CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT June 29, 2015

> AGENDA ITEM - 15-0389 (Tim Acklin)

Resolution designating property at 1500 Joseph Houska Dr, 1701 Marco Dr, 1800 Marco Dr and 1801 Marco Dr aka Municipal Marina and Carroll Ball Field as park land.

ROUTING: J&A Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is requesting designation of the properties depicted on attached <u>MAP PC15-0389</u> as park land for the City of La Crosse. 1701, 1800, and 1801 Marco Drive are intended to be developed into a softball complex/recreation area by adding at least one additional field, restrooms, and other amenities. 1500 Joseph Houska Dr would remain a municipal marina. If designated as park land, the care, maintenance, and all oversight of any lease agreements of all four properties would transfer from the Board of Public Works to the Board of Park Commissioners.

The Parks Department has stated that by adding an additional ball field to this area the ball field at Powell Park can be removed so it can be renovation into a new type of play space/area.

> GENERAL LOCATION:

1500 Joseph Houska Dr, 1701 Marco Dr, 1800 Marco Dr and 1801 Marco Dr aka Municipal Marina and Carroll Ball Field. (Isle La Plume)

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

The Board of Park Commissioners recommended approval of this item at their February 19, 2015 meeting.

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Developing an athletic complex for soccer or baseball/softball fields on Isle La Plume was identified in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

The needs assessment in the Parks and Recreation Outdoor Strategic Plan identifies expanding Carroll Field with 2 additional softball fields.

This area was also identified as new park land in the Joint Neighborhood and Campus Plan for the Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood.

PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

To the best of planning staff's knowledge the proposed dedication of these properties to park land has been discussed and mutually agreed upon between the Parks Department, Engineering Department, and Public Works. In addition, this area has been identified in several planning documents to develop a new park or athletic complex. Lastly, this area is the site of a former landfill which makes it unsuitable for other land uses. **This Resolution is recommended for approval.**





