

CITY OF ONALASKA MEETING NOTICE

COMMITTEE/BOARD: Parks & Recreation Board

DATE OF MEETING: July 27, 2015 (Monday)

PLACE OF MEETING: 415 Main St. (City Hall – Room 112)

TIME OF MEETING: 5:15 P.M.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

1. Call to Order and roll call.
2. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes/individual)

Consideration and possible action on the following items:

4. Authorize Clearwater Farms to use adjacent City property as pasture area for their animals.
5. Request from Tornado Youth Hockey to waive meeting room rental fee at the Omni Center
6. Approve Omni Center flooring for banquet rooms 3 & 4 and hallway between the arenas
7. Presentation of Park and Recreation 2016 Budget
8. Update on Omni Center Chiller Replacement project
9. Report from Onalaska Enhancement Foundation
10. Report from Great River Landing Committee
11. Director's Report
 - a. Parks Update
 - b. Recreation Update
 - c. Aquatic Center Update
 - d. Omni Center Update

Adjournment

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that members of the Common Council of the City of Onalaska who do not serve on the Board may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility.

Therefore, further notice is hereby given that the above meeting may constitute a meeting of the Common Council and is hereby noticed as such, even though it is not contemplated that the Common Council will take any formal action at this meeting.

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Frank Collas <frcollas@gmail.com>

Fw: Clearwater requests

1 message

Shari Collas <slcollas@yahoo.com>
To: Frank <frcollas@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 25, 2015 at 12:54 PM

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: "Wick, Dan" <dwick@cityofalaska.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 24, 2015 at 11:15 AM
Subject: Clearwater requests

Shari,

The Park and Rec Board discussed your request at our meeting this past Monday night. Below are the items the Park Board would like to see in a proposal prior to making a decision.

- Summary of the proposed use of City land.
- Number & type of animals proposed to be grazing.
- Map with location of the request identified.
- Map identifying where any fencing would be located. Also identify the type and height of proposed fencing (either with fencing images and/or narrative).
- Who would be responsible for the maintenance of the fence
- Map identifying where storm water is currently draining and description of how the proposed use may impact adjacent waterways and/or wetlands, and if any grassy buffers are proposed to remain.
- Will the land being used/leased by Clearwater remain open to the public? If so what types of conflicts may arise (i.e., human/animal interactions) and how can they be prevented?
- Copy of Clearwater Farms Liability Insurance, and would they have the ability to name the City additional insured.

It you have any questions please let me know.

Dan

Daniel D. Wick

Park and Rec Board....Responses to questions and concerns

1. The adjacent parcel south of Clearwater Farm shall be used as pasture and grazing for the Clearwater Farm animals. This will benefit the animals by providing additional green grass to eat. The city will benefit as well by not having to maintain the parcel and will prevent the land from becoming overgrown and weed ridden as it currently stands. Attached are pictures of the current state of this parcel and the three foot thistle plants that plague the neighborhood.
2. Animals grazing would consist of donkeys, horses or goats, limited to 2 – 4 at a time. Grazing would occur only when there is an abundance of grass to be eaten. Animals will be taken to the fenced area and removed by nightfall. The fenced area will be cleaned twice daily when in use by the Clearwater Farm animal team. Our animals do not get fed any other feed or grain. Their diet is strictly grass or hay that is baled by Gary Humfeld, owner of the farm across the street.
3. Fencing would be installed and maintained by Clearwater Farm. Fencing would be 4 ft. tall and be consistent with the fencing pictured.
4. Fenced area would not be open to the public when animals are present. Gate leading to the area would be padlocked like all our fenced areas. If access is needed for city use, gates will be opened and keys provided to the city. The land bordering the fenced area would be accessible for animal viewing. This border area is several feet wide and quite a distance between the handicap blacktop path and the proposed fencing. There have been no accidents or injuries on Clearwater Farm property since its inception 16 years ago. Signage would be discussed concerning no admittance to the fenced area.
5. No change in storm water drainage is expected. The east side of the farm is currently marsh and provides a buffer and filter for drainage. Fields will be cleaned daily and grassy barriers around fences will remain the same.
6. Copy of Clearwater Farm insurance is attached and the City of Onalaska may be added as additional insured.



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CLEARWATER FARM
 CLEARWATER FARM FOUNDATION INC DBA
 760 GREEN COULEE RD
 ONALASKA WI 54650

MERITRUST INS GRP LLC
 1523 ROSE ST #1
 LA CROSSE WI 54603

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Frank Collas <frcollas@gmail.com>

Fw: Field South of Clearwater Farms

1 message

Shari Collas <scollas@yahoo.com>

Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 2:36 PM

To: Frank <frcollas@gmail.com>

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**copy of Jaycee email*

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: "Andy Speropulos" <Andy@tristatesound.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 2:16 PM

Subject: Field South of Clearwater Farms

To whom it may concern,

The Onalaska Jaycees have been using the field south of Clearwater Farms for the use of parking for some time now. I believe it was Mr. Bialecki who gave us the opportunity to use it. However, in the past few years the field has become more problematic because of the nature of the field. During the month of October for the past 3-4 years it has been very wet and unusable. We've had to push multiple vehicles out of the field due to them being stuck, which creates a hazard for us and the public. Last year, we opted to use street parking along Green Coulee Road and adjacent streets, and found parking to be a lot easier on us and to haunted house goers. As you can imagine a family getting out of their vehicle, and walking through mud does not make for a positive experience. We hope to continue our stay at Clearwater Farms and continue our annual food drive to benefit the Onalaska Food Shelter that is desperately in need during the month of October.

Thank you,

Andy Speropulos

Onalaska Jaycees

Membership VP

*woven Field Fencing - 4 feet tall - proposed

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WOVEN FIELD FENCE

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English

- Protect your investment with our most reliable confinement for cattle, hogs, horses and other large animals
 - Able to withstand the demands of corralling large animal herds and pastures
 - Fencing that is ideal for all-terrains, as well as corrals
 - Special wire crimps withstand even the most severe weather
 - Class 1 galvanized wire expands and contracts
 - Made in the United States with 100% American steel
- Wear safety glasses and protective eyewear when handling this product

Français

- Protégez votre investissement avec notre barrière d'isolement des plus solides pour bovins, porcs, chevaux et autres gros animaux
- Offre la résistance requise pour confiner des troupeaux de gros animaux
- Clôture parfaite pour tous les terrains, corrals et pâturages
- Peut résister aux pires conditions météorologiques, car le sertissage spécial du fil permet l'expansion et la contraction
- Fil galvanisé de catégorie 1 résistant aux intempéries, à l'usure et à la détérioration

Consulte

- Capaz de resistir a las condiciones mas severas del tiempo
- Cercas ideales para corrales y praderas
- Las ondulaciones de alambre especiales resisten la expansion y la contraccion
- El alambre galvanizado de categoria 1 resiste las intemperias, el uso y el desgaste

* current corner posts and bracing that would be used in pasture!



* T posts that would be used & picture of gate



* Aerial view of parcel being discussed.
At this time it is overgrown with grass
and thistles.

Clearwater
↓ Garden

10' Gate



* Fore ground pic of thistles in field - Clearwater
in Background



clearwater whitefeaning - field being discussed and
marsh area in front of houses



* Field from blacktop path view!



* We have been cutting down these thistles, as they spread to our community garden in fenced area



Charwater area that we now to keep a barrier
from the field!



* Road View of Clearwater Farm garden area and potting shed





The New York Times | <http://nyti.ms/KQtIzB>

N.Y. / REGION

To Tackle an Invasive Weed, Bringing In the Hooved Pros

By **LISA W. FODERARO** JUNE 21, 2012

On a sweltering afternoon on Staten Island, the New York City parks department unveiled its latest weapon in the war on phragmites, an invasive weed that chokes the shoreline: goats. Twenty Anglo-Nubians, to be exact. With names like Mozart, Haydn and Van Goat, and with floppy ears and plaintive bleats, they did not seem fearsome. But on Thursday they were already munching inexorably through the long pale leaves in the first phase of a wetland restoration at what will soon be Freshkills Park.

Known for their unending, indiscriminate appetites, the goats are being rented by the city for the next six weeks from a farmer in the Hudson Valley. Parks officials are counting on the goats to clear the phragmites across two acres of wetlands that will eventually be cultivated with native grasses like spartina and black needle rush. The hope is that the goats will weaken the phragmites, setting the stage for another series of assaults on their stubborn rhizomes — applying herbicide, scarifying the earth and laying down sand.

In the short term, the goats are part of an unusual experiment to eradicate the pesky reeds, which were introduced from Europe in the late 19th century and which, once rooted, are almost impossible to eliminate. They have fueled brush fires across the region and pushed out other species along the East Coast.

But the farm animals are also being tested for their lawn-mowing prowess, especially at Freshkills Park, which is in transition from its former life as the world's

largest landfill to its future one — as the largest park to be developed in New York City in more than a century.

“We want to introduce the idea of using goats to help in vegetation management,” Eloise L. Hirsh, the administrator of the park, said. “The sanitation department mows us once a year. But this is 2,200 acres. We need help.”

The goats are perhaps the most vivid example of the lengths to which the city is going to turn a symbol of environmental degradation into one of ecological redemption. As Freshkills Park is developed in phases over the next three decades, it will be a laboratory for green practices; there are plans for composting toilets, green roofs, rain gardens and a native seed farm.

The official opening of the park is two or three years off, though it is open periodically for tours. Three of the four giant mounds formed by garbage are now capped, and the parks department will soon solicit bids on the first stage of development — 21 acres with walking paths and a bird observation tower overlooking the wetlands. Already, the landscape looks impossibly bucolic, with dragonflies and swallows darting amid lanky grasses and the occasional tree.

The goats only add to the pastoral image. On Thursday, Beethoven, with long white ears and a black body, and Van Goat, sporting a black stripe down his chestnut back, were contentedly exploring their new territory, plunging their mouths into dense stands of phragmites. Others trotted down to the shore of Main Creek, a tributary of the Fresh Kill. (In yet another act of environmental rectitude, parks workers will soon arrange logs made of coconut fiber along the banks to attract mussels, which prevent erosion.)

“The first test was to see if they would eat the phragmites, and they’re eating it, so they passed,” said Terry Doss, an ecologist with Biohabitats, a company specializing in ecological restoration that is advising the parks department.

The city received a grant of \$350,000 from the state for the wetlands project. (The cost of renting the goats from Larry Cihanek of Rhinebeck, N.Y., is \$20,625 for the six weeks.) If the goats prove successful, Freshkills Park may one day have a permanent herd. “It’s exciting to be able to replace what would be a carbon-polluting