

**WISCONSIN POINT COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**  
**Room 217, Government Center**

Members Present: Tom Bridge (Superior Citizen Rep), Nick Danz (UWS), Terry White (Douglas County) Jenny VanSickle (City Council)

Excused: Kevin Feind (WI DNR), Ruth Ludwig (City Council-alt), Thomas Howes (Fond du Lac Band), Keith Allen (Douglas County Rep), Erika Washburn (NERR)

Also Present: Linda Cadotte, Jaycie Paulson

1. Introductions and election of officers

**MOTION by VanSickle, seconded by White, and carried to appoint Bridge as chair.**

**MOTION by White, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to appoint Danz as vice chair.**

2. Approval of November 14, 2017 meeting minutes.

**MOTION by White, seconded by VanSickle, and carried to approve the Wisconsin Point Plan Implementation Committee minutes of November 14, 2017.**

3. Project Updates by Linda Cadotte, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry:

a) Howard's Bay Remediation

Project is still in design stages. Army Corps has been doing most of the work with little/no involvement from partners since the end of 2017 when funding/agreements ended. Agreements are being developed to complete design. Still expect to begin construction in 2019, wrapping up in spring of 2020. There are no significant changes to the project that we are aware of at this time.

b) Wisconsin Point Dune Restoration

The shovel testing was completed. Most tests found nothing or modern trash (bottle glass, brick, asphalt, paper, plastic). Will need to clean and look at the glass to make sure it's modern (not pre-1917 age). One test encountered a rotten wood item associated with metal: spikes/nails, metal plates, and a 3-4 foot long bolt; possibly used to cushion docks for ships. Artifacts need to be shown to a historian to see if they can be identified further. Once an environmental assessment is completed, a FONSI (finding of no significant impact) will be generated. Then it will take at least another two weeks for the grant. Next steps: finalize archeological report, environmental assessment, FONSI and grant allocation. Early August is the soonest we will be able to give contractor the official notice to proceed. Anything that needs to be ordered with a long lead time such as boardwalks won't likely be completed until spring.

c) Piping Plover

Project is in design phase and proposed to start in 2019. There is good progress overall thus far. The primary location for the piping plover has shifted from Shafer's beach to the Wisconsin DNR bird sanctuary, located on Allouez Bay across from the Wisconsin Point lighthouse. Committee discussed concerns regarding the increased beach area on Allouez Bay and how that will attract more people. Therefore more signage for the project would be required. Linda will request a DNR presentation at a council meeting.

d) Wisconsin Point Trail (Osaugie Trail to Wisconsin Point Road)

Cadotte will be meeting with the Wisconsin Conservation Corps to walk the trail again to get a better idea for the length of time needed to complete the project. Mid-September projected start time; end of October is currently the projected finish time. Still need a formal easement agreement from Douglas County to build on their land. Hunting on property located near trail needs to be addressed before the trail is finalized. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting a phase one archeological survey of the trail due to the close proximity to Wisconsin Point.

4. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director's Report

- Cadotte talked about Senior Employment program that would allow for placement of an individual part-time on Wisconsin Point like there was several years back.
- A representative from the Northwest Wisconsin Tobacco-Free coalition approached the city about considering Wisconsin Point to be smoke-free and maybe giving a presentation to the committee in the future. Brief discussion on a similar past initiative was had.

The committee was open to meeting again as necessary, if there are updates; therefore no specific meeting date was set.

**MOTION by Danz, seconded by White, and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.**

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of June 5, 2018.