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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Anthony S. Earl
Secretary

December 18, 1979

IN REPLY REFER TO: 3500

City of Watertown
106 Jones St.
Watertown, WI 53094

ATTN: Joseph Radocay, Asst. City Engineer
Watertown Planning Commission

Gentlemen:

RE: Status of Lake Oscala

Also known as Lake Vredora

Lake Oscala is located in the S44 NE4, Section 9, T8N, R15E, City of Watertown, Jefferson County.

I have inspected and investigated the site described above and have determined that the lake (as well as adjacent pond and drainage course) is navigable. The lake has acquired public water status through continued public use and accordingly the development must comply with the access dedication provision of 236.16(3) of state statutes. The Department of Local Affairs and Development is the coordinating agency charged with enforcement of this section. Some modification of existing public access via abutting roadway right-of-way may fulfill statutory requirements.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Dresen
Area Water Management Investigator

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cc: Southern District Water Mgmt. Invest.
Bureau of Water Regulations and Zoning

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 22, 1996

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2-5-96

The Finance Committee met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in Room 210 of the Municipal Building with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Aldermen Yenser, Berg, and Martin. Also present was Chief Olson, Joe Radocay, Joe Heimsch, Ruth Lindegarde, Pat Simon, and Aldermen Kelm.

- *1. The Committee met in Closed Session to discuss department recommendations for the hiring of an inspection office secretary and public health nurse. The committee also considered a recommendation from the Health Board to start the new Public Health Nurse as a grade 15 step 4 (\$31,676) with advancement to step 5 (\$32,626) after the six month probation period. Upon reconvening to Open Session the Committee announced its approval for hiring Theresa Buske as Inspection Secretary and Peggy Ore as Public Health Nurse. Should Ms. Ore not accept the position, the Committee has approved Ada Franklin. It recommends approving the proposed Public Health Nurse starting pay as forth above only for Ms. Ore or Ms. Franklin.

**HIRE
INSPECTION
DEPT.
SECRETARY
& PUBLIC
HEALTH
NURSE**

Accepted
2-5-96

2. The Public Health Board has reviewed and recommends approval of a proposed modification of the department's fee structure and the purchase of a notebook computer. Some fees would increase due to increased costs while some school based immunization fees would decrease. The computer would cost \$1,675 and could be expensed as part of the immunization grant. The Committee recommends approval of both and resolutions will be presented.

**PURCHASE
NOTEBOOK
COMPUTER
& REVISE
FEES**

3. Chief Olson presented quotes for the purchase of an emergency vehicle exhaust system for \$15,292.90 and components to modify the chassis of an old EMS vehicle for use as a flatbed truck for \$1,615. Both were approved in the 1996 budget for a combined amount of \$18,000. The Committee recommends accepting the quote from Hastings Air-Energy Control for \$15,292.90 and Watertown Truck for \$1,180 (plus \$435 for the rear cab enclosure). Resolutions will be presented.

**PURCHASE
EXHAUST
SYSTEM &
MODIFY EMS
VEHICLE
CHASSIS**

4. The city anticipates borrowing \$1.8 million to complete a number of capital projects approved in the 1996 budget. To allow debt service to remain level, this borrowing will occur late in the year while the construction will in most cases occur prior to the borrowing. The city will advance funds to pay for the projects and reimburse itself with the proceeds of the borrowing. The federal Reimbursement Bond Regulations require that certain procedures be followed to allow this reimbursement. One procedure is to designate an official who will be authorized to declare official intent under the Reimbursement Bond Regulations. The Committee recommends that the City Clerk/Treasurer be so designated. A resolution will be presented.

**PROCEDURE
TO BORROW
& REIMBURSE
FOR CAPITAL
PROJECTS**

- *5. As occurred last year, the owner of Lake Victoria and two tiny parcels of land on its shore wishes to quit claim this property to the city. Last year the city declined the offer and the taxes were not paid. The Committee again recommends declining the donation. The land has no value to the city and accepting it would result in

**DECLINE
LAND
DONATION**

Accepted
2-5-96

maintenance responsibility and possible legal liability. Eventually the **property will pass to the county if taxes remain delinquent.**

6. The city needs to update its Parks and Open Space Plan. Vandewalle & Associates has agreed to perform this service for \$5,000. The Park, Recreation & Forestry Commission has reviewed the proposal and recommends approval. The Finance Committee also recommends approval and a resolution will be presented.

**PARKS & OPEN
SPACE PLAN**

7. The city budgeted \$5,000 to rent the vacant WEPCO property (formerly Wisconsin Natural Gas) south of the Street Dept. facility on Second Street. WEPCO wants to lease the property for \$2,000 per month until their environmental cleanup is complete, at which time the property would be available for sale (their recent appraisal valued the property at \$210,000). The Mayor will continue negotiations in an effort to find an affordable alternative, but the present WEPCO proposal is not acceptable.

**RENTAL OF
WEPCO
PROPERTY**

- *8. To avoid unnecessary paperwork and take advantage of the low prices offered by businesses which do not offer charge accounts, the city has explored the possibility of using bank credit cards. Bank One will provide 20 cards free based on the present size of the city's bank balance. The Committee recommends a trial period. Department heads will be responsible for monitoring the bank statements and overseeing the use of the cards within their departments. A \$1,500 limit is recommended for each card.

**PURCHASES
BY CREDIT
CARD**

Accepted
2-5-96

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick H. Smith
Mayor

* **DENOTES ITEM FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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11-4-96

OCTOBER 28, 1996

The Finance Committee met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in Room 210 of the Municipal Building with the following members present: Mayor Smith, Aldermen Yenser, Bleske, David, and Martin. Also present were Chief McGee, Ruth Lindegarde, John Steber, and Aldermen Bohlman.

1. Chief McGee proposed the purchase of a new file server. The existing server lacks sufficient memory and is demonstrating signs of impending failure. The 1996 budget includes \$6,900 for a new file server and a quote for an excellent replacement has been received from Doeberlein Information Systems, Inc. of Jefferson, WI for \$6,154.65. The Committee recommends purchasing this file server immediately and will send a resolution to the Council tomorrow evening.

**REPLACE
POLICE DEPT
FILE SERVER**

- *2. Ruth Lindegarde informed the Committee there is the opportunity to perform asbestos inspections within Jefferson County for the DNR. This responsibility could be performed by Lisa Lemke, the City/County's Environmental Specialist. The program would require training and the initial purchase of some equipment (combined cost of about \$2,300). However, each inspection would generate revenues of \$1,000 with costs per inspection estimated to be less than \$200. The Committee recommends authorizing Ruth to explore this prospect further with the DNR and Jefferson County. If the discussions prove to be positive Ruth will return to the Committee with a specific proposal. Also, Ruth will be undergoing major surgery on October 31 and will be out of work for about three weeks. Lisa will be assuming the Health Officer's responsibilities and the Committee recommends transferring money to pay this cost (\$1,384) from the Health Dept. Salary account, 53-12-10 to the Environmental Health Division salary account, 53-13-10.

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
ASBESTOS
INSPECTION
PROGRAM
& SALARY
ACCOUNTS**

Accepted
11-4-96

- *3. A very small outlot (O.L.5) along the isthmus on the west side of Lake Victoria is being offered to the City as a donation. The City owns the adjoining land as part of the unopened section of S. Third Street. The land is valued at \$100, the minimum valuation. The Committee recommends accepting this parcel. A map of the parcel involved is attached to these minutes.

**LAND
DONATION**

Accepted
11-4-96

4. The City has been received a full price offer to purchase the southern acre of a two acre lot on Water Tower Court. This is the last unsold parcel in the industrial area. There is also interest by the owner to the north to buy the other acre. The Committee is willing to recommend sale of both acres at one time but not to sell a single acre and leave the other acre unsold. The possibility of arranging a dual offer will be explored and the issue will be considered again at that time.

**LAND SALE
AT WATER
TOWER COURT**

5. The water heater in the Municipal Building has failed and must be replaced. Three quotes were received and Bergin Bros. quote of \$3,000 is the lowest. The Committee recommends accepting this quote and a resolution will be presented.

**MUNICIPAL
BLDG WATER
HEATER
REPLACEMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Smith

Frederick H. Smith
Mayor

* Denotes item for council approval

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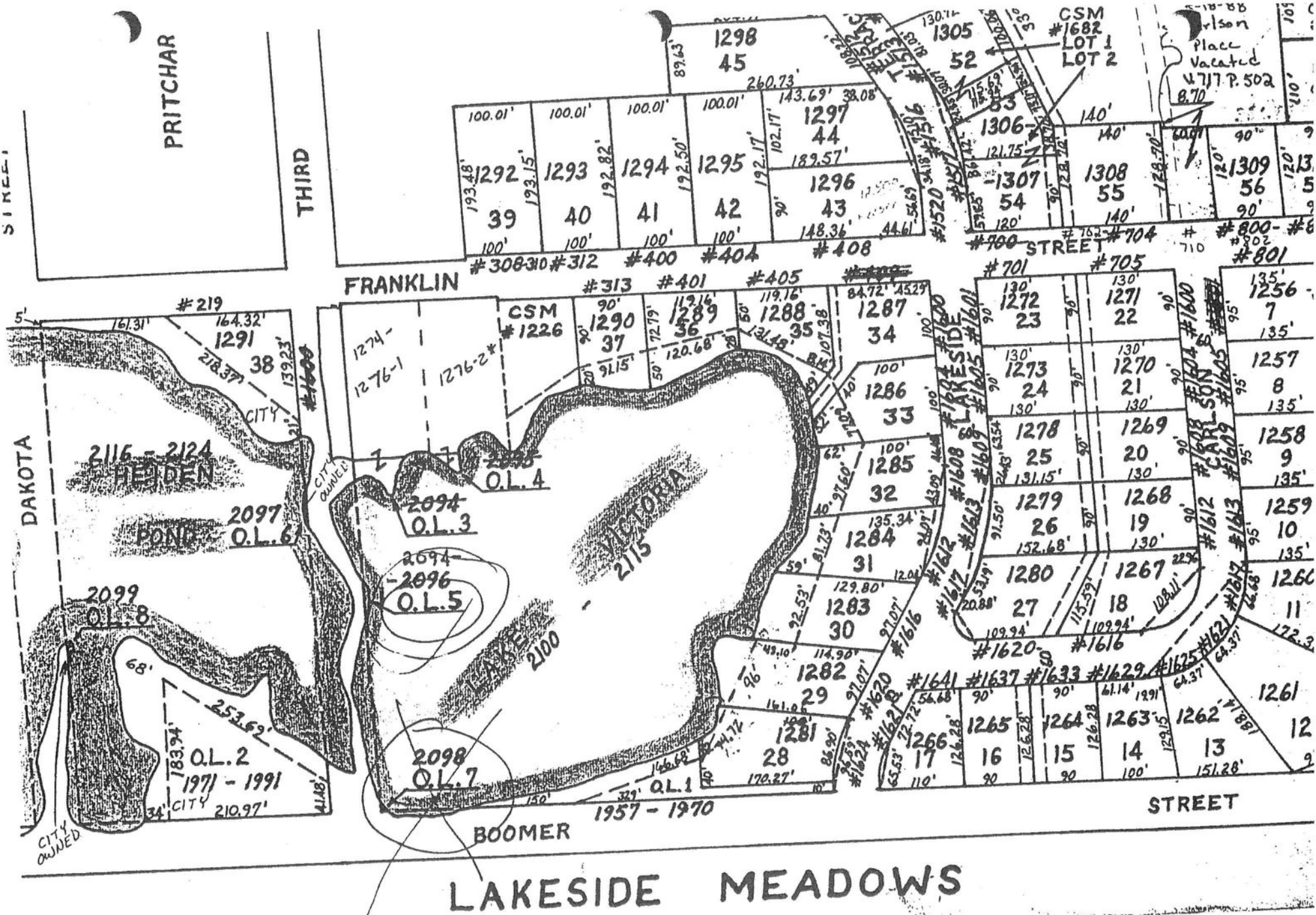
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LAKESIDE MEADOWS

STREET



9-19-00

WATERTOWN PARK, RECREATION AND FORESTRY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 12, 2000

CALL TO ORDER: The Watertown Park, Recreation and Forestry Commission met on Monday, September 12, 2000 at 4:30 pm at 515 South First Street. The meeting was called to order by the President Richard Tietz. Present: Richard Tietz, Norman Bartel, Dan Milewsky, Tim Nordwig, Don Cayan, and James Braughler. Absent: Michael Knutson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Park, Recreation and Forestry Commission minutes from the August 7, 2000 commission meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Senior Center Advisory Board minutes of August 9, 2000. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Commission president, Richard Tietz reminded the commission members that the Brandt/Quirk Park dedication will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2000. He encouraged all commission members to attend the dedication.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **CONSIDER THE PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A LAND DIVISION AT 1022 LISBON STREET:** The proposed land division would create a new lot on which the owner is proposing to build a duplex. A motion was made and seconded to accept money in lieu of land dedication. Motion passed.
2. **REVIEW PROPOSAL TO INSTALL NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT SCHALLER PARK:** Commission members reviewed letters received from individuals who wrote both in favor of placing playground equipment in Schaller Park and from individuals opposed to the playground equipment. A number of residents also attended the meeting.

Speaking in favor of the playground equipment were; Andrea Fisher, Kay Rather, and Mark Stevens. Those in favor of the play equipment stated that there was a need for the play equipment because there are 33 children, ages 6 months to 12 years living in the neighborhood, the neighborhood is rather isolated because of Hwy 26 and the river, and that the park had been donated to the city for the purpose of a playground.

Speaking in opposition to the playground equipment were Dave and Cathy Egan and John Higgins. Those in opposition stated concerns about safety because of the close proximity to the river, minimal use of the playground equipment that was in the park in past years, and health concerns with the large goose population frequenting the park, concerns of placing a fence along the river and concerns of placing a portable restroom at the site.

The director, John Steber, stated that he continues to have reservations about placing equipment at this park site because of the significant river current adjacent to the park, the limited size of the park and compatibility with the adjacent property owners.

After considerable discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve Schaller Park as a site for future playground equipment and request funds for the purchase and installation of said play equipment in the 2001 budget proposal. Motion passed on a 3 to 2 vote.

3. **CONSIDER REQUEST TO HAVE THE CITY CHEMICALLY TREAT LAKE VICTORIA WEED AND ALGIE PROBLEMS:** The director presented a letter from MaryAnne Wieland of 1612 Lakeside Terrace. The letter included the names and addresses of eleven (11) adjacent property owners. In her letter, Mrs. Wieland noted that the department was currently chemically treating Heiden Pond and requested that the department consider also treating Lake Victoria. She noted that Lake Victoria is located adjacent to Heiden Pond and that there is an exchange of water through a culvert between the two ponds which contributes to the weed and algae problems in Lake Victoria. She also noted that this year it costs the adjacent property owners \$2,635.00 in 2000 to chemically treat the lake.

The director presented a map of the two ponds and the adjacent property owners. He noted that the city owns better than half of the frontage adjacent to Heiden Pond and owns less than a quarter of the frontage on Lake Victoria which is the narrow of land and the South Third Street right-of-way. Mr. Steber explained that the department accepted responsibility for spraying the weeds in Heiden Pond only after Aquatic Biologists of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin did an evaluation of the Heiden Pond weed problem in 1992. The report noted that a majority of the weed problems stemmed from nutrient loading which comes from a drainage ditch along Boomer Street which empties into the pond. Mr. Steber note that there is a small 14" culvert located in the 3rd Street right-of-way which does connect the two ponds. In his opinion, the culvert is not a major contributor to the weed problems in Lake Victoria. It is his opinion that much of the nutrient loading is likely coming from the yards of the homes which have been built adjacent to the lake in recent years.

A motion was made and seconded to deny the request to have the Park, Recreation and Forestry Department accept responsibility for weed and algae control of Lake Victoria. Motion passed.

4. **REVIEW OF THE 2001 BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Commission members reviewed the departments 2001 budget proposal. After considerable discussion and a number amendments a motion was made and seconded to accepted the 2001 Budget Proposal as amended. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Steber
Director of Park, Recreation and Forest