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TO: Pierce Park Neighbor

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

DATE: April 12, 2024

RE: Neighborhood Meeting - Potential Dog Exercise Area in Pierce Park

The Parks and Recreation Department would like your feedback regarding the following concept: adding a dog exercise area within Pierce Park. You are invited to attend a neighborhood meeting on April 23, 2024, at the Pierce Park Pavilion from 5 to 6 p.m. to provide any feedback.

The dog exercise area would be in the flat wooded area at the southwest corner of the park at the intersection of S. Mason Street and W. Pine Street. See backside of this memo for a map. This space would serve as an enclosed space for dog owners to exercise their pets. Our department has received numerous requests to provide designated spaces for dogs. The requests have come from both those who do not want dogs to run freely through the parks as well as those who own dogs and want a place to exercise them within city limits. Overall, more activity in the park helps to deter problematic issues that are not welcomed.

Alderperson Alex Schultz has been working with our department to locate a space to meet the needs of the community and will be present at the meeting along with myself.

If you cannot attend, you can also send your feedback via email to dean.gazza@appleton.org with any questions/comments. If we encounter inclement weather, we will post a meeting cancellation on our website at www.appletonparkandrec.org.