a picnic table at the parking lot along with several benches on the trail. Several diseased Ash trees will need to be removed from the parking lot area as part of the upcoming removal effort.

### **Rotary Park**

The annual Fusion Soccer Club tournament will be held September 16, 17 and 18 at Rotary Park and also at River Barn Park. The two sites are utilized along with the clubs facility on Donges Bay Road. Each year the tournament draws teams from the area as well as out of state teams. The Parks Department assists with providing signage and items needed for the event. All activities related to the tournament are coordinated by the Fusion Soccer Club.

### **Scout Park**

Parks Department staff spent time at Scout Park clearing trees and mowing the walking path at the site. Several trees had fallen blocking access to the west end of the property. The trail is now open and there is now a clear path to the end of the peninsula.

### **Settlers Park**

Public Works staff recently mowed the lower area behind the Isham Day House. Over the course of the summer the area becomes overgrown mainly with weeds and invasive species. There is currently an Eagle Scout project underway that will add a small porch area to the rear of the Isham Day House. The project is being coordinated through the Historical Society.

### **Villa Grove Park**

The canoe/kayak launch has been completed at the east end of the park. The project was coordinated with a local Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Scout award. The area was cleared and there are now three limestone steps leading down to the water. This project was a goal of the Park Board as well as the River Advisory Committee. With the completion of the new launch area the hope is it will reduce traffic at the western launch site. Signs have been installed directing canoe and kayak traffic to the new area.

**Taste of Mequon**

Parks and Public Works staff assisted with the Taste of Mequon event that was held on September 10. Picnic tables, trash barrels and barricades for the detours are provided. Staff also assists during the event providing trash collection and clean up at the conclusion of the event.

**Upcoming Events**

The third and final recycling event will be held on Saturday, October 15. The event will be held at 6300 West Mequon Road. This is the parking area directly east of the Public Safety Building. Electronics, appliances and textiles will be collected.

# NEWS GRAPHIC

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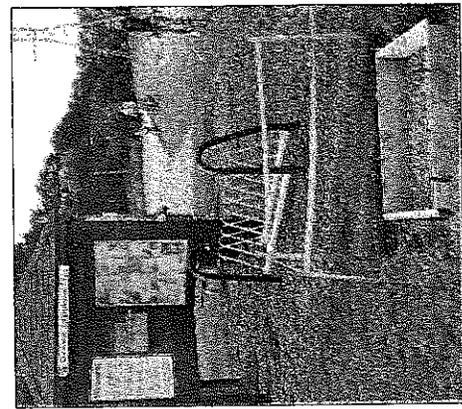


Photo by Gary Achterberg  
Improvements to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail at Mequon Road include a new bike rack and upcoming installation of a work stand and tools for making basic repairs.

## Packet Pg. 8 an trail to get racks and workstations

June from The Lowlands Group, which recently opened Café Hollander in the Mequon Town Center. "We will use the donation to invest in the development of a new rest area for the Ozaukee Interurban Trail in Mequon, as well as pay for the installation of five donated bike repair stations along the trail," Andrew Struck, director of Planning & Parks for Ozaukee County and chair of the OIT Advisory Council, said in a news release that announced the donation this spring.

Last week, Struck said the plans remain a work in progress. He added that small bike repair stations now are being installed along the trail. They were donated anonymously and the county is using some of the Lowlands Group donation to install them.

"It will have some tools and a bike pump," Struck said. "You can put your bike up and change a flat tire." The area for the concrete base for the work stand has been prepared near the trail kiosk just north of

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## Donation to foster improvements to county bike trail

By Gary Achterberg  
News Graphic Staff

**MEQUON** — In the middle of summer, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail becomes a bit of a superhighway — on wheels, four paws and two feet. The popular 30-mile trail spans the county — from County Line Road in Mequon, north through Waukegan, Cedarburg, Grafton, Port Washington and Kenilworth, using a right-of-way owned by We Energies. It is popular with walkers — with and without dogs — families and cyclists of all levels.

Several projects are in the works that likely will greatly enhance trail users' experiences. They include just in initial discussion stages, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Committee is deciding how much to spend an \$11,901 contribution it received in early

## Bike trail: Improvements coming

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Mequon Road. Another new addition there is a bike rack that recently was installed as part of an Eagle Scout project. The other work stands will be near the Community Center in Cedarburg, near the trail kiosk in Grafton, near the pedestrian bridge over Interstate 43 and one in Beloit just south of Main Street.

Struck said he would like to see something more substantial along the trail near Mequon Road. It likely would combine funds from the Café Hollander donation with other money.

"There is potential to work on a rest area kind of near the existing site of the Logemann Center, but there is nothing definitive," said Struck. "It's a little dependent on working things through with the city. We have earmarked funds to help with the project." Tollefson, Mequon's

director of community development, said there are some other pieces that need to fall into place first. For instance, she said the Mequon Community Council in July directed city staff to seek proposals to develop the now-vacant Logemann Center building. Former Mequon Alderman John Leszczycki has said he is interested in building a restaurant there. The city likely will receive other proposals for the site as well.

Tollefson added there likely will be other activity in that general area. For instance, she said access across the railroad tracks from the planned second phase of the Town Center to the west will occur nearby.

One Mequon alderman, who is an avid cyclist, said he is excited about potential trail improvements in the Town Center area.

"Mequon needs to become and remain a destination for bicyclists," said Rob Strzelczyk. "Facilities large or

small on the bike trail will be a benefit to the community."

He said those improvements could be as small as the bike-fixing station and perhaps a tap to fill up water bottles to something more involved — "a pavilion where they could partner with the neighboring site, perhaps a music venue or a nice green space or tables where people could eat."

He said something on the more ambitious side of that scale will need others getting involved beyond the money donated from the Café Hollander opening.

"We'll benefit from finding partnerships to put in a more extensive facility," he said.

While those plans are a work in progress, Struck said he is very grateful for the support the trail already has received. "It was a wonderful contribution — very, very nice," he said.

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