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Board Supports Plan for Town Sports Complex

Park would benefit town and city residents; Open House to be held July 15th

On July 2nd, the Town Board indicated its support of a conceptual plan for a major sports and recreation complex for Town and City of Cedarburg residents.

The park is planned to be built on the former Prochnow landfill property, which is located south and west of the Five Corners intersection. The actual landfill is only about 7 acres, a small fraction of the 95 acre property. The property consists of open farmland, wetlands, and woodlands.

This new Town park will be the second largest park of its kind in Ozaukee County and one of the ten largest of its kind in all of Southeastern Wisconsin. The park will offer a wide-array of active and passive recreational amenities for the entire family. Athletic fields for soccer, baseball, softball, football, and other sports, such as archery, will be the focal point of the park. A park facility of this magnitude will be able to host tournaments for Cedarburg area youth sport leagues. Passive recreational opportunities will be abundant, including an internal path that links to the Town's existing bike trail system. Playgrounds, picnic areas, and a concession building are also envisioned for this new Town park.

"The Town Board has an unwavering commitment to transform this property into one of the finest parks in southeastern Wisconsin," stated Dave Valentine, Town Chairman.

Current Athletic Field Needs Are Unmet

The need for additional athletic fields has been expressed anecdotally for years. The Town has strived to better understand and address this problem. The Town's Five Corners Master Plan, completed in April 2006, identified the former landfill property as a possible location for athletic fields. A Town survey of residents last year reconfirmed the need when a majority of respondents said it is important to provide additional athletic and passive recreational facilities in the Town.

This year, the Town's Park and Open Space Committee invited representatives of the Cedarburg Soccer Club, Cedarburg Youth Baseball, and the City of Cedarburg to share their thoughts on current and future athletic field needs. All three representatives indicated that existing athletic fields are unable to meet the current or future demands.

"We turn away players from our programs because there aren't enough places to play games and practice. We don't even have one official "Little League" style baseball field," explains Brad Chaney, former director of Cedarburg Youth Baseball. Jeff Gylland, current Director of Cedarburg Youth Baseball, noted that fifty of the eighty youth that recently tried out for the competitive Cedarburg Youth Baseball program had to be turned away due to a lack of facilities. "That's hard to tell a fourth grade kid that he can't play," explained Gylland. According to Mark Schwantes, past president of Cedarburg Soccer Club, the "failure to find additional field space may lead to restrictions in the number of children we

will be able to accommodate in our program.” Schwantes also indicated that the existing Cedarburg area soccer fields are heavily overused, sometimes to the point whereby they have a difficult time keeping grass on the fields.

Environmental Responsibility

The Town, City of Cedarburg, and two private companies, known as the responsible parties, are charged with cleaning up the 7 acre landfill portion of the property. The Town will continue to work closely with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the other responsible parties toward this end. The athletic fields and other recreational amenities will not be located on the landfill, which was closed in 1972.

Open House to be Held July 15th

The proposed park is conceptual and a substantial amount of public input and planning is still needed. The public is invited to an Open House at Town Hall on Tuesday, July 15th between 4pm and 8pm to learn more and to provide feedback.

Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin

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