



**AGENDA
STREATOR PARKS & OPEN SPACES BOARD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL OFFICES 204 S BLOOMINGTON STREET
STREATOR, IL 61364
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MINUTES – Approve minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. VERMILLION RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL

- A. Trailhead Park Name
- B. Use of land near Hopalong Sign
- C. Segmentation of Greenway Sections/Legs
- D. Trail markings
- E. Designation of Next Trail Segment for Planning/Funding
- F. Equestrian Uses?

2. ONGOING PARK PROJECT UPDATES

- A. Marilla Park
- B. Heritage Park
- C. Central Park

3. OTHER ITEMS

4. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the city clerk's office at (815) 672-2517, 24 hours prior to the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

**STREATOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2018
HELD AT TRAILHEAD PARK - STREATOR, ILLINOIS 61364**

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL Members present: Broadus, Caulkins, Martin, Snell and Chairman Wheeler.
Absent: Oberholtzer and Tyne.
Others present: Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, Larry Hake, Public Works Director and Patti Henderson, City Clerk.

MINUTES – Chairman Wheeler called for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2018.

MOTION: Snell made a motion to approve the June 13, 2018 minutes; seconded by Caulkins.

ROLL: Ayes: Broadus, Caulkins, Martin, Snell, and Chairman Wheeler.
Absent: Oberholtzer and Tyne.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nora Sedlock wanted to ensure that the sidewalk at Central Park leading to the fountain would be handicap accessible. She also inquired if the dam at Marilla Park would be repaired during the dredging process? Larry Hake stated the sidewalk would be accessible and Jeremy Palm stated the erosion around the dam would be repaired.

ACTION ITEM

1. FINALIZE AND APPROVE A CENTRAL PARK PLAN

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, presented the plan to the board and explained this plan would be included in the budget we prepare for 2019. Larry Hake, Public Works Director, reported the shelter has been painted and the tree trimming will be done by the end of this year. Discussion followed on the lights in the park. Hake stated after the proposed two lights are installed, the need for more lighting will be analyzed. Chairman Wheeler requested a motion and second to approve and recommend the Central Park Plan to the City Council at the August 15, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: Broadus made a motion to approve and recommend the plan to the City Council; seconded by Caulkins.

ROLL: Members present: Broadus, Caulkins, Martin, Snell and Chairman Wheeler.
Absent: Oberholtzer and Tyne.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. PARK PROJECT UPDATES

Palm updated the board on the completion of the Trail Head Park. He relayed that there will be a flood light and 4 security cameras installed; and he reported on Marilla Park. Two suggestions were to add changing tables to the restrooms and make waste bags for dogs available for the trail.
He also relayed that 4

3. TOUR VERMILLION RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL AND SELECTED TRAIL SEGMENTS.

During the walk on the trail the board members suggested that waste bags for dogs be added and were pleased with the condition of the trail. Some items discussed were additional mowing along the trail and removal of weeds for better river views at the picnic area. Caulkins left the tour at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


Chairman Wheeler called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Br

MOTION: Broadus made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Snell.

ROLL: Ayes: Broadus, Martin, Snell and Chairman Wheeler.
Absent: Caulkins, Oberholtzer and Tyne.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk

October 5, 2018

TO: Chairman & Members of the Streator Parks & Open Spaces Board

FROM: Scot Wrighton, City Manager



RE: October 10, 2018 Park Board Meeting

Vermillion River Greenway Trail

Since the formal dedication of the trailhead park at Madison and Broadway Streets, the community appears to have responded favorably to the launch of the first trail segment of the Vermillion River Greenway, and they are anxious to learn more about how and when the trail will be extended and improved. The six sub-items listed on the Park Board agenda relate to ways the trail can be improved, given greater visibility, and how best to use the city's limited resources to move forward.

The city has not formally asked for suggestions of what, if any, name the trailhead park should receive. Two unsolicited ideas for a name have been received: "Twister Hill Trailhead Park," and "Bulldog Trailhead Park." Twister Hill is an informal name associated with the neighborhood prior to the demolition of most of the homes south of the high school; and 'Bulldog' was probably offered as a park name because of the facility's proximity to Streator High School and because there has been discussion about using the park to also host public art projects created by high school students. ***Does the Park Board want to recommend a new name for the new trailhead park, and if so, does the Board want a more inclusive process used in selecting names?***

The last of the Walldog murals to be publicly displayed is being installed on a vacant lot, owned by the city, next to the Vermillion River, on West Main Street across from Streator Lawn & Garden. Members of the Walldog Committee have suggested a landscaping scheme to beautify the lot after the signage structure and mural are installed (see attached). The theme of the mural is Clarence Mulford and his Hopalong Cassidy cowboy stories; so in some respects, this parcel of land will become a part of, and adjoin, the "Hopalong Cassidy Trail," which will eventually be a sub-component segment of the Vermillion River Greenway Trail." ***Does the Park Board approve of the committee's landscaping suggestions, and should the plan include additional information about the growing Greenway Trail system?***

With the Park Board's assistance, the city has adopted a multi-year trail plan, replacing the 2002 Greenway Master Plan (see attached). However, the 2002 plan included a feature that warrants inclusion in the new plan: i.e., designating shorter segments with unique names that denote their geographic location or are tied to other features of the community through which the trail passes (e.g., Hopalong Cassidy, Hardscrabble, Brickyard, Spring Lake Park, Prairie Creek, YMCA, etc.). In other words, the "Vermillion River Greenway Trail" would be the name of all the

public trails near the Vermillion River, but it could be made-up of separately named trail sections. ***Does the Park Board want to pursue sub-component naming of Vermillion River Greenway Trail segments as they are planned and constructed, and if so, does the board have a preference for certain names?***

Directing people to the city's trail system, and keeping them on it once they have arrived, can be aided by a trail marking system. The first completed segment of the greenway trail already includes mileage markers installed every one-tenth of a mile—and these are, and will be, measured from the trailhead. However, many communities and other governments use unique logos to mark and publicize their trails. Several examples are attached. Rapid City, South Dakota decided to conduct a local contest and competition to select a logo for their extensive trail system. ***Does the Park Board want to have a separate logo to mark and identity off-road trails, and if so, how should the city go about designing and selecting a logo?***

Within the next six to eight months the city will have an opportunity to pursue at least one grant program that could fund additional trail sections (in accordance with the adopted multi-year plan). Different grant programs have different funding objectives, and these different funding goals will impact the type of project applications that are submitted. Some grants are transportation-focused, while others are recreation-focused; others focus on property and rail corridor redevelopment. ***Does the Park Board have a preference regarding what the next section to be constructed should be, or does the Park Board wish to defer to staff to determine which section is the best fit for the grant program?***

Finally, while the Vermillion River Greenway Trail has been designated as a pedestrian path where no motorized vehicles are allowed, the city has not decided whether the trails should be open to equestrian users. ***Does the Park Board wish to allow equestrian users on the Vermillion River Greenway trails?***

Park Project Updates

Although no formal Park Board action is anticipated, staff will update Park Board members regarding plans to repair the dam and dredge/enlarge the pond at Marilla Park, complete the Park Board-approved improvements to Heritage Park, and schedule the Park Board-approved improvements to Central Park.

Other Items

City staff and Lois Guyon will update the Park Board about changes at Spring Lake Park. Spring Lake Park was recently annexed into the city limits.

Mayor Lansford's *ad hoc* committee evaluating potential operational improvements at Anderson Fields Golf Course will likely complete their first report this Fall. Their findings and recommendations will be presented to the council at a City Council Study Session—probably before the end of 2018.

TWISTER HILL - STREATOR, IL

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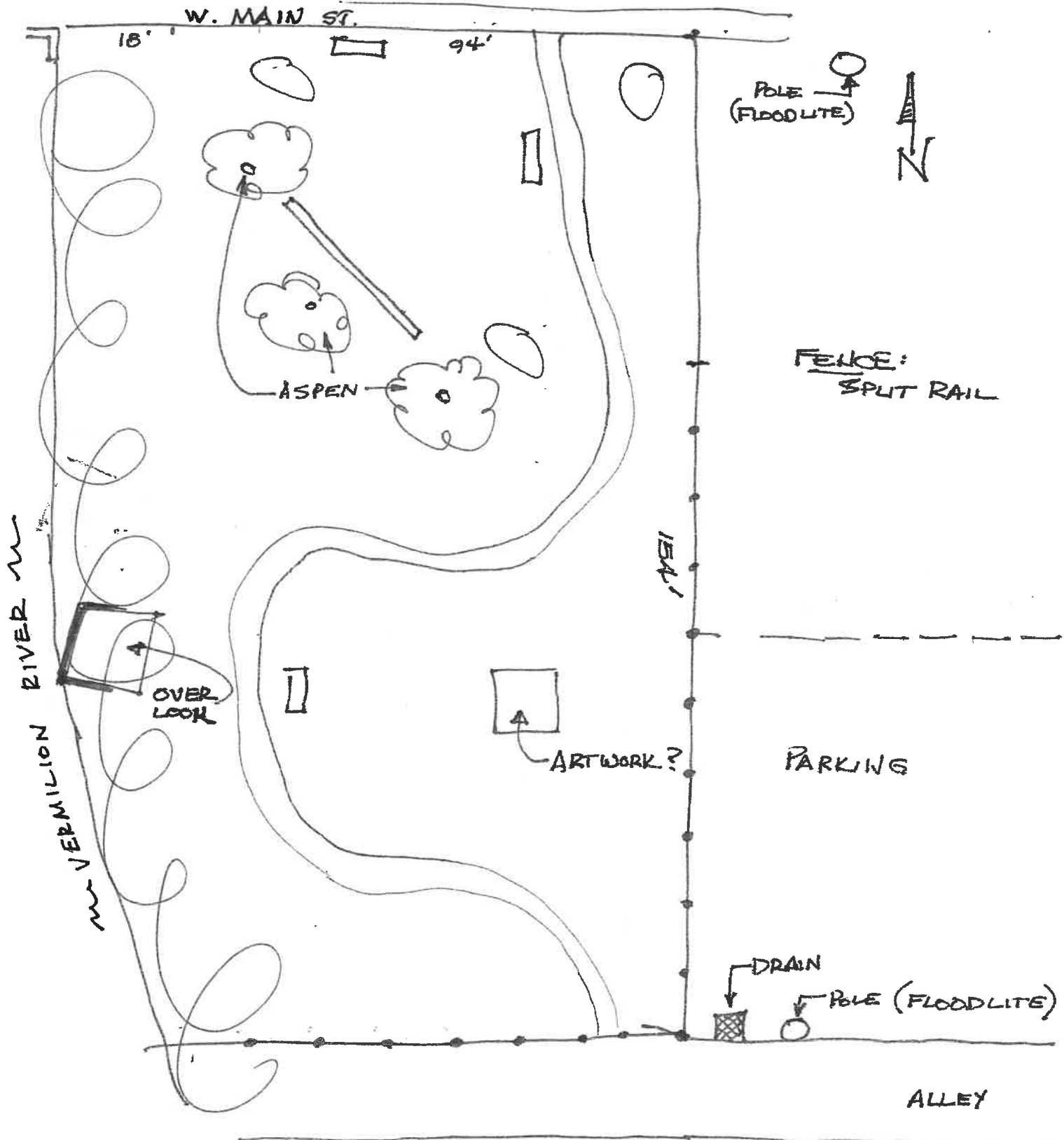
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THANKS,

Ed Grozek



OPTION "A"

7/24/18
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Greenway Master Plan

