



# **Otto Merman Duck House & Pond Project Plan**

**2018-2019**

# **Duck Pond**

## **Project Cost 206,449.00**

### **Peaceful Falls     \$198,000**

- This includes complete construction of duck house restoration, bridges, pond excavating and rebuild of pond, water filtration system. All labor will be done by John Tellier and his crew with Peaceful falls. Myrick Park Communities building project manager Jon Papenfuss will oversee.

- Koi fish and plantings donated by Peaceful Falls

### **Myrick Park Community \$200.00**

- 2 educational signs on Koi , duck feeding and a security camera

### **Phillips Fencing     \$ 8,249**

- This includes materials, concrete, and donated labor

### **Strupp Trucking     \$ 0.00**

- All equipment, excavating & labor donated
  - Demo of old pond, labor done by Strupp Trucking and Jon Papenfuss, Myrick Park Communities building project manager.

### **City Of Lacrosse**

- Park and Rec can help with site prep (per Jay Odegarrd)

# **Builders Donations To The Project**

- Peaceful Falls – koi fish, plantings
- Phillips Fencing – Donated Labor
- Strupp Trucking – Equipment, excavating, Cement and Labor

# Financial Contributors

## Grant requests are:

- Franke Foundation Matching Grant (to Match 4/7 Fundraiser total- goal \$7,500)
- LAX community Foundation - \$25,000
- BNSF Grant - \$25,000
- Save America's Treasures - Preservation(construction) Projects Dept of Interior NPS - Min \$125,000
- Ben & Jerry's Grassroots Foundation \$25,000

## Other fund sources

- Myrick Park Community funds raised that we can contribute \$8,500 but will be more after April 7<sup>th</sup> fund raiser and through out as funds come in from other donations we will be pushing for.
- City Of Lacrosse Park & Recreation Department \$100,000 in the 2019 capital budget

# Peaceful falls cost break down

## Construction of pond & duck house \$107,000

### Pond

- This includes Linears, underlayment's, boulders, pond gravel, plants and Koi fish

### Duck House

- build duck shelter, build bridges with cedar shake( not wood), duck house repairs, roofing will be cedar shake material (not wood), LED lighting, transformers, & stone slab wall.

### Plumbing \$48,000

- this includes Industrial UV filters, wet wells, negative edge filter, wetland plant filter, professional water pumps, 4" flex PVC, custom check valves & regulators, auto fill, pond aeration and housing.

### Labor \$ 43,000

# Peaceful Falls-Cost Document



## **Construction of pond & duck house \$107,000**

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# **Projected maintenance and costs**

**John Tellier will train members of Myrick Park Community to care for the pond and duck house so there will be no cost to the city for the maintenance labor. It will need to be maintained twice a year.**

**Spring and Fall.**

**Myrick Park community will clean the house and pond area weekly.**

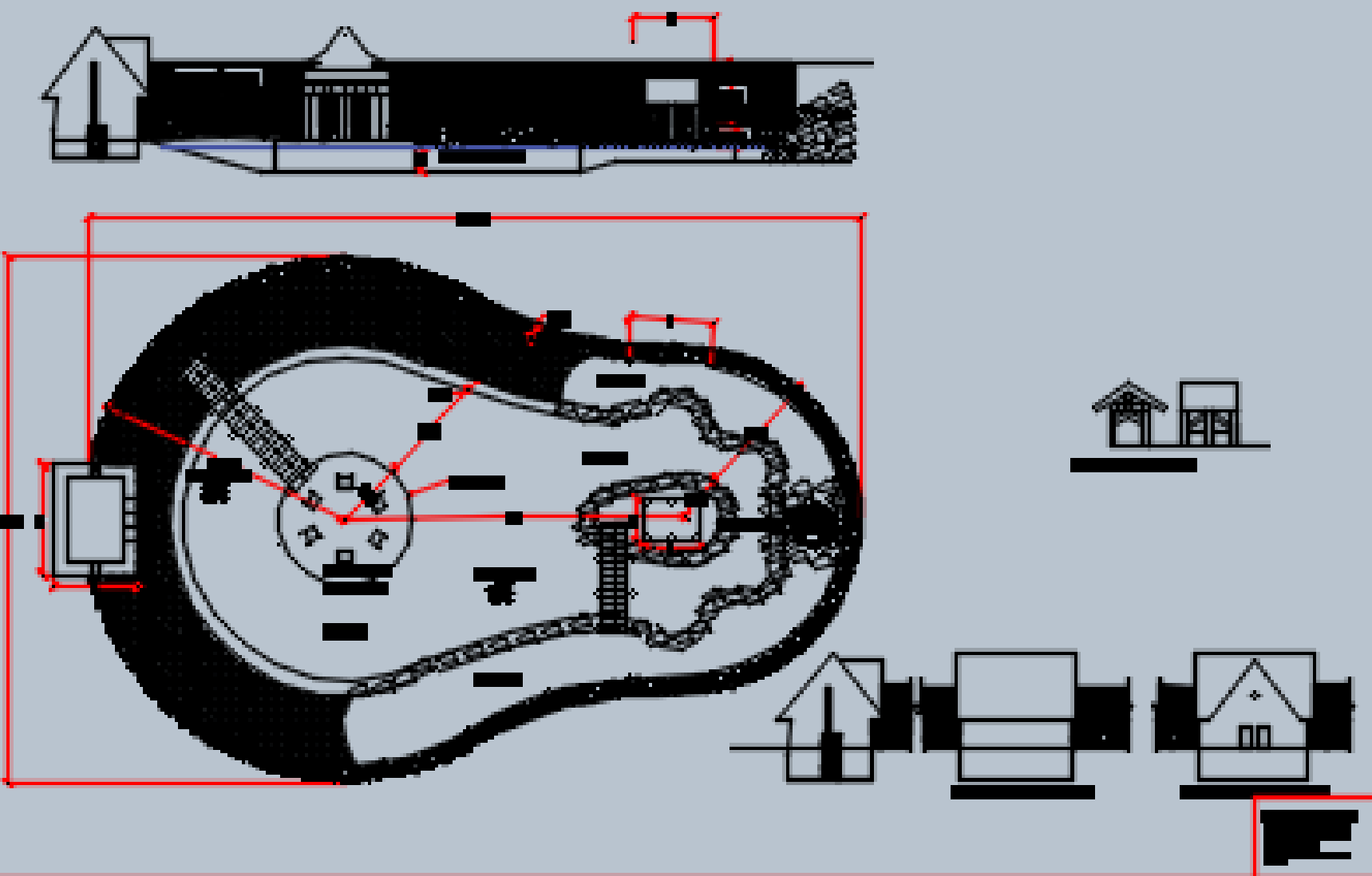
**We propose that the city maintain the cost for electricity**

**Myrick park Community will fund the food for the fish and first two years of organic treatments**

- **First 2 years with organic treatments is estimated at \$1,000 per year**
  - **After first 2 years it will maintain itself**
- **projected cost per year for fish food is also around \$1,000**

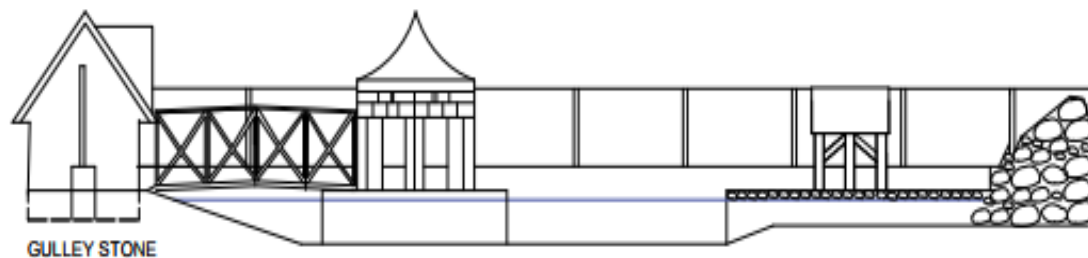
**Electricity use per season (7 months)**

- **Estimated at \$1,200**

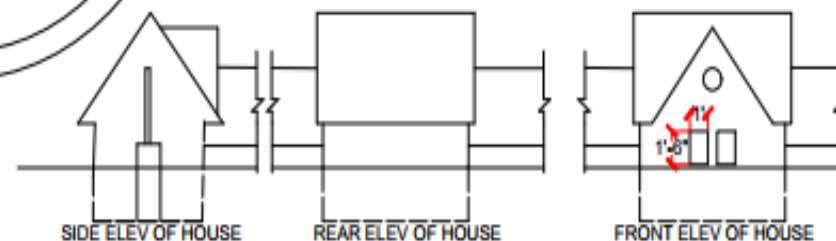
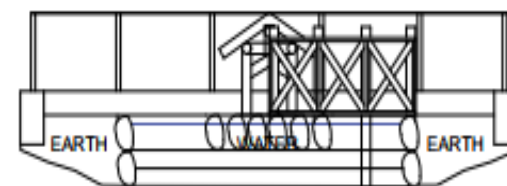
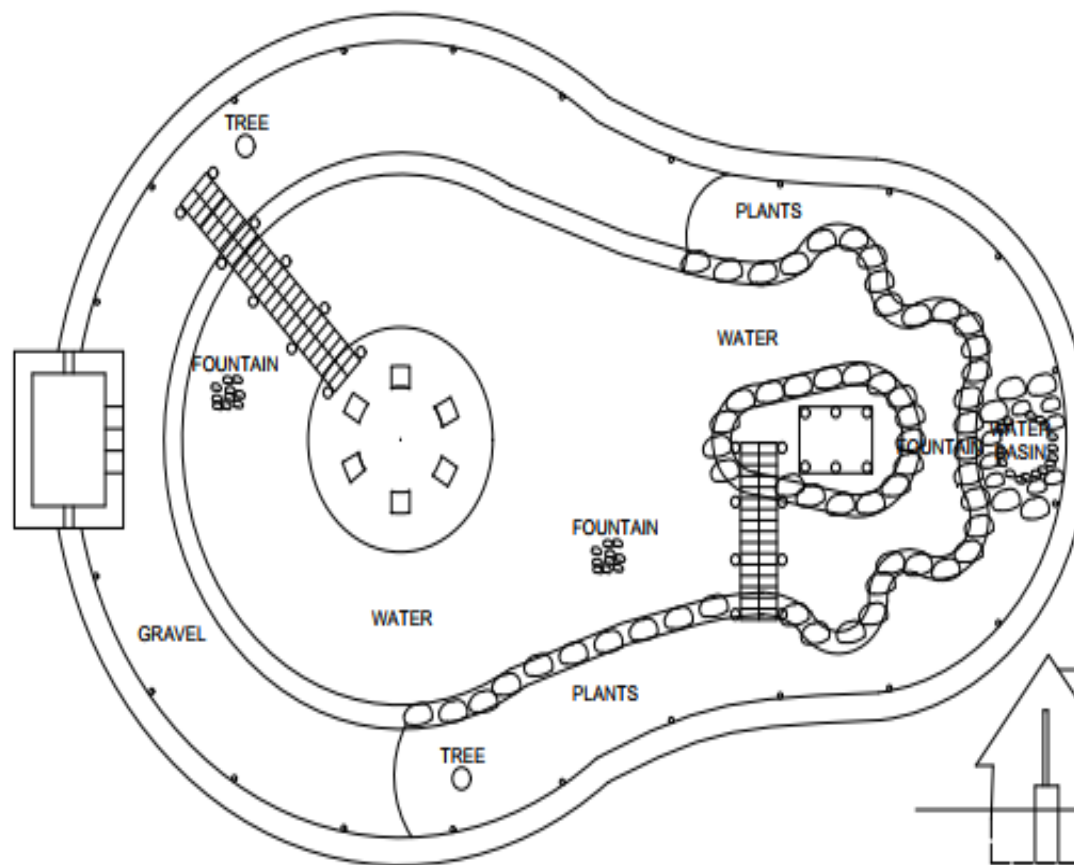


Rendering By: Jon Papenfuss





GULLY STONE





- In business since 2005, specializing in water features.
- Constructed the Riverside Park koi pond and waterfall, also the Paul Story Nature Preserve pond.
- Specialized in natural plant filtration and negative edge skimmers for very easy maintenance.
- (Next 4 slides are examples of Peaceful Falls work)



**Wetland filtration with plants**





**Negative edge**



**Pond less waterfall**





**Water feature with koi**



**Donation of equipment, excavating,  
cement, and labor to demo old pond  
mold, old pipes and old water  
filtration**

# Strupp Trucking & Excavating Proposal Letter



## **PROPOSAL**

From: JR STRUPP  
STRUPP EXCAVATING, INC.  
ALWAYS Redi-Mix  
N6200 County Road XX  
Onalaska, WI 54650  
Phone: 608-781-9828 Fax: 608-781-1789  
CELL: 608-769-9940  
jrstrupp@yahoo.com

**Date: 2-6-18**

**To: Myrick Park Community**

**Project Name:** Rebuild Myrick Duck Pond

**Project Location:** La Crosse

**Work to be included:**

Supply: Excavator, labor and ready-mix concrete for the re-build of the Myrick Duck Pond

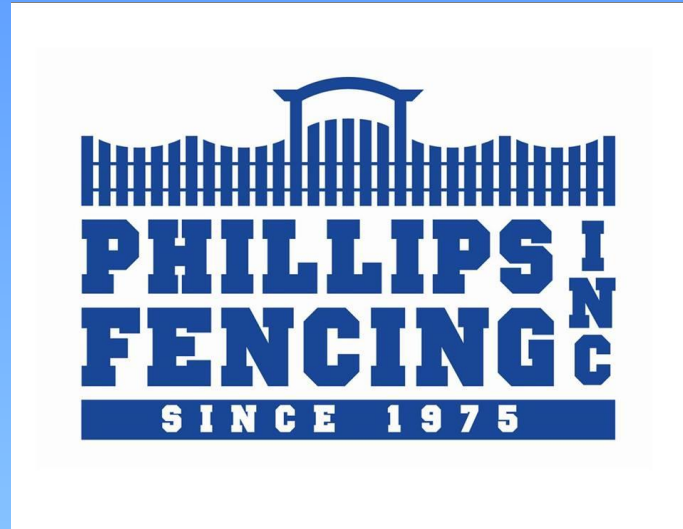
**Authorized Signature:**

William D. Strupp (JR)  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Strupp' followed by a stylized flourish.

**COMBINED PRICE FOR  
ABOVE WORK:  
Donation**





The fence quoted as follows:

- 145 Linear Feet of 3' high decorative aluminum fence
  - Industrial grade 2230 style
  - Alternating top picket design
  - Dropped bottom rail/textured black color/two walk gates. (gates include gate stop, lockable gate latch, and hinges.
  - (see photo example on next slide)

# Phillips Fencing

(fencing will be placed on pony wall around duck pond)



# Phillips Fencing-Proposal Letter



2726 Larson Street  
La Crosse, WI 54603  
608-783-4200  
608-783-4210 (fax)  
[sales@phillipsfencing.com](mailto:sales@phillipsfencing.com)

Residential • Industrial • Commercial

Aluminum • Poly vinyl • Wood • Chain-link

To whom it may concern,

The total for the proposed fence project at the Myrick Park Zoo comes to \$8,249 (includes materials, donated labor, and concrete). This total is subject to change pending an actual site visit once the pond walls are framed out. Due to the shape of the pond, actual on-site measurements need to be obtained prior to ordering materials.

The fence quoted is as follows:

- 145 Linear Feet of 3' High Decorative Aluminum Fence/ Industrial Grade/ 2230 Style/ Alternating Top Picket Design/ Dropped Bottom Rail/ Textured Black Color/ Two Walk Gates (gates include gate stop, lockable gate latch, and hinges).

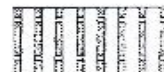
Thank you,

Tyler Skidmore



[www.phillipsfencing.com](http://www.phillipsfencing.com)

Since 1975





- Assist with site prep

# Mayor Kabat-Letter Of support



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR LA CROSSE

December 13, 2017

Jamie Schloegel  
La Crosse Community Foundation  
401 Main Street, Suite 205  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Ms. Schloegel,

On behalf of Myrick Park community and as Mayor of the City of La Crosse, I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the restoration of the Myrick Park historic duck house located at 2000 La Crosse Street, La Crosse in Myrick Park.

The Myrick Park community has been working to strategize funding for the restoration project. Their blueprint rendering is expected to have formal action taken, pending any changes or delays, on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners for the City of La Crosse.

I support Myrick Park community's plan to restore the historic duck house. Thank you for your consideration in partnering with the Myrick Park community to make this restoration attainable.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Kabat".

Tim Kabat, Mayor  
City of La Crosse

# Heritage Preservation Commission Letter Of Support



January 12, 2018

Jarnie Schloegel  
La Crosse Community Foundation  
401 Main Street, Suite 205  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Re: Myrick Park Duck Pond Restoration

Dear Ms. Schloegel,

At their December 21, 2017 meeting the Heritage Preservation Commission unanimously supported the Myrick Park Community's grant application to restore the duck house and pond. As the duck house and pond is a locally designated landmark this support comes with the condition that the Myrick Park Community works with the Heritage Preservation Commission for historic guidance on its restoration.

The duck and pond were designated as a local landmark in February 2016 as it is the last remaining structure of the former Myrick Park Zoo. The zoo was established in 1929 and was significant in the social history of La Crosse. The duck house and pond were also designed by Otto Merman who was a prominent architect in La Crosse from the early 1910's to the mid 1930's. He was involved in the design of over 46 buildings in La Crosse, many of which are still standing today.

If you have any questions please contact me at (608)-789-7391

Sincerely,

Tim Acklin, AICP  
Senior Planner  
Heritage Preservation Commission Staff

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Council Member Jessica Olson- Chair  
Charles Clemence- Vice Chair  
Terry Collins, Ariel Beaujot, Chris Kuhlrow, Dan Manke

# City Of Lacrosse Park & Rec- Letter Of Support



## Parks and Recreation

400 La Crosse St., La Crosse, WI 54601 – (608) 789-7533 Fax (608) 789-7501  
<http://www.cityoflacrosse.org> [Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:Recreation@cityoflacrosse.org)



January 2, 2018

Jamie Schloegel  
La Crosse Community Foundation  
401 Main Street, Suite 205  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Ms. Schloegel,

The City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department fully supports the Myrick Park Community initiative to restore the historic duck house in Myrick Park. Over the past several years the department, along with the Board of Park Commissioners has supported several fund raising activities for the duck house restoration project. We will continue to support this group's fundraising initiatives in the future.

The Board of Park Commissioners has approved the duck house restoration concept, and will review the final plans for the restoration project at the Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Park Commissioners meeting. The City has budgeted \$ 100,000 in the 2019 Capital Improvement Budget, with the condition that the Myrick Park Community group raises \$150,000 in additional funds, to complete this project.

I respectfully request the La Crosse Community Foundation favorably consider the funding request submitted on behalf of the Myrick Park Community for the restoration of the historic duck house in Myrick Park. Restoring this iconic piece of our community is important for those who have fond memories of visiting the duck house with family and friends, and wish to carry this tradition into the future.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven C. Carlyon".

Steven C. Carlyon  
City of La Crosse Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

cc Mayor Kabat  
Sue Lacoste



# Our Board Of Directors



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Grant writer



Jon Papenfuss- Building Project  
Manager



Paige Rustad- Animals



Sue Calloway- Fund raiser Coordinator

# In Closing

- Myrick Park community would like to state that when we started this project various bids came in starting at \$310,000 and now with persistence and commitment to this we have some great business's willing to donate to help with this. In other bids our rendering would have been \$10,000 and because we brought Jon Papenfuss in our organization he did the rendering himself which saved us that 10,000. Now we have Strupp Trucking & excavating that is donating all of their services which also in other bids the excavating would have been \$80,000 plus so this is the main reason we could get our project cost down to \$206,449. We will NOT cage any ducks. They will be free to come and go as they please.
- We will meet the expectations of the Heritage Preservation Commission restoring to it's original state as much as possible.