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TO: Parks and Recreation Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

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RE: Memorial Park Master Plan

At the May 11, 2015 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, Rettler Corporation will present a concept plan that was developed incorporating the feedback gathered from residents who attended the public open house, staff interviews, and comments sent to the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department throughout the process. Rettler Corporation is a landscape, architectural and engineering firm from Stevens Point that specializes in park planning and design that has been chosen to lead the project.

The following is a brief summary of the purpose of an updated master plan for Memorial Park. The last master plan for Memorial Park was developed in 2005. Since the development of this master plan, the park has seen the construction of two stormwater ponds, naturalization of the stormwater channel through the park, construction of the Miracle League Field, a new restroom facility to serve the west end of the ball diamond complex, and additional playground equipment near the Miracle League Field. Another major change in the park has been the termination of the agreement between the City of Appleton and the Gardens of the Fox Cities. With the termination of this agreement, the 35 acres on the west end of the park, the Scheig Center and surrounding gardens became the sole responsibility of the Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department.

Because of the changes made to the park and the importance of ensuring that the park meets current and future needs, it is necessary to develop a new master plan for Memorial Park that would identify the future renovations and/or development of the park and its recreation facilities.

The next step will be to incorporate and prioritize the suggestions made within the Master Plan into the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

Please contact me at 832-5572 or dean.gazza@appleton.org with any questions.