

Town of Farmington/Dayton/Lind/Waupaca
Joint Waupaca Park & Rec Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2017
E913 Prairie View Ln
Waupaca, WI 54981
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Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Chair Caroline Murphy presided. The opening statement was given. Notices were properly published and posted.

Roll Call:

Farmington: Caroline Murphy-Chair, Craig Nelson-Supervisor I, Mark Jensen-Supervisor II, Julie Leaf Clerk-Treasurer;
Dayton: Don Holtebeck-Chair, John Miller-Supervisor, and Jeff Barlow-Supervisor;
Town of Waupaca: Evan Abrahamson-Chair;
City of Waupaca- Paul Mayou-Council President, and Henry Veleker-Administrator/Clerk;
Park & Rec: Aaron Jenson-Director Park & Rec;
Mayor: Brian Smith;
School Board: Pat Phair-Clerk;
School District Finance Com: Sandra Robinson-Chair;
Town of Lind: Steve Gall-Chair;
School District Administrator: Greg Nyen;
and 1 citizens.

Approve Agenda: A motion by Craig Nelson seconded by Mark Jensen to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Open discussion of the Waupaca Park & Rec program with Aaron Jenson, Director - informational

Presentation by Aaron Jenson. Please see attached.

Comments and Questions discussed:

Will Park and Rec have more funds available if Fund 80 is enacted?

New London can provide programs at a non-resident fee that is 10% of what Waupaca does, how can they do that?

How many total participants in program? 2031 participants.

Who makes the decision if this would happen or not? The school board would vote to implement Fund 80.

What if one or more towns decide not to participate in Fund 80? It is a school tax, towns cannot choose not to participate.

If school board goes to Fund80, Townships have no choice but to participate? Townships would no longer contribute.

Newspaper mentioned it is not a referendum item or advisory vote?

Using School board and tax base to collect funds, example is \$100,000. Is this capped or is a \$500,000 home taxed 5 times this rate? What is actual fee being paid? Based on Equalized value.

How long would the participation level go? Undetermined.

Could it be increased? Can it be stable for 10 years?

You talked about benefits to the children, about year and a half ago, you mentioned scholarships for economic support for children?

Have you developed a partnership with health and human services for those residents?

Fund 80 is cradle to grave so will this include senior nutrition program that is current under health and human service program?

What about day care services, Port Washington-Saukville District, they have before and after school programs, daycare, they also have a breakfast program, is this also part of what the school system is going to because this could be included under fund 80?

I know this will be going through the school district; right now, we have town representation on the Park and Rec board; so, if Fund 80 goes through then we will no longer have town representation. Will there be opportunity to have representation from the town ships on the boards?

Do you get the impression that Fund 80 as it stands now, is secure in moving forward, like it will not be changed or be legislation that it will be pulled?

How do you address the property owner that is contributing to the Fund 80 tax and also paying the non-resident fee?

If Partnerships drive up the costs for the residents? If you did away with Partnerships what would happen?

What would the rate have to be for this to be equalized?

Townships want value for their money, is that the level you are comfortable with.

If administrative fee is being added on for our half, I don't see any value to the town.

Seems likely that the intent of the legislature in conceiving that law was to support recreational programs run through and supported by the school district. Now we have this "hitchhiking" going on by city programs. That would seem to be something pretty easily shed by legislature, that would seem to be a significant concern about long range funding for Fund 80.

Fund 80 is a broad fund, and it will be utilized for a narrow application. Some school boards have very robust Fund 80 which include daycare, swimming pool programs, meals on wheels, and very comprehensive program which has a levy.

Fund 80 would support youth programming not cradle to grave. Adult and youth OR youth only. This would have to be decided before school board approves it. Adult Fund 80 is more things. Is School board going to start adding these things on?

How well can school board represent the general public they are very good representing kids going to school now we are asking them to make decisions about general public?

Most our adult programs are self-sustaining. Farmington and Dayton does subsidize the senior programs. Direct costs are self-sustaining not operational things.

There is a long history of agreements in terms of programming. We have the tools to make a structure of how that money is raised a little more permanent and whether we want to utilize it at this point is why we are having this discussion.

Is there a timeline? Are you going to suggest a referendum for an election? Is this for 2019? 2021?
Is there an exit strategy if Fund 80 doesn't seem to work as we expect it to?

When does it become a point when the school district just runs these programs for the community?
Current structure right now is that the school district is involved.
Does the school district charge for the use of the fields?

Adjournment: A motion by Don Holtebeck seconded by Mark Jensen to adjourn at 10:27a.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by: Julie Leaf

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