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TO: Wisconsin Point Committee Members
FROM: Linda M Cadotte, Director 
DATE: May 20, 2019
RE: **Wisconsin Point Committee Meeting Agenda**
Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 5:00 p.m.
Room 204, Government Center

The Wisconsin Point Committee Mission Statement is: Implementation of the Wisconsin Point Area Management Plan directives, policy development and monitoring.

1. Approval of the February 21, 2019 Wisconsin Point Committee meeting minutes.
2. Wisconsin Point – Gate discussion Police Dept
3. National Register of Historic Places
4. Wisconsin Point Artifacts Transfer
5. Wisconsin Point Trail
6. WI DNR Bird Sanctuary Project
7. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director's Report

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In compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, this agenda was: Posted: Government Center, Court House, & Public Library, emailed to: Daily Telegram, May 20, 2019.

WISCONSIN POINT COMMITTEE
February 21, 2019
Room 204, Government Center

Members Present: Tom Bridge (Superior Citizen Rep), Keith Allen (Douglas County), Ruth Ludwig (City Council-alt), Karina Heim (NERR), Thomas Howes (Fond du Lac Band, via phone).

Excused: Jenny Van Sickle (City Council), Nick Danz (UWS), Kevin Feind (WI DNR).

Also Present: Linda Cadotte, Angie Harker, John Broihahn (via phone), Terry White, Shelley Nelson, Erick Flood

1. Approval of November 13, 2018 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Ludwig, seconded by Allen, and carried to approve the Wisconsin Point Committee minutes of November 13, 2018.

2. National Register of Historic Places

John Broihahn, the State Archaeologist from the Wisconsin Historical Society joined the meeting via phone and reviewed the timeline and history of the work that has been done in cooperation with the Fond du Lac Band, to list Wisconsin Point on the National Register of Historic Places. He explained that they have solid evidence of 19th or early 20th century Ojibwe occupation. He explained the area of the point that would be designated and indicated it would be concentrated in the forested area. Broihahn stated a map would be prepared within the next month, once the society chooses a consultant. Advantages and disadvantages of the designation were discussed. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Cadotte explained that portions of sites 15, 16, 18 and 19 would be included. She indicated that any projects in the designated areas would require formal consultation with the Historical Society. Broihahn confirmed this and gave an example that if the city were to improve the road in that area, there would need to be a consultation with the Historical Society. If the improvements were going to have a negative impact on the site area, the Society would come up with a way to mitigate that impact such as adding additional fill rather than cutting the road down. Any additional archaeological surveying that may be requested would likely be incurred by the city. He stated the hope would be to come to an agreement, however if an agreement could not be reached, the city could proceed with the work regardless. Committee members asked if an increase in visitors to the point would be expected as a result of the designation. Broihahn explained that when archaeological or cultural sites are added to the registry, the locational information is restricted. The Wisconsin Point designation is unusual however due to the name and the fact that the point is well known. Therefore it is unknown if the designation would increase visitors. There would be no plaque or signage designating the area unless the city would want to install one, however based on feedback from the Fond du Lac Band during the Point project, their preference was to not have any new signage installed.

Next steps include having a consultant selected by March and a site visit in April or early May. It would go the Historical Society Review Board this summer and in November or into 2020, to the National Park Service Board. In summary, the anticipated designation would likely be finalized sometime in 2020.

3. Wisconsin Point Artifacts

Cadotte explained that the previous Douglas County Historical Society Director indicated that the society was not interested in the Wisconsin Point Artifacts, however that director has since left the position and the new director has asked for the list again. Once this director indicates their preference formally, that decision will be brought to the City Council (likely on March 19) along with a formal deed of gift for the transfer of the artifacts, which Broihahn is drafting.

Broihahn left the meeting via phone at 5:22 p.m.

MOTION by Allen, seconded by Ludwig, and carried that if the Douglas County Historical Society declines the Wisconsin Point Artifacts, that they be gifted to the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

4. Wisconsin Point Restoration and Access Improvement Project

Cadotte gave an update on the project and explained that all of the boardwalks have been installed. The City's Environmental Services Division has applied for a CN tree grant to add additional tree plantings to the project. Cadotte listed the varieties/sizes/numbers of trees to be planted. Recycle bin and garbage combination units will be ordered out of the contingency project funds. The gate is not included in the project currently, along with a number of other items. Depending on contingency funds remaining, they still could be added. The project should wrap up in the fall of this year.

5. Wisconsin Point Trail update

Cadotte provided an update on the trail and indicated that she spoke with the Army Corp today. They have been in consultation with the Historical Society regarding the archaeological survey as the Historical Society did not approve the permit due to a number of concerns. The Army Corp is requesting additional information and comments from Duluth Archaeology. It's anticipated that more information will be received from the Army Corp in the next couple months. (Thomas Howes left the meeting via phone at 5:37 p.m. however there was still a quorum).

The Wisconsin Conservation Corp has determined that the project would take them 3 summers to complete. Bids have been received for the two bridges, however since we do not have a permit, we can't move forward with much at this time. Members asked what it would cost to add a bike lane to Moccasin Mike Road, which will be redone after the landfill closes in approximately 2025. Cadotte will ask Public Works for an estimate.

6. WI DNR access to Bird Sanctuary

The Wisconsin DNR has provided two options/locations for the gate to the bird sanctuary. Cadotte reviewed these and shared photos of the type of gate and locations. One location is set further back off the road and would not require boulders or additional barriers around the gate. This is the DNR's preferred location. The second is closer to the road and would need rocks or barriers of some sort to prevent vehicles from driving around it. After discussion, the committee recommended the first location, set further back off the road. They also requested the gate be painted so as to blend in with the landscape a bit more.

MOTION by Allen, seconded by Heim, and carried to recommend the gate be set further back off the road in the DNR's preferred location and the gate must be painted a neutral color.

8. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director's Report.

Cadotte gave an update on the Howard's Bay Remediation Project, which had stalled due to federal contractual funding issues. There was a draft partner agreement completed in 2017 and a refresher on the project will be presented at the March 5th City Council meeting by the Wisconsin DNR and Fraser Shipyards. The formal agreements will then be brought forward to the March 19th council meeting for consideration. Cadotte shared the proposed funding for the project.

MOTION by Allen, seconded by Ludwig, and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of March 5, 2019.

Wisconsin Point Incidents 2014 through 2018

Year	Number of Incidents	Incidents between 2300 and 0430		SIFA and Community Policing	
2014	120	14	12%	80	67%
2015	157	18	11%	69	58%
2016	149	25	17%	50	34%
2017	75	26	35%	3	4%
2018	78	23	29%	6	8%

SIFA = Self Initiated Field Activity

Nature Codes SIFA and Community Policing are used interchangeably.

Incidents handled jointly by SPD and DGSO, generating two incident numbers, counted as one incident.

Prepared 5/7/2019 by Matt Markon

Cadotte, Linda

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Cc: Steiger, Matthew B - DNR
Subject: May 2019 Piping Plover Partner Update
Attachments: piping plover 5-10-19.JPG; piping plover (2) 5-10-19.JPG

Hello Partner Team – Hope everyone is enjoying spring, the warm sun feels great! Since there isn't much to cover this month and many of you are out in the field looking for Piping Plover, we decided to share the updates below via email. Feel free to share any other updates with the group and please reach out if you have any questions. Thanks so much!

- **Solicitation for Construction Bid:** The Corps advertised the project on April 30th soliciting bids for construction. Assuming no amendments are needed, bid opening will be on May 30th at 2 pm EST.
https://www.fbo.gov/indexs=opportunity&mode=form&id=12873529b141c8e288338d9397401c62&tab=core&_cvview=0
- **Tribal Monitor:** Coordination with the tribes on having a tribal monitor on site during portions of project construction is progressing.
- **Corps Project Manager:** Sharing the exciting news that Amanda will be a new mom any day now 😊 While she is out on maternity leave Alex Jimenez will serve at the Corps interim project coordinator. We will also be working closely with Corey Weston and his Duluth team who will be on-site during construction this season working with the contractor who is hired. Congratulations Amanda and look forward to working with Alex and Corey!
- **Piping Plovers on MN Point:** Kris shared late last week that the Alliance's monitors observed a female Piping Plover on MN Point (see attached pics). This is great news since it's been a few years since the last time they were observed in the estuary. Hoping next year they head over to the new habitat we are building just for them. Kris, please share any other details. Thanks much!
- **Establishment Phase:** I working on the full proposal to request funding from EPA for the Establishment Phase after construction is complete. WDNR will lead the establishment phase that includes the dune grass plantings and habitat management and maintenance for the first 3-5 years of the project post-construction in partnership with the Alliance and FWS.

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