



CITY OF ANTIGO

PARKS, CEMETERY AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Monday, January 14, 2019

CITY HALL, 700 EDISON STREET

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 12, 2018 Meeting
2. Approval of 2019 Facility Use Waivers
3. Approval to Apply for Knowles Stewardship Funding to Expand the Springbrook Trail
4. Dog Park Improvements
5. Approval for Invasive Removal at Elmwood Cemetery funded by Elmwood Cemetery Timber Sale Revenues
6. Approval to Construct Low Level Boardwalks Using Budgeted CIP Funds
7. Engineering for Al Remington Little League Seating Deck
8. Request to Keep Flag Football Registration Fees at \$10.00 for 2019
9. General Updates Including Staffing, Cemeteries, Shelters & Facilities, Projects, Events, Volunteers, Programs, Forestry, Invasives, Grants & Bids

Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered

Adjournment

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, contact Jaime Horswill, 700 Edison Street, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409. (715) 623-3633 extension 100. Members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may be in attendance to gather information. Any governmental body other than that specifically referred to above will take no action.

DATE MAILED: January 11, 2019

TIM KASSIS



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Julie Zack, Administration & Clerical Assistant
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Approval of 2019 Facility Use Waivers

Attached are the facility waivers for 2019.

Annual events with annual shelter fee waiver requests:

The following events, picnics, walks or runs utilize one or more of our shelters within the park system. I am requesting that I, the Park, Recreation and Cemetery Director, have permission to approve the shelter waiver requests for 2019 once they are filed with our department. The listed events are annual community events that meet some or all of the following criteria. New waiver requests not included in the below table would require the Park, Cemetery and Recreation commission's approval.

- The event is open to the public at no charge and offers either an educational experience for attendees or a remembrance or memorial for those within our community.
- The picnic or event recognizes volunteers that have participated in a community service project.
- The organization or group is not creating a profit from the event. If funds are raised during the event they are invested back into our community and used for various community projects, events, programs or local organizations.

ANNUAL EVENTS FOR 2019 WHICH REQUIRE WAIVERS			Requested Waivers/Fees			
Event Name	Estimated Date of Event	Brief Event Description	Event/Parade Permit Fee	Street Use Fee	Insurance Certificate	Shelter or Facility
Antigo Disc Golf Club Ice Bowl Tournament	2/25/2018	Utilizes the Disc Golf Course. The event is held to raise money for the Antigo Community Food Pantry. The tournament is held on the course making a permit and insurance required.	X		X	
Antigo Optimist Christmas Tree Burn	Tentative date of 1/23/2019	If City services or equipment is needed, request makes event permit required.	X		Provides	
Rural Fire Control	as necessary through the year	Utilizes Peaceful Valley Event Grounds- Use of parking lot area where they set up approximately 300 feet of hose and test it in an unused portion of the parking lot.				X
Stand for Children Day	Middle of May (Tentatively 5/17 & 18/2019)	Utilizes Peaceful Valley Park, Warming House, Festival Grounds, Heinzen Pavilion: Free community educational event that offers various activities, opportunities, and education for participants. Includes: Optimist Bike Rodeo, Kids Travel Safe, Antigo Headstart, Fire Department...etc. Open to the public.	X	X	Provides	X
Hike for Hope (Formerly Out of Darkness Suicide Walk)	May 18,2019	Utilizes the Lake Park Concession and Shelter: Walk on the Springbrook Trail that creates awareness about suicide prevention and also remembers those that we have lost. Open to the public.	X		Provides	X
Antigo Garden Club Annual Plant Sale	5/25/2019	Utilizes Heinzen Pavilion: Selling locally grown annuals/periennals to the community with gardening advice given free. The funds generated are used toward the maintenance of many planters in the community including City Park West and East. They also provide scholarships to high school students with funds generated.	X		X	X
Memorial Day Parade	5/27/2019	Parade begins at Eastview Manor Nursing Home and follows city streets to the Langlade County Courthouse. This parade is an expected event held yearly on Memorial Day celebrating and recognizing the many Antigo area citizens who served in the Armed Forces and have since died. Public is encouraged to attend parade and ceremony at conclusion of parade. Heinzen Pavilion is reserved as a rain location if needed.	X		X	X
End of Year School Functions	May through June	Utilizes city shelters for school picnics, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m to 3 pm. Any event beyond these days and times requires a paid reservation.				X
Music in the Park-Mondays and Thursdays (some special dates)	Beginning of June – End of August	Utilizes City Park West & Heinzen Pavilion. Free Music in the Park Summer Series. Open to the public. Heinzen Pavilion is used as a rain location.	X		Provides	X
Play and Learn Time	May through August	Utilizes City Park West. A free universal program open to all families and cities in the county. Presented by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services				X
Antigo Baseball Association & Youth Softball-Tournaments and Regular Season	Spring & Summer (tentatively June 14th to 16th and July 19th to 21st)	Utilizes Saratoga and Lake Park shelters and concession stand at Lake Park & Al Remington Concession Stand.	X		X	X
Antigo Fillies Youth Softball Tournament	7/5 to 7/08/2019	Utilizes Lake Park Concession stand and Saratoga Shelter for tournament.	X		X	X
Antigo Farmers Market	June to October	Utilizes Heinzen Pavilion, Peaceful Valley Park, Warming House and Festival Grounds. The market sells locally grown produce and related food items along with cooking and crafting demonstrations. Benefits the community by making locally grown produce available along with educating the public with regard to food choices and preparation. Weekly donations of produce are made to the Antigo Food Pantry.	X		Provides	X
Healthy Ways Coalition - Spring Walk	Beginning of June (Tentatively 6/5/2019)	Utilizes a city shelter and Springbrook Trail. Free Community Event that is Sponsored by the Healthy Ways Coalition, businesses, and organizations, which creates awareness for participants about healthy activities and opportunities in our community. Open to the public.	X		X	X
Kids Fishing Day/Trout Unlimited	Beginning of June (Scheduled for 6/8/2019)	Utilizes City Park East. Free Community Event sponsored by Trout Unlimited that exposes youth the recreational activity of fishing. Open to the public.	X		X	X
Clifford Hausmann Memorial Vietnam Vet Cookout	6/21/2019	Utilizes Hudson Street Shelter. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Picnic recognizing and remembering veterans for their service. Open to the public.	X		X	X
Mission Antigo Barbecue	Middle of June (Tentatively 6-14-19)	Utilizes Heinzen Pavilion and Warming House. A cookout to celebrate the work and participants of Mission Antigo which were completed in the previous week.				X
Langlade County Historical Society Picnic	Tentatively July 11, 2019	Utilizes Heinzen Pavilion for rain location for annual picnic-Shelter and permit fee, along with insurance certificate would only need to be waived if they had to use for their event because of inclement weather.	X		X	X
Compassionate Friends Picnic/Balloon Release	Middle of July (Tentatively 7/11/2019)	Utilizes Hudson Street Shelter. Families come together to honor the children they have lost.	X		X	X

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Kids from Wisconsin Picnic by Rotary Members	Middle of July (Tentatively 7/16/2019)	Utilizes City Park East. Kids from Wisconsin performers are entertained for a picnic by Rotary members. The Rotary Club brings Kids from Wisconsin for a performance and the funds are used to bring exchange students to the community and support them financially.				X
Kiwanis Club Picnic	Early August	Utilizes City Park East. Annual event to acknowledge the members for the community events they have participated in throughout the year. Kiwanis Club funds youth activities in the community.				X
Antigo Optimist After Fair Picnic	Middle of August	Available Shelter Facility. Annual event recognizing Optimist volunteers that contribute their time for community and youth events in the community throughout the year.				X
LYVE Benefit in the Park	Early August (Tentatively 8-3-19)	Utilize City Park West. They raise funds to cover the cost of participating in state competition. They invite the public to see them perform and sell food items to raise funds.	X		X	X

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Antigo Tater Trot	Beginning of August (Tentatively 8/9 & 8/10/19)	Utilizes City Park East and West. Annual Race for runners and walkers. Funds raised are used to sponsor a variety of local organizations, clubs, and continue the annual event year to year. Open to the public	X	X	Provides	X
Missing Not Forgotten / A Night of Hope	8/11/2019	Utilizes Hudson Street Shelter. Annual event to remember those that are missing. Open to the public.	X		X	X
Antigo Elks Lodge #662	Tentative in August	Utilizes City ParkEast. Annual event to acknowledge the members who volunteer their time for events. Elks funds are used for youth events in the community.				X
Antigo Cancer Society Relay for Life of Langlade County	Tentatively August 16, 2019	Utilizes Peaceful Valley Park, Festival Grounds, Warming House and Heinzen Pavilion. Street closure of 6th Avenue & 7th Avenue in this block allows participants to walk complete blocks as well as parking area.	X	X	Provides	X
Badgerland Classics Car Club	Mid-August (Tentatively, Sunday, August 18, 2019)	Utilizes Peaceful Valley Park, Warming House, Festival Grounds and Heinzen Pavilion. Community event that showcases a variety of cars, vehicles, and tractors. Event offers food, all-day fun, and an educational experience for participants and attendees. Street closure of 6th Ave, 7th Ave and Field St for safety. Open to the public.	X	X	Provides	X
Antigo Walk to End Alzheimers	Middle of September (Tentatively 9/14/2019)	This event utilizes the city sidewalk. Open to the public and is a community event to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease. Funds raised from the walkers donations are used to support care and services provided to families across Langlade County. All services from the Alzheimers Association are provided to those in need free of charge.	X		Provides	
Stumble Stump Rendevoous	Tentatively 9/4/19 to 9/8/19	This event occurs in the open area along the Springbrook Path. The public is invited to watch demonstrations of living in the days of trapping and living off the land. No fees are charged so no funding is generated by this event. It is held to educate the public and school children on the history of our northwoods areas.	X		Provides	
Boys & Girls Club of Langlade County-Cops vs Shops	Middle of September (Tentatively 9/14/2019)	Utilizes a Lake Park Concession Stand. This event is a fund-raiser for the club in which city departments play softball against each other with the winner receiving bragging rights for the following year. A community event organized to show support of the club by the city departments.	X		Provides	X
Healthy Ways Coalition - Fall Walk	Middle of September Tentatively	Utilizes Springbrook Trail. Free Community Event that is Sponsored by the Healthy Ways Coalition. The event encourages people of all ages to come and enjoy the Springbrook Walkway as a healthy way to encourage exercise and healthy lifestyle changes. Open to the public.	X		X	
Eli's Unite and Fight 1K-5K-10K	Tentatively September 21st	Utilizes Peaceful Valley Warming House. Runners and walkers participate to raise money for the MACC (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer) and raise awareness of childhood cancer.	X	X	X	X
Fighting Cancer Co-ed Softball Tournament	Tentative 9-20 To 9/22/19	Utilizes Lake Park & Senior League Fields as well as Lake Park Concession Stand. Yearly event first held in 2018 to benefit Alex Hintz's treatment costs.	X		X	X
Antigo High School Homecoming	Approximately 1st week of October	Utilizes the Police and Street Departments for traffic control.	X		School District	
Bright Futures 5K Color Run/Walk	Early October (Tentatively 10/5/2019)	Utilizes the Springbrook Trail path along with crossings at city streets (Milton St). A 1 mile and 5K run are held to benefit the Boys & Girls Club Healthy Lifestyles Program. Road closure road blocks are needed for both ends of Milton Street to provide safety for the participants. Open to the public.	X		Provides	
CROP Walk to End World Hunger	Early October (Tentatively 10/6/2019)	Utilizes Peaceful Valley Park, Warming House, Festival Grounds and Heinzen Pavilion. Walk on the Springbrook Trail, which raises funds for local and international food relief. Open to the public.	X		X	X
UW Extension Antigo Field Research Day	Date varies. Typically in the middle of the week.	Utilize one of the City Park Shelters. Picnic recognizing volunteers that assist with the Field Research Day at the Langlade County Research Station. Open to the public.				X
Lunch to Benefit The Giving Tree	Second half of October (Tentatively 10/18/19)	Utilizes the Peaceful Valley Park, Warming House, Festival Grounds and Heinzen Pavilion. Raises funds for the annual Giving Tree Program	X		X	X
Antigo Optimist Halloween Bash	Usually the Saturday before Halloween (Tentatively 10/26/2019)	Event for local youth utilizing the Peaceful Valley Warming House, Festival Grounds and Heinzen Pavilion. The Optimists replaced the parade with this event in 2016. Kids now play games and still get awards for their costumes in addition to tricks and treats. No fee is charged to youth to participate and event is open to the public.	X		Provides	X



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Approval to Apply for Knowles Stewardship Funding to Expand the Springbrook Trail

Unfortunately, we were not awarded funds for the 2018 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant cycle. However, the applications are due annually as of May 1. I am requesting permission to apply for grant funding to continue with trail expansion to from the West Rotary Bridge and along the east edge of the Fairgrounds to Charlotte Street. This connection will provide a critical trail segment that will connect our community to the north side shopping and apartments, and the north side to our downtown, schools, parks, and facilities.



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Dog Park Improvements

We currently have \$10,000.00 budgeted in Dog Park Improvements. I am requesting approval to use \$3,000.00 for fencing improvements, and \$7,000.00 for large cement planters, trees, and benches.

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TF4135

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Large circular planter that uses our unique Reservoir System.

ITEM NUMBER:
TF4135

DIMENSIONS
72" dia. x 36"

WEIGHT:
3725 lbs.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES:
Hardware: (2) 5/8" Dia. lifting inserts, Note: Lifting inserts are to ONLY be used when planter is EMPTY, The above planter automatically comes with a leveling ring.

MATERIAL:
• Concrete

SHAPE:
• Circle

REINFORCEMENT:
Yes

RESERVOIR SYSTEM-OPTIONAL:
Yes



GET A QUOTE

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STANDARD ACID WASH

Attachment: Planters (2508 : Dog Park Improvements)



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Approval for Invasive Removal at Elmwood Cemetery funded by Elmwood Cemetery Timber Sale Revenues

The City of Antigo has awarded the Elmwood Cemetery Timber Sale Bid to McFarland Cascade. There is a large overgrown stand of buckthorn in the timber stand that should be removed. McFarland has proposed removal of the buckthorn at a rate of \$25.00/hour (half the price of the other quoted removal rate) if removed in conjunction with the timber harvest within the proposed harvest area. They are estimating removal will take approximately 30 hours in this area.

I am recommending funding the removal with Timber Sale Revenues, so we can remove approximately 20 acres of buckthorn in conjunction with the timber harvest for approximately half the rate of other removal proposals.

I am also recommending that we remove the additional buckthorn while the contractor is mobilized in the location. The rate would be \$50.00/hour and the estimated total time is 20 hours. The hourly rate is comparable to the other invasive removal quotes, and it would be in our best interest to remove all the buckthorn at the same time.



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Approval to Construct Low Level Boardwalks Using Budgeted CIP Funds

We currently have \$11,709.00 to construct parking and paths. I am requesting permission to use budgeted funds to have posts placed, so our crews can construct low-level boardwalks, which will create access to our Northern Natural Area from the Springbrook Trail.

During certain times of the year the trail is not accessible due to wet conditions. The low level boardwalks will provide access for the x-country skiing connecting loop, the back 9 of the Disc Golf Course, and year-round hiking and biking. Placement of the posts is estimated at \$5,500.00 and materials for in-house construction will be the remainder. I am requesting permission to use the budgeted funds from CIP to place posts and have our staff construct low-level boardwalks, which will provide connections to hiking, biking, and x-country skiing trails as well as year-round access to the back 9 of the disc golf course. Continued expansion will occur as funds are available.



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Engineering for Al Remington Little League Seating Deck

To move forward with the Al Remington Little League Seating Deck Project off of Langlade Road we need to have a set of engineered and stamped plans, so we can bid the project.

I have reached out to a number of engineer / architects, and design firms with the proposal. I received three quotes, and after conferring with Roger Musolff and Charley Brinkmeier we are recommending the low quote from Design Build by Visner for \$3,500.00. These funds are budgeted in CIP under ball diamond improvements.

The plans should be completed end of February or early March, so we can bid the project, and hopefully break ground in 2019.

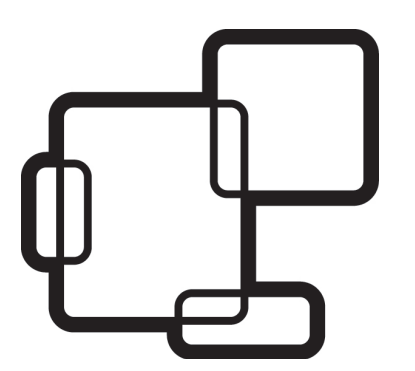


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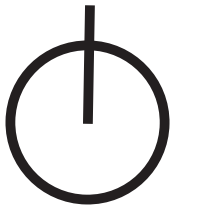
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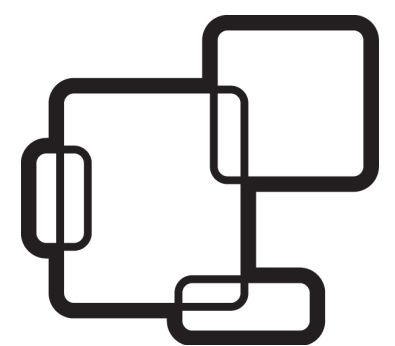
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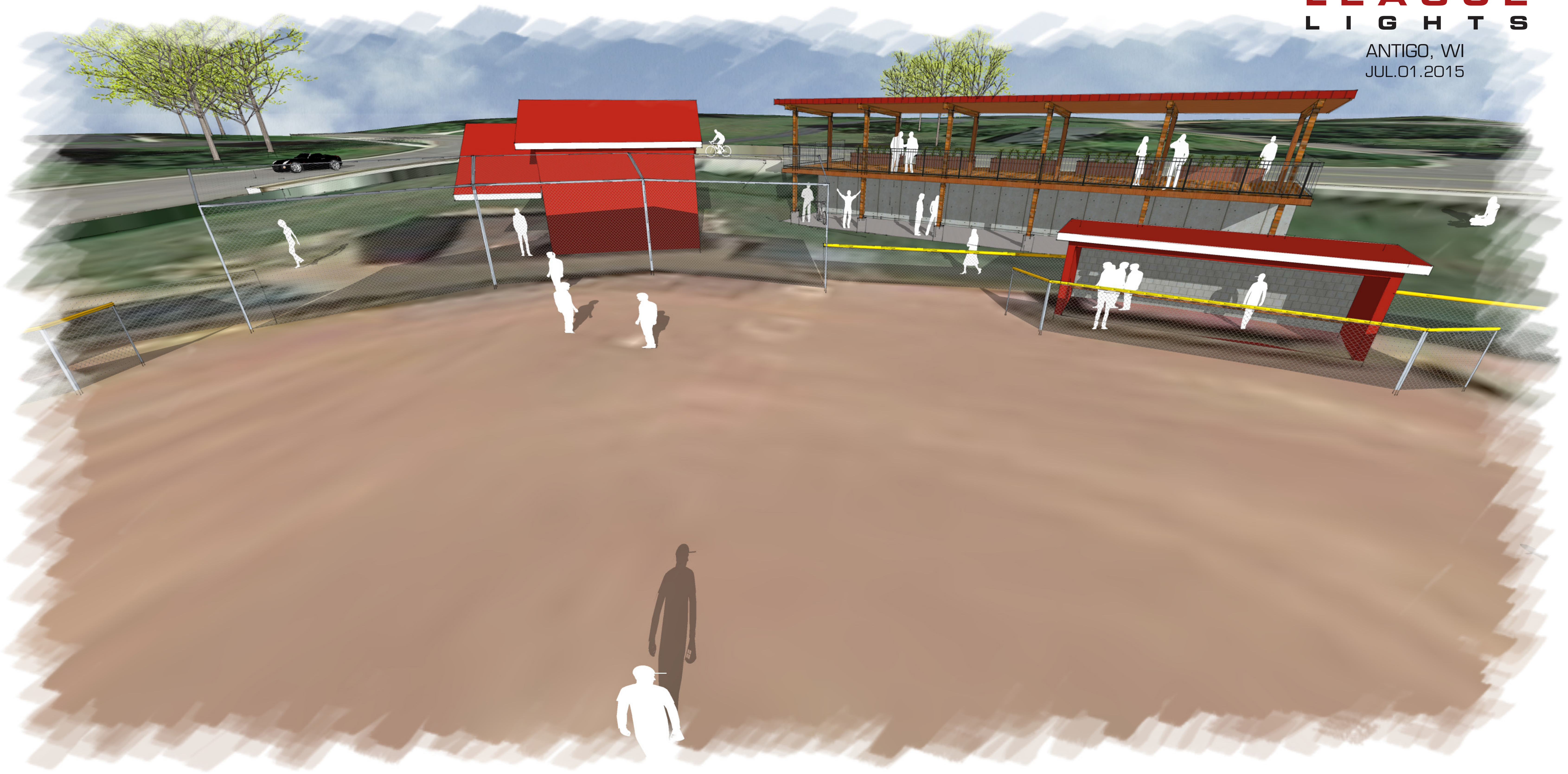
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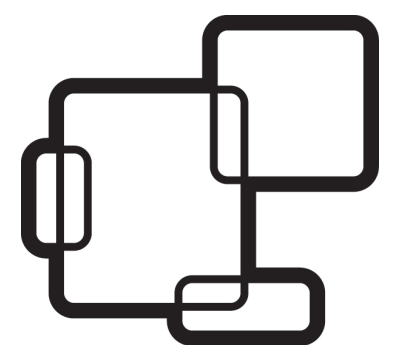
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Attachment: 150701_Deck_Seating_Design (2549 : Engineering for Al Remington Little League Seating Deck)



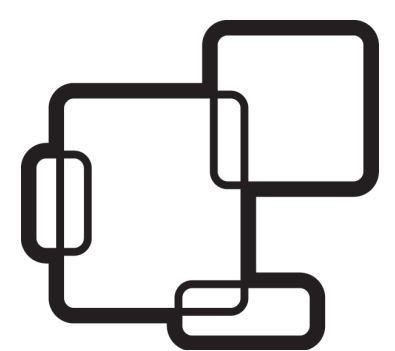
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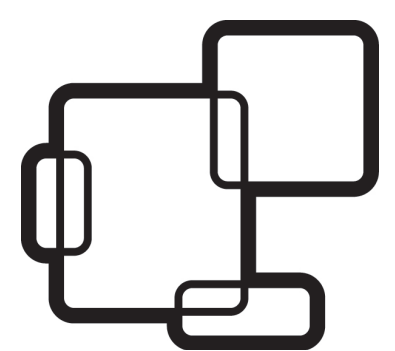
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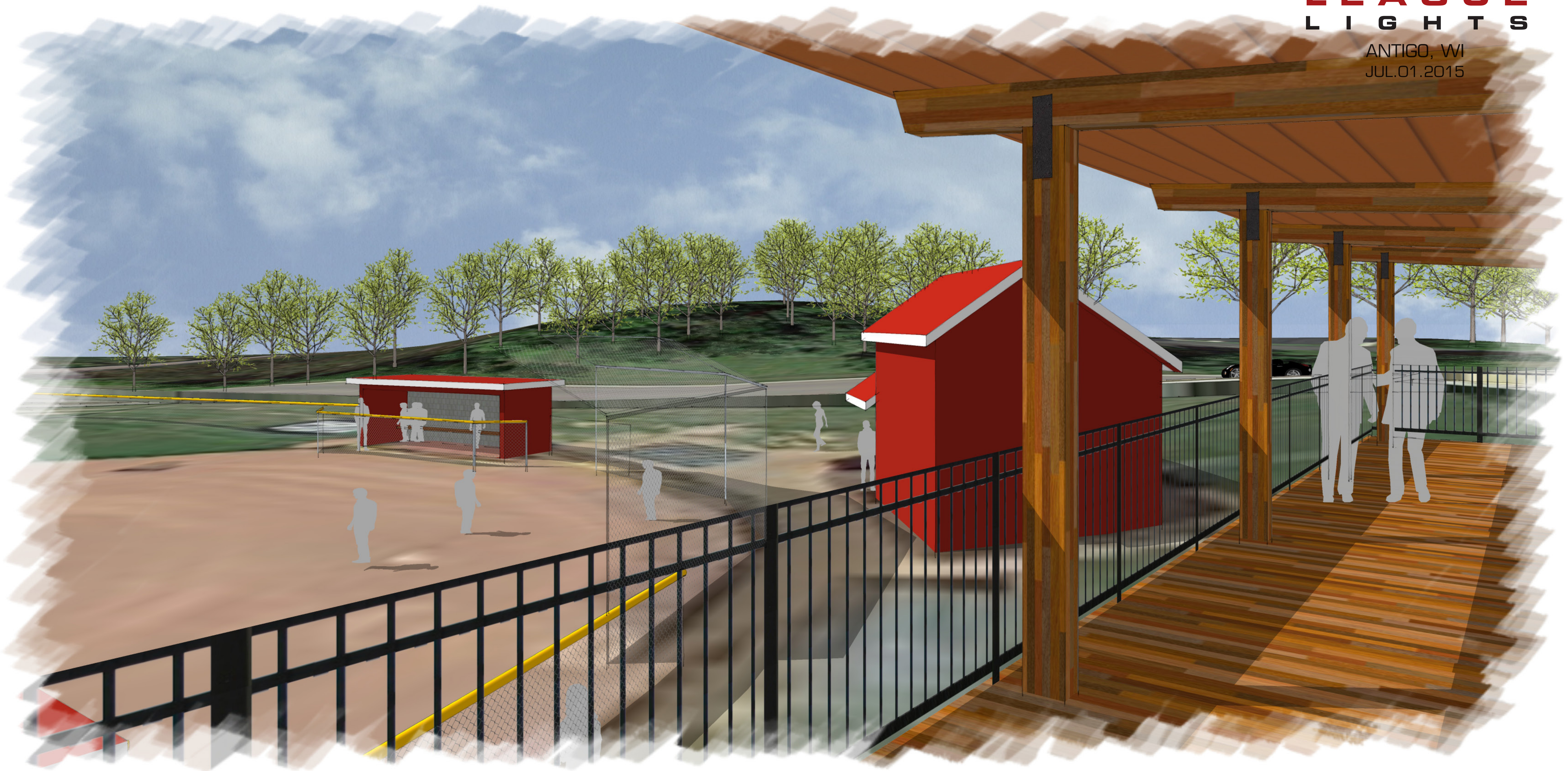
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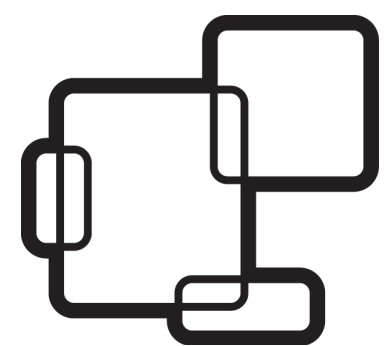
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To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Supervisor
Date: January 14, 2019
Re: Request to Keep Flag Football Registration Fees at \$10.00 for 2019

Dave Brandt donated \$6,000.00 in 2016, so the Flag Football registration fee would be \$10.00 for all participants (normally registration would be \$13.00 resident and \$26.00 non-resident).

We have \$10,000.00 budgeted in revenues for our 2019 registration/program fees for 2019.

We have not eliminated any programs and have generated approximately \$11,000.00 in revenues since 2016.

We have approximately \$694.00 remaining in the Brandt League donation, so I am recommending that we maintain a \$10.00 registration fee for 2019 and revert to the resident/non-resident fee schedule in 2020.

Based off of revenue projections from the last 3 years we will have enough to off-set the difference that will not be covered by Brandt League (approximately \$1,000.00).

Park, Cemetery & Recreation Department

Memo

To: City of Antigo Park, Cemetery & Recreation Commission
From: Sarah Repp; Park, Cemetery & Recreation Director
Date: January 2019
Re: Park, Recreation and Cemetery Department General Updates

STAFFING: We interviewed 2 potential candidates for the year-round part-time position, and will hopefully fill the position in January. This position assists with night and weekend coverage as well as snow removal in the winter.

We will be advertising for our 3-4 summer seasonal positions in January, and reaching out to our past employees to see if they are interested in returning for the upcoming summer.

CEMETERIES: Winter or fall arrangements may be attached to the markers, or hung from a shepherd hook after October 1. Please don't hesitate to contact our office with questions (715.623.3633 ext-131/154).

SHELTERS & FACILITIES:

- **SHELTERS:** All shelters have been winterized except for the Peaceful Valley Warming House, which remains open year-round.
- **ICE RINKS, SLED HILL, X-COUNTRY SKIING:** Crews began preparations for the ice rink and hockey rink in Peaceful Valley. The hockey rink is open daily. We have scheduled our Open Skates in the Multi-Purpose Building in conjunction with AAYHA (there is a minimum of one open skate per month on no school days throughout the winter season. The November and December skates were well attended. The upcoming skates are scheduled for: 1/21, and 2/14.
- **SINGLE TRACK TRAIL:** Mike Heiny and Paul Wagner have completed the 2018 trail expansion that added an additional mile to the existing 2 miles of trail. We are very grateful for their efforts and to City Gas for allowing the use of their mini-dozer to create the trails. I will be working with Dave Falk and other park staff to create trail head signage and trail markings that note the different loops.

PROJECTS:

- **SLED HILL:** Antigo Rotary Club donated \$5,000.00 and their time to make improvements on the Sled Hill in Railway Activity Park. Final details will be completed by next summer (signage, benches, and additional landscaping).
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Crews decorated the beautiful tree placed in the Sign Park, and also hung garland from the Hudson Street Bridge, and various locations in our community. Various community groups, businesses, and organizations placed community Christmas Cards in Peaceful Valley Festival Grounds.
- **COMMUNITY SIGN:** Julie has contacted various service organizations within our community for placement on a new Community Sign that will recognize service organizations as well as youth accomplishments (Music & Arts, Athletics, and Clubs). We are hoping to have the sign completed and placed in the spring of 2019.

EVENTS:

- We are working with various groups and organizations to host their various community events within our parks and shelters. Check the Community Calendar, which can be found on the Antigo/Langlade County Community Resource Website: www.alcinfo.com. Upcoming events include Open Skates and Winter Fun & Family Wellness Day. Winter Wonderland Life-size holiday cards are in the Peaceful Valley Festival Grounds for holiday enjoyment.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Volunteers make our programs and events possible. Additionally, they also help us enhance and maintain our parks and trails.
- Thank you to all our coaches (baseball, soccer, flag football, and dance)
- Thank you to Mission Antigo Volunteers
- Thank you to Antigo Garden Club, which maintains planting areas and landscaping in our parks.
- Thank you to LAMBA members for expanding our trail system.

RECREATION PROGRAMS: Spring, Summer, and Fall 2019 recreation programs will be available for on-line registration as of January 1. Interested coaches may also register and receive up to 2 registration fees waived. **Register on-line at:** www.antigo-city.org/rec1.

- **NEW PROGRAM:** Ryan and Andrea Medo will be coaching a youth x-country ski program (more details soon).
- **Pickleball:** Play has now moved indoors to Karl's Transport and has 32 registered participants. They also hosted a free clinic on Saturday, November 10 at 9am.
- **Brewer Trip:** We have submitted for our game requests for 2019 and should have a final confirmation in the next couple months.
- **Annual Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt:** Scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019.
- **Springbrook Clean-up:** Scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2019 (no school day)
- **Outdoor Movies:** We will show the movies on Friday nights in conjunction with the local youth Baseball Tournaments (Friday, June 14 – Star Wars and Friday, July 19 – TBD).
- **Arbor Day:** We will be planting at North Clermont during Mission Antigo Week (June 8 – 16, 2019).
- **T-ball (3 & 4 year olds):** Registration will Open January 1
- **Coach Pitch (5 & 6 year olds):** Registration will Open January 1
- **Pitching Machine (7 & 8 year olds City League):** Registration will Open January 1
- **Soccer (K-8th grade):** Registration will Open January 1
- **Soccer Boot Camp:** Registration will Open January 1
- **Elk's Club Soccer Shoot-out :** TBD
- **Flag Football (4k-6th grade) :** Registration will Open January 1
- **Youth Tennis Lessons** (5pm – 6pm; June 6 – July 18) Registration will Open January 1
- **Coaches:** Thank you for making our programs possible.

FORESTRY

- Erik Rantala, Forest Administrator, and I worked on 12 informational forestry articles (funded through an Urban Forestry Grant) that will be published (one/per month) in both the Antigo Daily Journal and the Antigo Times. The articles will also be posted on our website under the forestry page as well as our Park & Rec Facebook page.

The 12 articles will focus on the following:

- o Summary of City and County Forestry
- o Resources for Reference
- o Events & Activities
- o Invasive Plants
- o Memorial Trees
- o EAB
- o Ordinance
- o Benefits of Trees
- o Trees and Power Lines
- o Tree Planting
- o Tree Removals
- o Proper Tree Care & Pruning

INVASIVES

- We will be working with Timberland Invasive Partnerships to remove invasive species along Springbrook Trail as well as the Single Track Trail.
- We are hoping to work with the Timber Sale contractor to remove buckthorn in the noted harvest area.

GRANTS AND BIDS

- We will be working to submit grants for funding to expand the existing trail system.
- We have received an extension for our 5 year comprehensive park plan, and will be finalizing an updated plan in 2019.