

# **SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD AGENDA**

**Plover Municipal Center Board Room  
2400 Post Road  
Plover, WI**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

**6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Review of and action on Little Plover River Wish List submittal regarding Forestry Management program
3. Such other business as is authorized by law
4. Adjournment subject to call of the chair

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a majority of the members of the Parks Development Committee may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making authority.

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Date: May 17, 2016

## LPR Park "Wish List"

- 1) Cancel remaining Forest Stewardship Management Plan and we respectfully ask that going forward that the Village of Plover does NOT sign any logging contract or do any in-house logging without at the very least a 1 year discussion period with residents and committee formed, e.g. Friends of the Little Plover River Park through new enhanced public notice.
  
- 2) We respectfully ask that the Village of Plover officially establish procedural changes: Enhanced Public Notice.
  - Please, no more just 24 hour notice regarding LPR Park
  - Regular updates to citizens regarding LPR and all parks by mail, e-mail, newspapers and social media; specifically regarding LPR Park to all residents within a 3 mile radius.
  
- 3) Village Park Development Commission should meet at least 6 times a year.
  
- 4) We feel that the integrity of the LPR Neighborhood Park has been changed forever far beyond its original intent especially in the last several years. As a direct result of the above, we request that the Village of Plover Board officially recognize the formation of the Friends of the Little Plover River Park as a 501©3.
  - One Village Trustee (or an alternate) should represent the Village of Plover on the Friends of the Little Plover River Park Committee and the Village Parks Development Commission to ensure good communications
  
- 5) Formation/structure/procedures of Friends of the Little Plover River Park. Committee
  - 3 citizens, members of this group should sit on the Village Parks Development Commission.
  - These members will be selected by the Friends of the Little Plover River Park Committee

o) Financial Structure of the Friends of the Little Plover River Park Organization:

We request from the Village of Plover, that since there is a great deal of direct income from the Little Plover River Park (e.g., monthly cell tower income and the recent logging of the Little Plover River Park), that 60% of such income be deposited/transferred into a "restricted account" by either one of the two mechanisms listed below. In either case the Village would have representation on the "board" and financial committee of the Friends of the Little Plover River Park organization.

- a. The FLPR Park organization could be established as a 501(c) 3 under Golden Sands RC&D. Deposits and disbursements would reside there; the FLPR Park would have a separate code number from other Golden Sands account plus another code number for tracking any grants received.

The Village is aware that the national/state organization is well established and has a large Board of Directors with County representation plus others. The Village of Plover has also utilized Golden Sands RC&D's expertise for years

Golden Sands also has access to advice on invasive removal which most likely will be a huge problem after the logging.

*Preferred*  
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- b. The second scenario could be set up within the Village of Plover budget structure as a "restricted" account within the Village Park Development Commission structure. The Village would have to provide, as would Golden Sands RC&D, separate accounts for the FLPR Park and Grants received; it is important that all grant funds be separately tracked  
NOTE: in both scenarios we feel that a portion of the fund should be used to plant shade trees in other Village parks. We have heard that would be welcomed by those attending games and during practice sessions. This might also help meet your Tree City requirement standards but does not exclude other uses.

- 7) We request that the Village of Plover adhere to the "Tree City" designated 4 standards and show "good faith" in its future tree plantings which must be diverse to promote habitat. In other words, if it doesn't feed or house something, don't plant it and avoid modified stunted trees whenever possible.

"Tree City" designation Standards 1, 2 and 3 were totally ignored (see attached) We request that in the future before any tree is removed that a forester is consulted in absolute conjunction with an ornithologist and a biologist along with appointed citizens

We also request that before any planned changes to plant life in the LPR Park and Little Plover River that a biologist be consulted along with appointed citizens. This includes the potential use of any pesticide or herbicide to deal with something such as expected

invasive species explosion. We are going on record that we oppose ANY use of chemicals in the LPR Park and anywhere on the Little Plover River and its watershed without public input and full discussion

- 8) We request that the Village of Plover adhere to the "Bird City" designation that was also awarded in "good faith." Please note criteria Basic Requirements . . . especially (c) "existing bird habitat has legal protections." Which we believe was violated by the recent logging This existing habitat was severely compromised with likely the loss of nesting owls and chicks and the nests of other returning cavity dwellers.
- 9) We request that the Little Plover River Park never have baseball night lights and that no additional baseball diamonds be added.
- 10) Springville Pond is the LPR and those living along the river from its headwaters to the east to the Wisconsin River to the west also need to be included in meetings for whatever happens to the land upstream affects the river and pond downstream. We believe a mailing database exists with the County if the Village does not have it. We feel identifying all affected landowners is possible

- Breeding bird survey before cutting
- Alternatives & management plan - based on birding/wildlife
- Do wildlife ~~study~~ Management Plan

## Dan Mahoney

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**From:** Dan Mahoney  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 10:09 AM  
**To:** 'Barb Gifford'  
**Cc:** Tom Davies; Antone Anday  
**Subject:** RE: Re: FW:

Barb,

President Davies has decided to hold a special Village Board meeting that he will convene on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to allow the Village Board and public to discuss the ten "wish list" items you submitted to us during our meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Village Board will be asked to take action on each of ten "wish list" items submitted.

President Davies, Trustee Anday and I offer the following comments with respect to the submitted "wish list", with the understanding that the Village Board will make the final decision on all "wish list" items. This response will be shared with Village Board members.

### Wish List Item 1:

President Davies, Trustee Anday and I don't see the need to cancel the Forest Stewardship Management Plan, however, we feel that revisions are necessary to address items that we have agreed upon, including text revisions, review of potential plant and wildlife issues, and timing of any work to be completed. This revision, and subsequent review and approval by the Village Board, will occur before any additional work is undertaken in Little Plover Park or the water utility owned land.

We feel establishing a year or more time frame is arbitrary. It also would prevent the Village from dealing with any emergency issues that could arise (i.e. dealing with the emerald ash borer which has now been found in Portage County and which will trigger action requirement by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources). While we agree that adequate time must be provided for public input, we do not support the implementation of such an arbitrary time frame.

### Wish List Item 2:

The Village of Plover will continue to follow State Statutes as it relates to meeting notices (which requires a minimum notice of 24 hours). Unless there has been a need for an emergency meeting, the Village has always provided meeting notices on the Friday prior to the week of scheduled meetings (Village meetings are typically held on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings). In addition, all meeting/agenda notices will continue to be published on the Village's website and will be posted in three public places (outside of the Village Municipal Center, outside of the Public Works Department building, and outside the Boys & Girls Club building), consistent with Village policy for at least the last 2 decades.

During our conversations on May 17<sup>th</sup>, President Davies, Trustee Anday and I agreed that we would address the issue of Parks Committee meetings held the same day of Village Board meetings to address your concern that time be given between the Parks Committee meetings and Village Board meetings (to allow the public to consider agenda items/recommendations of the Parks Committee and provide input if they so desire). We will look to change Park Committee meeting dates to address this concern.

Your request for increased notification and updates/newsletters to Village residents regarding Little Plover River Park would have staffing and financial impacts. As such, this item will be addressed by the Village Board. Also, you may not be aware, but your request to provide information and notices to residents within a 3 mile radius of Little Plover River Park means that all Village of Plover residents would need to be notified, as a 3 mile radius encompasses the entire Village.

### Wish List Item 3:

Village President Davies, Trustee Anday and I would agree to schedule a minimum or quarterly Parks Committee meetings annually. At least one of those meetings would be devoted to long range and capital improvement planning considerations. If there is no pressing business for the Parks Committee, however, additional meetings will not be scheduled.

Wish List Item 4:

Without knowing the intent, bylaws, and policies of the 501 (c)(3), it is not possible to commit support to the proposed organization. In addition, support – especially financial support – would set a precedent that may require the Village Board to offer financial support to other 501(c)(3) organizations.

Also, it is unclear as to why there needs to be two groups (501 (c)(3) and Parks Committee that would oversee Little Plover River Park.

If a citizens group wished to form a 501(c)(3), that would be entirely up to you, including if you wish to ask Village Board members or staff to serve on a Board (This is what the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association did. They created a 501(c)(3) in order to raise funds for development of the Little Plover River Conservancy area. The Village President and Administrator were asked to serve on the Board. The Village has not and will not be asked to make any contributions to this 501(c)(3) organization).

Wish List Item 5:

By Village Ordinance, all appointments to any Village Committee are recommended by the Village President and must be approved by the Village Board. President Davies, Trustee Anday and I do not recommend changing this Ordinance for one Committee.

Also, the Parks Committee has 7 members, 2 of which are Village Board members. Your request would mean that 3 of the 5 citizen members would be from one special interest group. That would not provide the balance we prefer on this Committee. That being said, President Davies would be open to suggestions for appointments to the Parks Committee (as occurs with the Springville Pond Committee). The Village President would retain the right to make final appointment recommendations to the Village Board.

Wish List Item 6:

Currently, income from the cell tower lease is placed in a segregated park reserve fund for use in all Village Parks. President Davies, Trustee Anday and I feel that this is the best use of that income. Also, income received from the Little Plover River Forestry Management Project (approximately \$10,100) has been placed in the Parks Reserve fund.

The Parks Capital Improvement Fund is 100% funded by sources other than the tax levy. Park impact fees, a portion of hotel/motel room tax funds (although State Statutes require that we reduce the contribution to the Parks Reserve Fund over the next several years), grants, and income from the cell tower lease are the sole funds available for funding park improvements. President Davies, Trustee Anday and I are not supportive of diverting 60% of cell tower funds and logging funds to one specific park.

Given the limited funds available for all parks and that no taxpayer dollars are used to fund the Parks Capital Improvement Fund (\$139,000 for all Village parks), it is critical that funds not be diverted from the limited income sources we have.

Wish List Item 7:

President Davies, Trustee Anday and I have discussed the Village's designation as a Tree City with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forester Don Kissinger, including the criteria used to designate the Village a Tree City. Mr. Kissinger has informed the Village we meet the required standards. The Village will continue to communicate with DNR staff to ensure we are meeting all Tree City standards and requirements.

As previously stated, President Davies, Trustee Anday and I agree that we will consult with plant and animal biologists as we revise the existing Forest Management Plans, or develop new plans. Such consultations will be completed prior to any tree removal recommended in such plans.

Wish List Item 8:

Village staff will contact the appropriate Bird City representative to ensure the Village of Plover is meeting Bird City standards and criteria.

Wish List Item 9:

The only "field" lighting that occurs in Little Plover River Park is for the tennis/pickle ball courts. There are no plans (neither Village nor Plover Whiting Youth Athletic Association) to add lighting to the baseball fields in this park. In addition, there is not adequate physical space to add another baseball diamond in this park. Lastly, the Village adopted Park Plan shows no improvements for baseball facilities in this park.

Wish List Item 10:

Please see Item 2, as the response for this is contained therein.

While the above comments are our opinions, it is ultimately the Village Board's decision to review and act on the suggestions you have submitted. This will occur at a special Village Board meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, subject to ensuring we have a quorum for this proposed meeting.

Sincerely,

Dan Mahoney  
Village of Plover Administrator

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**From:** Barb Gifford [<mailto:barbaragifford@charter.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 11:42 PM  
**To:** Dan Mahoney  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: FW:

Hi Dan,  
We understand that your job demands a great deal of your time however we have again been getting a great many calls and inquiries regarding the progress that the Village is making in answering our questions and addressing our 'wish list'. Please advise best time to meet.  
Regards,  
Barb ( group contact)

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Barb Gifford <[barbaragifford@charter.net](mailto:barbaragifford@charter.net)>  
**Date:** May 30, 2016 at 11:09:22 PM CDT  
**To:** Dan Mahoney <[DMahoney@ploverwi.gov](mailto:DMahoney@ploverwi.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: FW:**

Hi Dan,  
Sorry I am tardy in saying thank you for forwarding the Logging Contract but sometimes life gets in the way. We look forward to further materials and of course continued communications with you and the Village.

We recognize that you are extremely busy but would appreciate knowing how matters regarding the LPR Park are progressing.

Regards,

Barb ( for now groups contact)

Sent from my iPad

On May 20, 2016, at 11:18 AM, Dan Mahoney <[DMahoney@ploverwi.gov](mailto:DMahoney@ploverwi.gov)> wrote:

Barb,

Please find attached a copy of the logging contract your requested. I still owe you the receipts and payments and will get them to you as soon as I can.

Dan Mahoney  
Village of Plover Administrator

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**From:** Bill Konkol

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:38 AM

**To:** Dan Mahoney; Deb Sniadajewski; Karen Swanson; Tom Davies

**Cc:** Roy Hopfensperger

**Subject:**

To Everyone,

Logging contract for Little Plover Park!

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