Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, August 18, 2016, 9:30am
Logan Recreation Center
195 South 100 West
Conference Room

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2016
2. Jr. Jazz (Dan)
3. Ribbon Cutting at Trapper Park (Ed)
4. Bike/Ped Plan (Russ)
5. Logan River Trail Update (Ed)
6. Deer Pen Parkland Proposal (Michael)
7. Canyon Connector Trail (Russ)
8. Recreation Manager Report (Dan)
9. Parks Superintendent Report (Ed)
10. Open Forum

Next Meeting: September 15, 2016, 9:30am

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Present: Herm Olsen, Jason Pond, Ed Stephens, Michael Timmons, Dan Blakely, Dan King, Russ Akina, Jordy Guth

Excused: Brandon Halaufia, Laura Sawyer

Approval of Minutes: Herm made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Jason seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Jr. Jazz:

- The Department is moving away from Jr. Jazz; the program will now be called Logan Youth Basketball
- The City can save $6,000 or $7,000 by running their own program
- The program (i.e. rules, sportsmanship, program cost, etc.) will be structured the same
    - The program fees will stay the same; the cost of the officials needs to be covered and two officials are needed for the high school level games
- Herm asked if moving away from Jr. Jazz will prevent participants from getting tickets to Jazz games; no, the City has never paid for the package that includes tickets to a Jazz game
    - The City paid $11 per person for a jersey, player appearance, and team photos
    - The package that included a ticket to a Jazz game was $19 per person
    - Dan King wondered how many people who got tickets from Jr. Jazz redeemed them; less than half
- Dan King asked if the City can return to the Jr. Jazz program if Logan Youth Basketball doesn't work; yes
- He also asked if there have been conversations with the schools and other facilities about gym space
    - The principal at Mt. Logan Middle School has agreed to give the City preference for gym time
- Michael Timmons asked if the City has moved forward with involving Utah State in the program
    - The City would like to work with Utah State but the athletic director has been really busy
    - Jason Pond suggested Dan Blakely contact the individual who runs the Jr. Aggie program
- Dan Blakely suspected the change would not affect the number of participants

Ribbon Cutting at Trapper Park:

- Parks Division Staff spent a lot of the summer getting Trapper Park ready
- The ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 1 at 11am; the details are being worked out
- Dan King asked if the park is open to the public now; yes, and the gate is closed every night
- Ed described access and location; the park is accessible from 1800 South
- Dan King asked if there is directional signage; the City engineer is approving a park sign for 1800 South

Bike/Ped Plan:

- The City adopted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in 2015 and it is available on the City's website
- Some of the items in the document address trail connections, including the Canyon Connector Trail

- It took about four months to gather the necessary information; the plan is well integrated with other City documents and plans
- The development and design of bike lanes will continue to be discussed with users and citizens
- Russ encouraged the Board to check out the top of the short dugway; it's an example of a shared roadway
    - The area has been redesigned so motor traffic has a better view of cyclists and pedestrians
    - The road is scheduled to open tomorrow but landscape work will continue for the next 30 days
    - Traffic should be allowed to flow through while the landscaping is being finished
- Jordy said USU has been very happy with the communication through the process of writing and adopting the plan; a lot of the elements in the City's plan are integrated with USU's transportation plan
- Jordy asked what the priorities are for the development of bike lanes
    - As funds become available for a road project, the corresponding bike plan will be funded as well
    - Prioritization in the plan may be adjusted based on which funds are available for which project
- Jordy would like the University to know what's coming so they can help or provide services, if possible

Logan River Trail Update:

- Ed provided pictures of the trail through Logan River Estates which gets trail users to Trapper Park
- Parks Division Staff built a parking lot and a trail connection to the parking lot
- Vehicular access to Trapper Park is a dirt road off of 1800 South
- Michael asked about the width of the pavement on the trail; the entire trail is 10 feet wide
- Herm asked for a good access point on a bike; trail access is available from 1000 West or Park Avenue
- He also asked if there is an exit or if users retreat back the way they came; the trail ends at Trapper Park
- A playground will be installed at Trapper Park in the future
- Jason asked if the hard surface trails are maintained throughout the winter; yes, the Parks Division maintains all of the cement trails in order to keep them open year round
- Ed encouraged the Board to check out the newly completed sections of trail

Deer Pen Parkland Proposal:

- Everyone received a copy of the Deer Pen Parkland Proposal
- The City met with residents on a number of occasions to discuss development plans for this land
- A portion of the space will be divided into 22 lots for single family homes; the remaining 24 acres will be developed into parkland
- Michael explained that this land was originally purchased for a future cemetery but plans have changed
- For convenience, the parkland has been split into a north park and a south park
    - The south park has quite a large slope and contains the existing canal trail
        - The neighbors decided this piece should be treated as a natural area
    - The north park is tucked in a bowl and doesn't have the outward views
        - This piece will be used for various demonstration areas with the ultimate goal of partnering with groups that may be interested in developing part of the area
- These plans were outlined in the parkland Concept Narrative
- The portion south of Lundstrom Park has been nicely landscaped with trees and boulders; the northern portion has not been improved but there are plans for improvement
    - Russ has met with most adjacent property owners to discuss the type of landscaping for the trail
- A portion of the south park is currently a dog park but neighbors recommended closing it

    - They agreed that a dog park should be fenced but a fence would be contrary to the concept of creating a natural, open hillside
- Jordy asked if the trail is accessible now; yes, it is open to the public
- The park space will have alternative trails with a gravel surface
- There are already protected corridors for storm water runoff
- Michael said there was a proposal for a trail connection from the parking lot to the Lundstrom Canal Trail and a kiosk to illustrate how to access the Bonneville Shoreline Trail
- Jordy asked if the canal trail will still be functional; yes
- There have also been conversations about getting a safe pedestrian crossing at 1500 North
- Dan King asked if the City will develop the lots or sell to a developer; the City is considering selling to a developer to develop the space with proposed limitations
    - The funds from the sale will be put towards the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
- Russ and Michael will continue to work together on this plan
- Michael asked if the City will receive impact fees from the development; yes, the impact fees will be collected as long as capital improvements are scheduled

Canyon Connector Trail:

- The Canyon Connector Trail is in design and the City has been meeting with the Logan Golf & Country Club
- The Country Club's most pressing concern is non-patrons using the parking lot; signage will be posted in the future to inform trail users that parking is not permitted in that private lot
- The location of the project is not a trailhead; the trail leads from the canyon and onto USU property
- The City will do what is possible to preserve the parking spaces for Country Club patrons
- Jason said the proposed trail runs through a utility access point the Club uses
- Jason asked about liability and how errant golf balls will affect trail users
    - The trail is in UDOT's right-of-way and is being designed to keep a low profile from the golf course
    - Dan King said there was a lot of concern about golf balls when the First Dam Section was in design
    - Jordy said there are screening elements available for purchase
- The access points the Country Club uses will be integrated into the design so as not to impede access
    - The mowers have to cross the road because they don't fit in the tunnel
    - Jordy said there are stop signs for bikes if there is concern about bikes and mowers crossing paths
- The City received grant funds for about $200,000 for this project
- Construction should start next spring and work will continue through most of the summer
- The City is working to get the design and necessary permits completed before winter
- Michael asked where construction will start; the City's portion of the trail will start at 1500 East
    - Michael said that intersection warrants some safety measures
    - Jordy said this trail connection will actually improve safety because users will cross in a crosswalk
- USU will put in a 10 foot trail, with lighting, through Mountain Air Park which will connect to 1200 East; work is scheduled to begin the same time as the City

Recreation Manager Report:

- The Recreation Center has been really busy; the students have been in the facility all summer
- The Crimson Gym is under construction so there has been very little public space due to tryouts and practices for the various sports teams

- 367 kids participated in the baseball program; 243 kids participated last year
    - The baseball program includes T-ball, Coaches Pitch, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony leagues
- 123 people participated in the track program, which is the biggest the program has ever been
- 153 kids signed up for tackle football, which starts on Saturday; the program was down about 20 kids
- 225 participants signed up for flag football; participation in this program has also increased
- Participation in tackle football, state-wide, has decreased
- 84 people registered for the disc golf tournament that was held at the County fairgrounds on Pioneer Day
- 90,330 people went to the pool for lap swim, water aerobics, public swim, reservations, and swim lessons
    - The pool closed early twice and was only closed for one full day
- Jason said the practice bags don't have first aid kits; Dan Blakely will get them handed out

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Trying to replace all of the part time staff that will return to school
- Everyone received a copy of the plan illustrating the connection from Rendezvous Park to Park Avenue
    - Ed and Russ have been working on formalizing this connection since 2004
    - Trail work will begin September 1 and won't be completed until next spring or summer
    - All or most of the funding has been secured or applied for
    - Eventually the Park Avenue bridge will be replaced and the trail will go under the bridge
    - Two of the 10 acres the City owns on the west side of Park Avenue will be used as an enclosed dog facility and a portion of the remaining acreage will become a parking lot
        - The proposed facility will be twice the size of the existing facility at Rendezvous Park
        - Jordy asked if the City will keep the facility at Rendezvous; yes
    - Ed would like to build the parking lot and dog area soon because Rendezvous Park will be closed once construction starts
    - The plan also includes a one acre fishing pond at the confluence in Rendezvous Park
        - The pond will help settle sediment from the Logan River; the sediment will need to be removed every three to five years

Open Forum:

- Michael asked about Pokemon Go
    - Residents along the Logan River Trail have made complaints about noise at night
- Jordy's second term is ending; she hoped that USU will continue to be represented on the Board
    - Dan King said there is a second vacancy that needs to be filled
    - Russ invited the Board to send their recommendations to Jalayne
- Dan King wanted to know if the City is going to vacate, expand, or repair the Recreation Center
    - Russ said the plan is to stay and fix what needs to be repaired but the long term plan is unknown
    - The Mayor is focused on the future of the library right now
    - Herm was under the impression that the School District could not sustain the facility on their own
    - Dan King said the City needs to leverage the relationship to meet the needs of the recreation programs if the City is going to continue to share a facility

Next Meeting: September 15, 2016 at 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:42am **Minutes Submitted by:** Jalayne Hatch

Logan Deer Pen Park Concept Narrative

Overview

The Deer Pen Park property comprises approximately 24 acres, split into two segments by 1500 North. The two segments differ from each other in terms of topography, existing vegetation, spatial feeling, and view orientation. The concept plan has been developed in recognition of these diverse qualities, and is described hereafter as the North Park and the South Park.

The southern area is bounded on the west by the Logan Hyde Park Smithfield (LHPS) Canal Trail, on the east by Aspen Drive, and on the north by 1500 North. Twelve development parcels have been platted in this area, leaving a net park area of approximately 12.2 acres.

The northern area is bounded on the south by 1500 North, on the east by existing platted development parcels west of Aspen Drive including North Pointe and South Pointe Courts, on the North by the North Logan City line and existing residences, and on the west by the LHPS Canal and existing residences east of 1770 East. Ten development parcels and a new cul-de-sac have been platted in this area, leaving a net park area of approximately 11.6 acres.

Site Analysis

South Park

The South Park is characterized by a relatively uniform 13% gradient hillside sloping from east to west. Overall elevation change across the bulk of the site is approximately 60 feet. The uniform westward pitch of the site creates an outward orientation, with views from the majority of the parcel directed westward across the city toward the Wellsville Range.

Three corridors of open space link the park westward to Aspen Drive and uphill to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST), two accommodating storm water runoff and one serving as an easement for a high voltage power line. Another storm water corridor at the south end of the parcel provides existing trail access to the BST. A storm water retention basin is located at the south end of the parcel.

A segment of the LHPS Canal running from Logan Canyon to 1500 North was buried in conduit in 2013, with a 12 foot wide graded access road above it now serving as a popular segment of the Logan City Trails network. The approximately ¼ portion of the trail which forms the western boundary of the South Park was never landscaped, and is in need of planting for shade and visual interest.

Approximately 2/3 of the south parcel is covered with sagebrush grassland, while the remainder is disturbed land. Numerous invasive plant species occur across the site, particularly in the disturbed areas. A plant inventory of the site was conducted by Glen Trostle in June, 2016, and has been provided to the parks department.

This park segment is currently designated as an off-leash dog park, although it is rarely used for this purpose due to a lack of fenced enclosure. Upgrading the property as an enclosed dog park is not seen as a viable option, due to the visual impact of requisite fencing and the lack of parking opportunities such development would require.

North Park

In contrast to the southern parcel, the North Park is much more introverted in character. Overall change of grade across the main site area is limited to approximately 15 feet, and roughly 2/3 of the area as sloped at 5% or less. The relative lack of elevation change restricts the off-site westerly views characteristic of the south site. Existing residential development with mature landscaping along the west boundary creates spatial enclosure, providing a somewhat more secluded quality.

Two open space corridors flanking drainageways afford linkage eastward to Aspen Drive and beyond to the BST. The northernmost of these corridors, flanked by the North Logan City boundary and North Pointe Ct., is a visually sterile wasteland approximately 75 feet wide and 900 feet long.

The LHPS Canal Trail on the southern park segment ends at 1500 North. A new asphalt trail continues the trail system across the northern section, however its terminus is offset approximately 100 feet from the southern counterpart, creating an awkward and unsafe linkage across 1500 North. The northern asphalt trail, also approximately ¼ mile in length, is also devoid of landscaping, and in similar need of planting for shade, interest, and visual screening of existing residences from future development.

A large storm water retention basin is located at the south end of the north parcel. A spoil pile of earth excavated during construction of the basin remains on the site, forming a berm approximately 10 feet in height, 50 feet across, and 300 feet long, which while unsightly in its existing condition, offers the opportunity for a re-sculpted landform.

Most of the southern parcel has been disturbed by various activities, with only minor patches of sage grassland remaining. Again, invasive plant species are common across the site.

Design Concepts

The overarching goal of the entire property is the creation of a low-key passive parkland which is not seen as a destination park. Parking lots and restroom facilities will not be created within either park area. Landscape treatment is to emphasize the restoration of a naturalized landscape, using a predominance of native, low-water consuming planting. Once established, the park will be a relatively low maintenance component of the Logan City Park System.

Opportunities for enhanced trail connectivity both internal to the new park parcels and linking the LHPS Canal Trail with the BST are significant, and must be capitalized upon. Trails within the new parks will be secondary and tertiary in nature, in contrast to the primary design standards utilized on the existing N-S LHPS Canal Trail. Secondary trails should be 4 feet wide, gravel surfaced, and tertiary paths 2-½ feet wide wood chip surfaced.

An initial step in both park sections will involve the further identification and eradication of invasive plant species.

South Park

- Emphasis on restoration of sagebrush grassland plant community, enriched with associated shrubs and native perennial wildflowers for plant diversity, wildlife habitat, and visual interest.

- Drifts of "naturalized" groupings of native juniper to be spotted on hillside, primarily in storm water drainages, reflecting natural groupings higher on hillside (see June 22, 2016 schematic plan for graphic representation).

- Occasional individual and clumped native maple (big-tooth and Rocky Mountain) scattered on hillside to afford shade and visual interest along upper trail (see June 22, 2016 schematic plan for graphic representation).

- Shade trees to be intermittently placed along LHPS Canal Trail at locations selected in consultation with adjacent property owners, to avoid blocking key hillside views. Line of piped canal and minimum setbacks for root zones to be established with canal company.

- Internal ½ mile secondary loop trail, meandering along (but not rigidly aligned with) the eastern side of LHPS canal, and traversing uphill at northern and southern ends to a hillside segment below property lines of new development parcels.

- A couple of small viewpoints to be located along upper trail, with benches, overhead shade structure, and possible interpretive signage.

- Trailhead kiosk to be located at major trail node at intersection of LHPS Canal Trail and BST access trail at south end of park, near existing footbridge, to include interpretive narrative and maps of trail system.

- New asphalt walking path from Lundstrom Park parking area near existing pavilion and restroom connecting east of playground N-S across park to 1200 North, with spur from midpoint connecting to trailhead kiosk.

- Two trail crossings across 1500 East to be located at points of road curve tangency for optimum visibility and safety, as indicated on June 22, 2016 schematic plan.
    - West edge of property where LHPS Canal Trail ends at street
    - Point of reversal of "S" curve, at location of existing curb cuts

- Potential re-grading to accommodate sledding hill at south end of site below Aspen Drive, with run-out area into retention basin (to be planted in native bunch grass).

North Park

- The varied terrain within this unit allows for greater planting and program diversity. It is proposed that the north site be zoned and planted to represent several different native plant communities found in Northern Utah, presenting the opportunity for Logan homeowners to observe low-water-use native plants in a landscape setting. As indicated on the June 22, 2016 schematic plan, representative plant communities could include:

    - Sage grassland and pinyon/juniper (south end of site on hillside above retention basin)

    - Riparian wetland (portions of the retention basin)

    - Oak/maple forest (NE portion of site, near North Pointe and South Pointe Cts.)

    - Perennial wildflower meadow (central basin on site, enclosed by re-contoured earth berm)

- Plants would be selected to minimize the need for irrigation and maintenance, although temporary irrigation will be necessary during the initial establishment period. Opportunities for partnering with local organizations should be explored to assist with establishment and maintenance of the demonstration area (Utah Native Plant Society, USU Extension, Cache Master Gardeners, Bridgerland Audubon Society, USDA Bee Lab, Cache County Water Conservancy District, etc.)

- Secondary trails to provide loop around wildflower meadow, and access links eastward to Aspen Drive and beyond.

- Tertiary trails to be developed following establishment of native plant groupings, to provide interpretive access with descriptive information on plant species.

- Existing earth spoil pile to be re-contoured as a smooth landform, creating spatial variety within the site, while providing visual screening of future site development from existing homes along western boundary. Berm to be planted with shrub groupings to enhance visual screening.

- Shade trees to be intermittently spotted individually and in clusters along existing asphalt trail at locations selected in consultation with adjacent property owners, to avoid blocking key hillside views while enhancing visual screening of future development.

- Additional shrub and tree planting to be located along western and northern site boundaries in consultation with adjacent property owners, to provide visual screening of future development while enhancing desirable views.

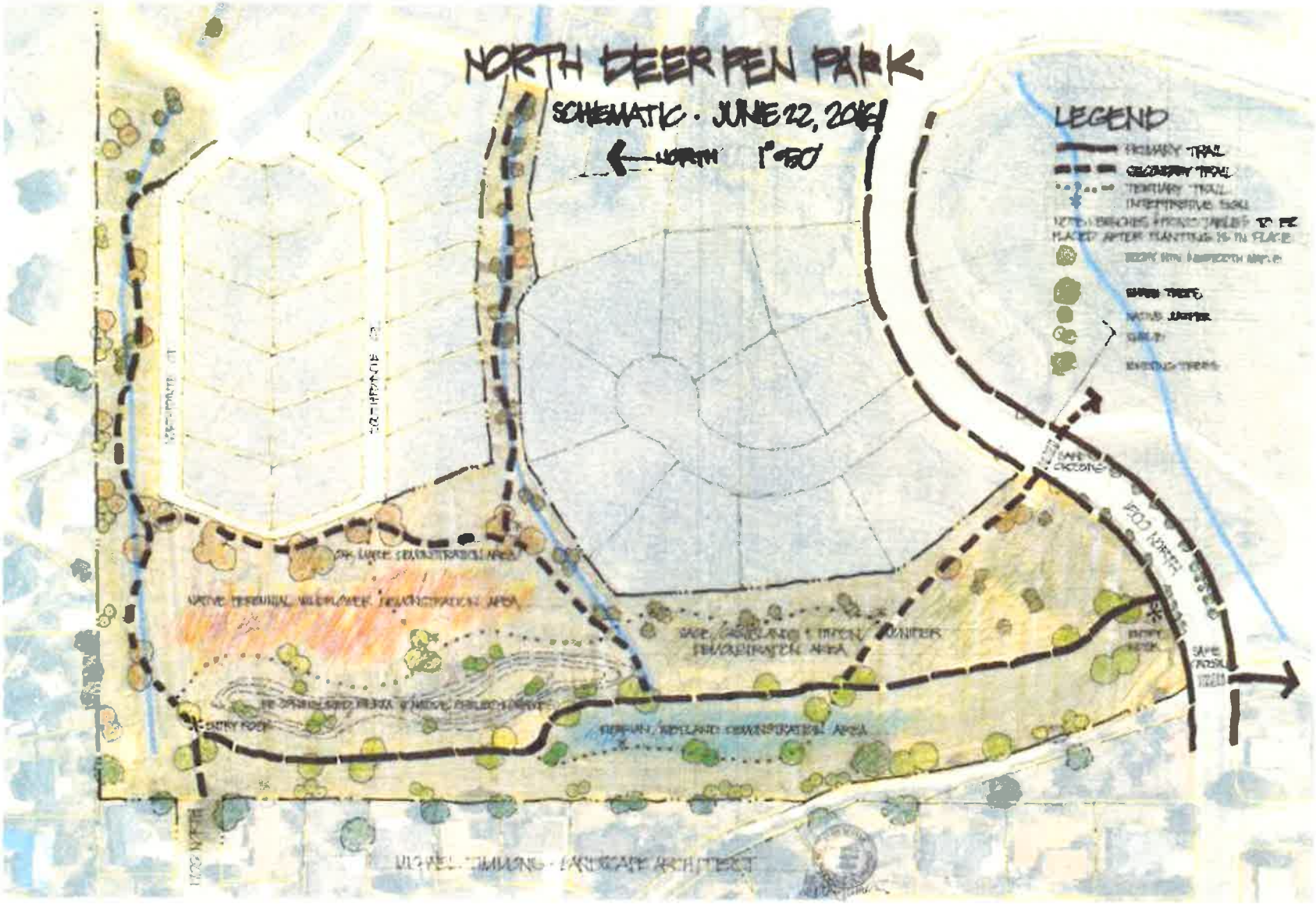
- Design long strip of land along northern site boundary to provide visual interest by meandering drainage ditch and trail, and placing naturalized clusters of maple and juniper as indicated on the June 22, 2016 schematic plan.

- Ensure that the corridor between 1700 North and North Pointe Ct. does not become established as a thru route, which would create traffic on local streets not equipped to accommodate it.

    - Develop a suitable terminus for 1700 North (could be a bulb extending into park).

    - Remove straight trail segment presently connecting the two streets and replace with meandering trail as indicated on the June 22, 2016 schematic plan.

    - Provide a small landscaped entry kiosk at terminus of 1700 North, which serves both to block potential thru traffic and to inform park users with maps and descriptive material.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NATIVE PERENNIAL WILDFLOWER DEMONSTRATION AREA
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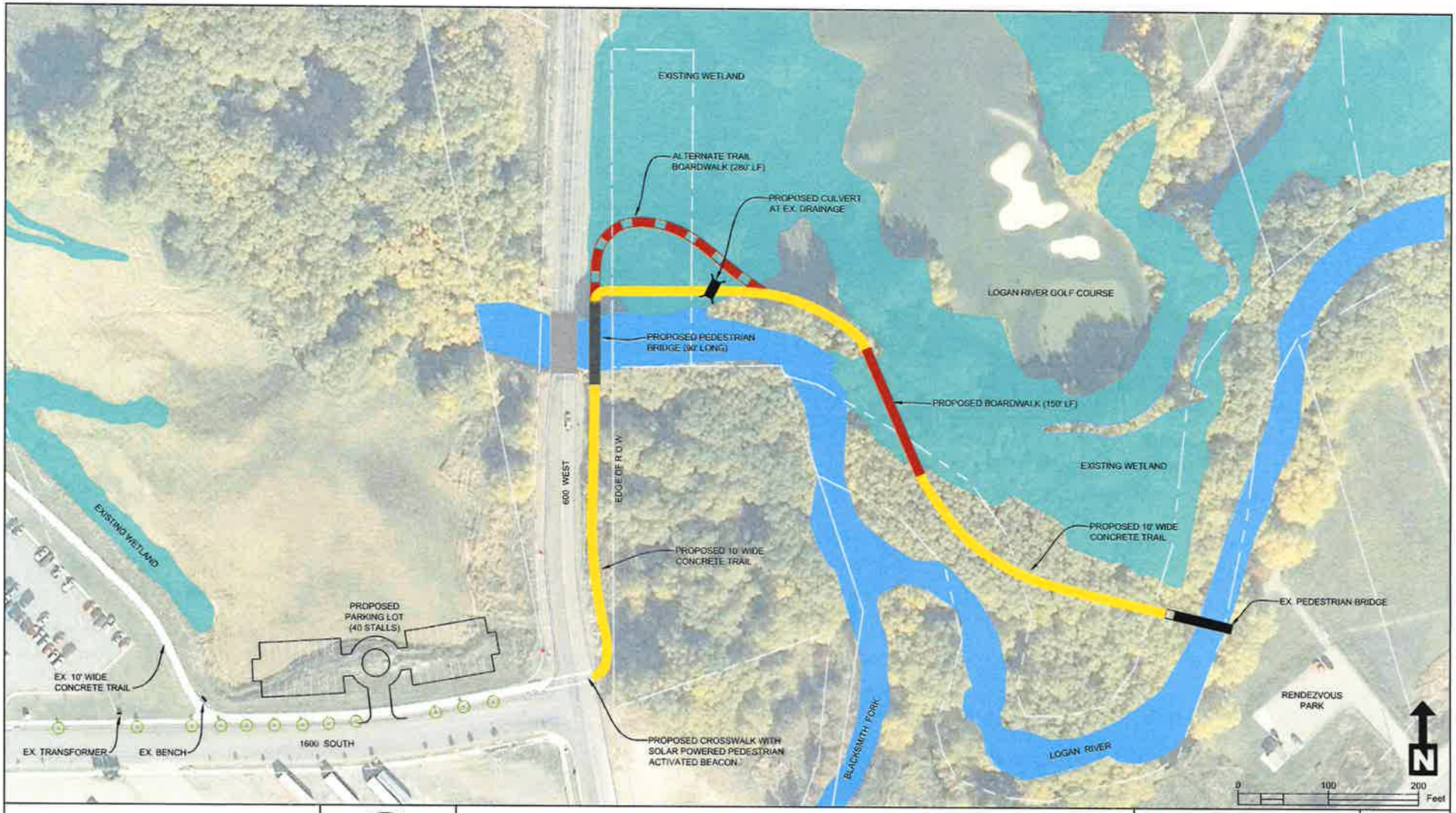

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