

March 27, 2024, 5:30pm, City Hall

Agenda

 I. Appoint permanent/rotating note taker (5)

 Approve minutes from February

 II. Updates/Park Plans for Spring ’24 (10)

 -Dearborn/JH Park Restoration/report-Melissa

 -Common Foot Paths-John

III. Priority/Waterfront Park/Resilience (30)

 -John/Spring Work and Challenges

 -Marc/priorities, cost and time efficiencies

 -Car Show status update/recommendation

 -Garden areas – Tamara, Dorothy, Veronica

 IV. A Model for Park Auditing (10)

 -How to assess a park’s attributes, needs?

 (see reverse side)

 V. Members’ New Business/Thoughts and Suggestions

 -Soldier’s Field Woodland – Doug Baston

 -Other

 VI. “Pick-A-Park” Homework (5)

 Parks/Properties in Gardiner:

 Gardiner Common/Brunswick Square, Dearborn/JH Park, McKay Park,

The Overlook, Waterfront Park, New Mills Park (Water District),

Soldier’s Field Woodland, Quimby Field Park, South Gardiner Park,

OC Woodman Site, Dog Park, Macmaster Square, Harrison Ave. Trail,

Peg Shaw Garden (GPL/owned by the Library Association)



“Promote, Protect, Improve”

Auditing and Evaluating a Public Park

**Seven Habits of Highly Effective Park Systems**

1. *A clear expression of purpose*
2. *An ongoing planning and community involvement process*
3. *Sufficient assets in land, staffing, and equipment to meet the system’s goals*
4. *Equitable access*
5. *User satisfaction*
6. *Safety from crime and physical hazards*
7. *Benefits for the city beyond the boundaries of the parks*

**Rate Your Park** (20 points per item)

• Location/Amenities – Is the park readily accessible by pedestrians, vehicles?

 Has trees, water, greenspace, fresh air?

• Walking Paths – Are there good footpaths, hardscape? Handicap accessible?

• Points of Interest, Public Art – Is the park visually interesting?

• Cultural Events – Does the park offer/invite events and activities?

• Maintenance – Is the park clean, recycling/trash cans available? In good repair?

**A Great Park = 100!**

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 **Your Park Score**