Members Present: Chair Jerry Langsweirdt; Vice Chair Donna Breeggemann; Council Representative Mayor Ewals; Margaret Knutson; Thom Boncher; Tim Bischke and John Glynn.

Staff Present: Senior Planner, Joe Janish

Others Present: None.

This workshop involved visiting three parks: Lions, Log Cabin and Pekarna Park. Members also visited the skate park in Lagoon Park in order to have a discussion at their regular meeting.

Park and Recreation Members had a form provided by staff to assist in looking at the parks and reviewing potential improvements and to make comments on certain items.

Lions Park:

1. Are there existing connections from this park to other parks, trails or greenways?
   5 No  1 Yes (makeshift)

   (5) Suggestions to create a path to go under 169 made.

2. Describe significant features in the park:
   A. Water Resources (6 identified Sand Creek) (possible boat launch)
   B. Steep Slopes (5)
   C. Historic/cultural amenities – none listed
   D. Other:
      Excellent Shelter
      Park and Ride
      Horse shoes not used
      Has porta-potty
      Highway 169

3. Is the park handicap accessible?
   Yes (1) No (2) Portions (3)

4. Is parking sufficient?
   Yes (3) No (3)

   Not when Park and Ride is here.
   Probably not if enough peoples use Park and Ride.
   None for bicycles.
Other comments:
Questioned if the outlet on the tree was up to code.
Suggested putting light bulbs in the shelter – suggested vandal resistance bulbs
Questioned cat food next to base of tree
Questioned why this park is the only one with a port-a-potty
(5) Picnic tables should be painted
Small underused park.
(2) Row of trees to soften highway
Bike rack
Hole in culvert in path to bridge
(2) Dead trees along bank
Consider planting hedge along creek
Need sand in horseshoe pits or they won’t be used
Low spots at grill and garbage can
(2) Missing garbage can
Prune lower branches to make maintenance easier
Nice selection of benches, tables
No water supply
Worth keeping horse-shoe pits
No bathroom facilities

Log Cabin
1. Are there existing connections from this park to other parks, trails or greenways?
   Yes (6) No

   Only sidewalks
2. Describe any significant features in the park:
   A. Water resources
   B. Steep slopes
   C. Historic/cultural amenities: Log Cabin (6) part of the CGO district
   D. Other
3. Is the park handicap accessible?
   Yes (2) No (2) Portions (1) ? (1)

   Sidewalk or path to cabin should be installed
   Varner Street bridge upgrade
4. Is parking sufficient?
   Yes (6) No (0)

Offstreet

Other Comments:
Some plantings have died
(2) Railroad parts and cable lying next to cabin
Pruning needs to occur
(2) Remove buckthorn
(2) Need new flagpole and flag
Hostas in poor condition
When is bldg open and who has keys
Adopt a Garden candidate
How often is this open and for what and why
Pekarna Park

1. Are there existing connections from this park to other parks, trails or greenways?
   Yes (5) No (0)

2. Describe any significant features in the park:
   A. Water resources (4) Sand Creek
   B. Steep slopes (4) to Sand Creek
   C. Historic/cultural amenities (3) Gazebo, Pekarna Meats
   D. Other: Gazebo, Railroad

3. Is the park handicap accessible?
   Yes (3) No (1) Portions (2)
   No curb cut

4. Is Parking Sufficient?
   Yes (4) No
   No handicap parking

Other Comments:
   (4) Trim trees from Gazebo
   (2) Street lights not in sync
   Rope lighting always on (inside shelter)
   Take down white fence around trees
   (5) Remove buckthorn & other weeds
   Very rough by bridge
   Adopt a garden candidate
   (3) Cut down dead trees
   (2) Gazebo could be cleaned
   Cover tree roots

As noted earlier the Park and Recreation Commission also visited the Skate Park to review some damage that was done due to vandals. Many members took notes which will be included in the Mini-Met notes expected to occur in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

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