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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, September 19, 2006 – 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Aids. Sullivan, Treis, Becker, Birschel, Didier, Donegan, Ewerdt, Grimm, Hanson, Herzog -10

EXCUSED: Aids. Maher, Meaux, Purins, Stepaniak, Krill

ABSENT: Ald. Krol

ALSO

PRESENT: Milwaukee Ald. Jim Bohl

Ald. Becker in the Chair

Hartung Quarry. Ald. Bohl explained that Hartung Quarry (formerly a lannon stone quarry) has been used by the City of Milwaukee for disposal of clean fill waste materials for many years. The 16-acre site lies two blocks north of Burleigh Street, along Menomonee River Parkway and Keefe Avenue; approximately 5 of the acres are within the City of Wauwatosa. As the City nears completion of the filling, attention has been turned to the future of this parcel. The Hartung Park Community Association was formed and is composed of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa residents working to develop a park on this site. The April 2006 plan for the proposed Hartung Park calls for the development of 10 single family homes along the east edge of the parcel. The remaining 13 acres (including all of that part within the City of Wauwatosa) will become the park.

In July 2006 the City of Milwaukee approved a resolution calling for most of the 16 acres to become a passive recreational park. It was originally thought the landfill would be filled some time in 2007; however it now appears that another 3-5 years will be required to complete this task. It is estimated the development costs will be approximately \$1 million dollars. The City of Milwaukee has set aside \$100,000 thus far for this expense. One attempt at federal funds has been unsuccessful. Efforts are underway to apply for a \$250,000 matching grant from the state.

Since the overall feeling that a landfill closure 3-5 years hence will slow momentum, the possibility of phasing the construction of the park has been raised. Phase 1 would be targeted in spring 2008 in that area (including the 5 Wauwatosa acres) closest to Menomonee River Parkway. Milwaukee County has already indicated that it has no interest in assuming responsibility for yet another park. For the present, the City of Milwaukee will take the lead. It is hoped that a mutually agreeable arrangement can be reached in the areas of public safety and law enforcement.

The 1998 Park and Open Space Plan for the City of Wauwatosa as developed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission identified the need for additional recreational sites within Wauwatosa; one such area of need would be served by the development of Hartung Park.

Ald. Bohl reiterated the need for cooperation between the two cities in meeting the park's needs. It has been estimated that annual maintenance costs for the park may be \$8-10,000. The Hartung Park Community Association is willing to help fund raise to defray expenses. If the costs were divided according to acreage in each city (5 in Wauwatosa, 13 in Milwaukee), Wauwatosa would be looking at 5/13 of the annual maintenance cost.

Milwaukee's legislative reference bureau, in addressing Wis. Statutes 66.03.01(2), feels that such a proposal conforms with the concept of mutual aid pacts.

It was agreed that the proposal will be of benefit to both cities and that discussions will continue to be held by the appropriate personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk

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