

**Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda
February 18, 2025
Reedsburg City Hall Council Chambers
5:15 PM**

DUE TO THE RESTRICTIONS CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, SOME VOTING MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE, AS PROVIDED BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. [HTTPS://WWW.DOJ.STATE.WI.US/NEWS-RELEASES/OFFICE-OPEN-GOVERNMENT-ADVISORY-CORONAVIRUS-DISEASE-2019-COVID-19-AND-OPEN-MEETINGS](https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/office-open-government-advisory-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-and-open-meetings)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT A SUBJECT OVER WHICH THE COMMON COUNCIL HAS DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. IF A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDS THIS MEETING, NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2025
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THE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT DISCUSS THESE TOPICS, AND WILL NOT TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THEM AT THIS MEETING

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration of bidding documents for Legends Park Splash Pad
- B. Consideration of placing a durable outdoor interpretive panel sign at Mackey Park
- C. Update of department projects and programs

II. ADJOURN:



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Reedsburg, WI 53959
January 21, 2025

The Parks and Recreation Committee convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. at the Reedsburg City Hall Council Chamber with the following members present:

Present: Jake Stanek
Missy Frenz
Phil Peterson
Aaron Bauer
Adam Kaney

Minutes: Moved by Frenz, seconded by Bauer to approve December 17, 2024, minutes.

Motion Carried 5-0

1. Consideration of Legends Park Splash Pad course site layout.

No Action Taken

2. Update of department projects and programs.

No Action Taken

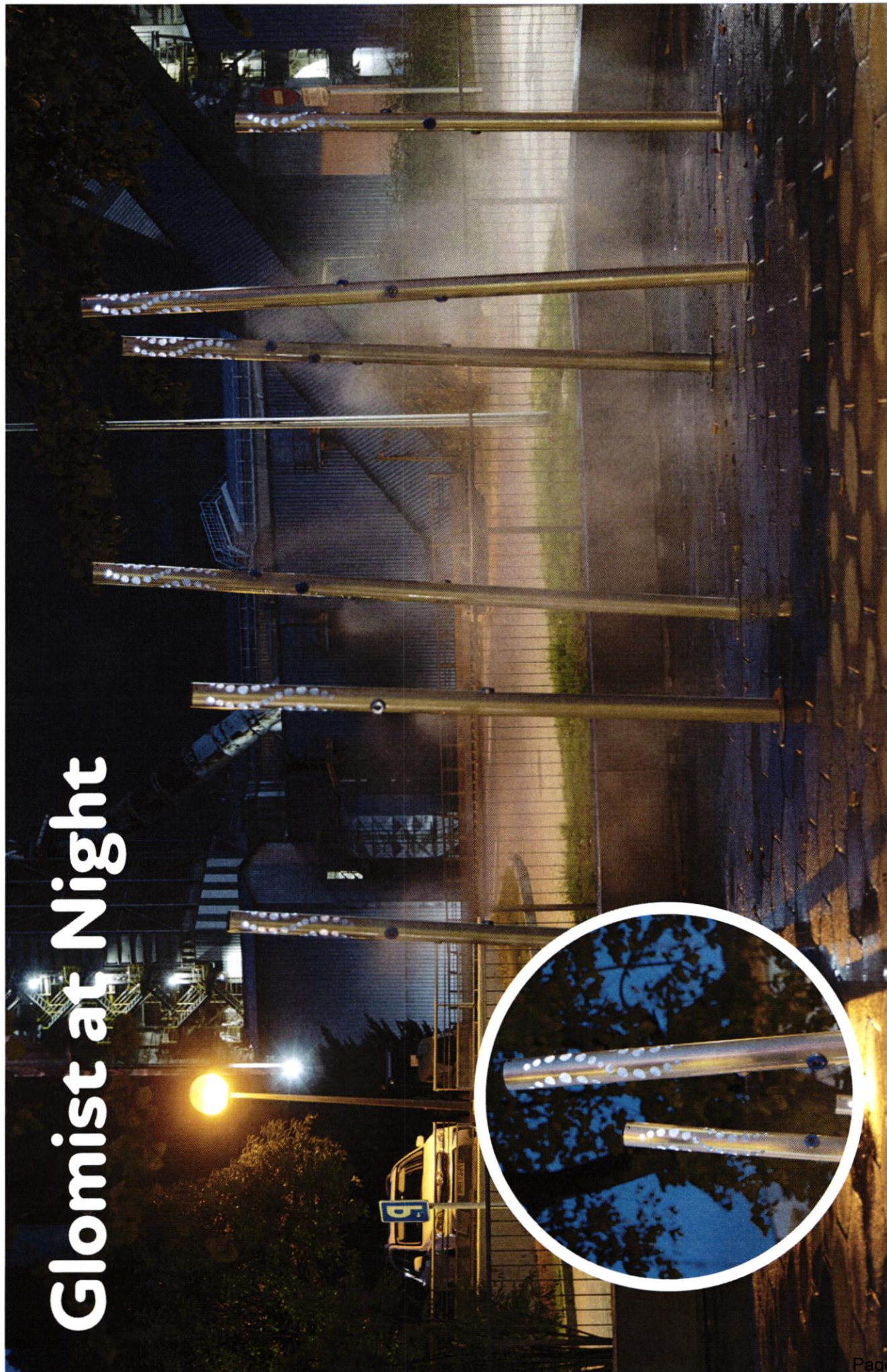
Motion by Frenz, seconded by Stanek to adjourn at 6:05 pm.

Motion Carried 5-0

Submitted by Matt Scott



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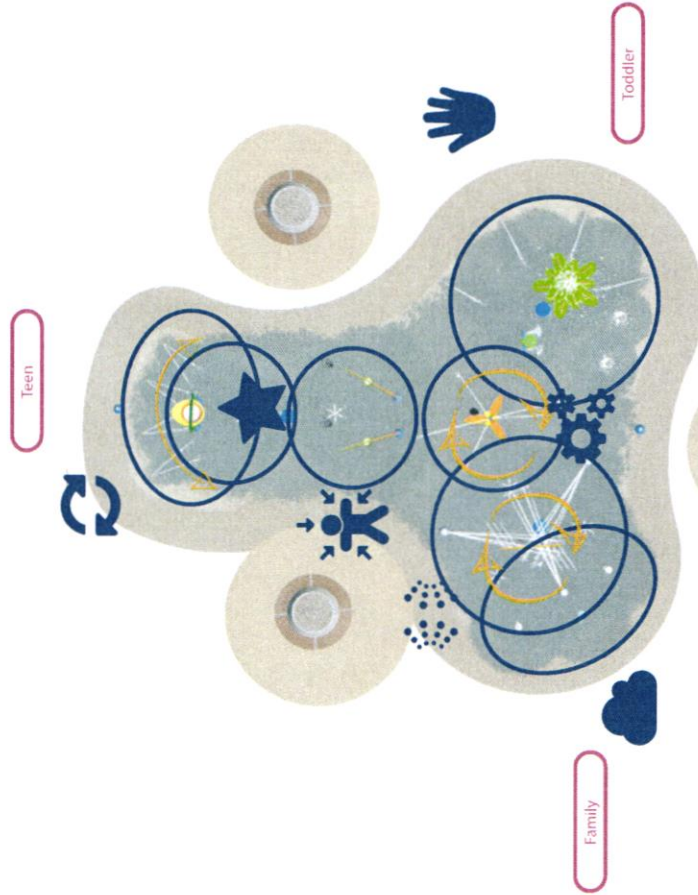


Play Value Planning

Aquatic play may feel spontaneous, but it actually requires lots of planning. We design every play experience to keep families engaged, boost dwell times, and increase return visits.

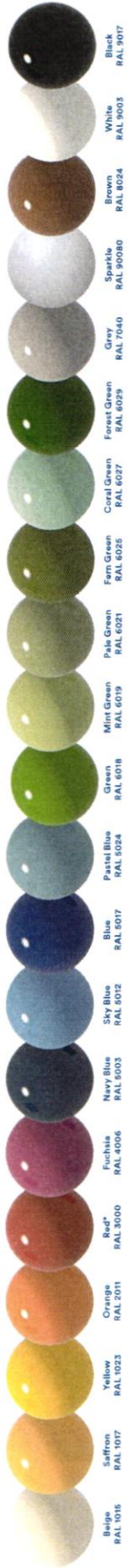
To build lasting memories among moms, dads, and little ones of all abilities, we carefully consider how to integrate products that cater to everything from the location's footprint and capacity to its demographics and theming objectives.

-  **Sensory**
Stimulates & develops multiple sense experiences
-  **Spray**
Encourages teamwork & competition
-  **Tactile**
Promotes discovery of water textures
-  **Iconic**
Features interactive fun & serves as a social gathering place
-  **Circuit**
Encourages physical development
-  **Flow**
Develops discovery & learning
-  **Kinetic**
Features interactive fun & encourages movement
-  **Misty**
Cloud-like experience gives refreshing thrills



Vortex Colors

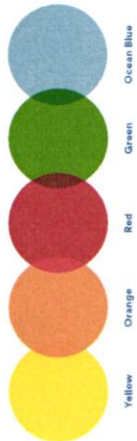
Steel and Fiberglass (excluding waterslides). Certain restrictions apply.



* An additional fee will apply on fiberglass waterslide applications.

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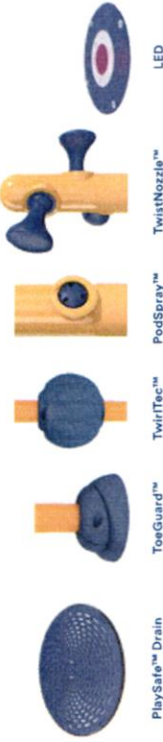
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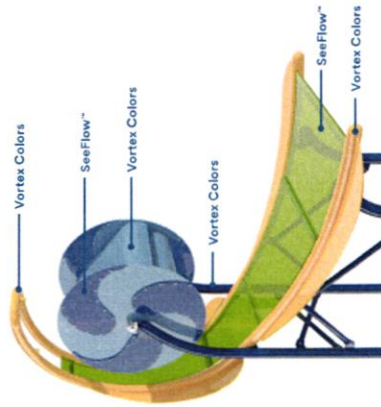
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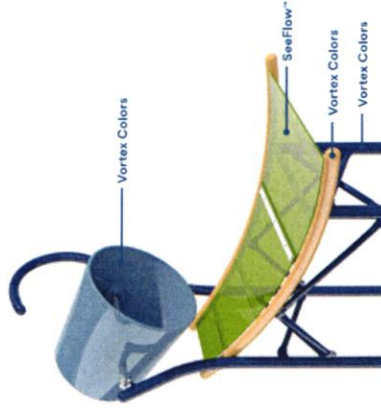
Available in Vortex Blue (as shown)

LED

Superwave



Supersplash



Twinsplash



Legends Pard Splashpad, WI
Version A - 43542

Splashpad™
Color Options

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COLOR PALETTE APPROVAL

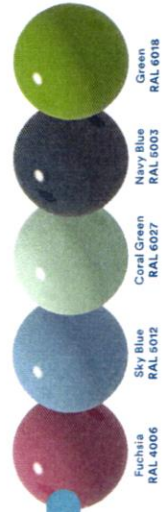
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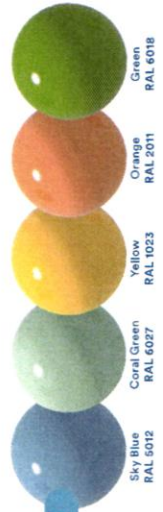
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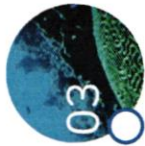
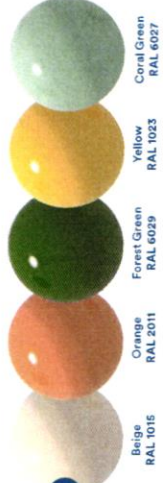
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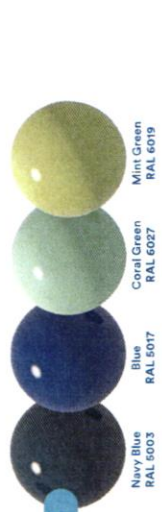
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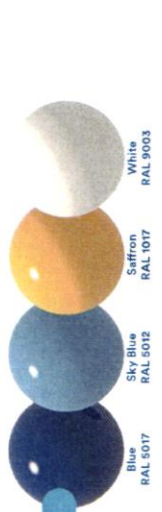
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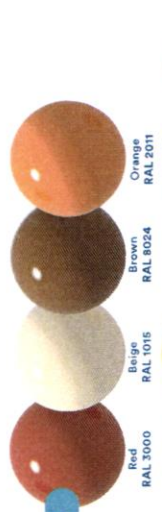
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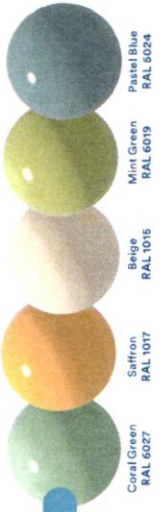
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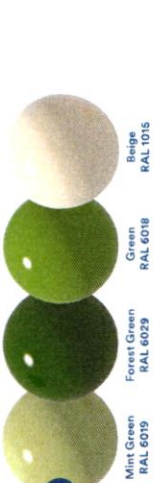
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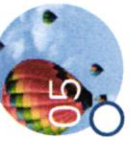


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☐ Custom Palette

Indicate RAL colors here:

☐ Vortex Designer's Choice

RAL colors used:

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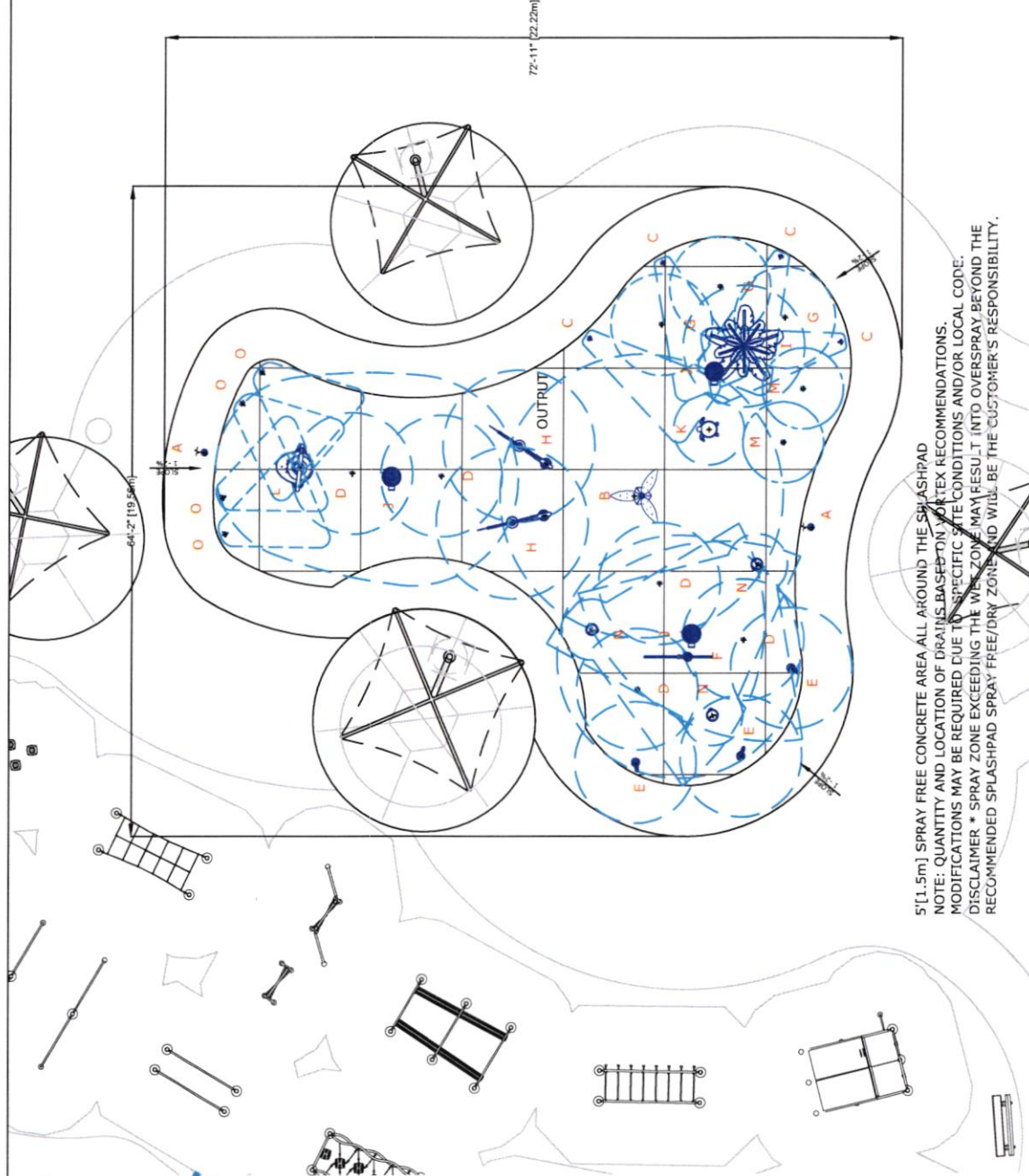
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SPLASHPAD DIMENSION

TOTAL AREA : 2927 ft² 272 m²
 SPRAY AREA : 1849 ft² 172 m²
 GRID SIZE : 10 x 10ft 3 x 3m

PRODUCT LEGEND

REF	PRODUCT	QTY	GPM	LPM
A	Activator N°4 With ToeGuard VOR 0622	2	0	0
B	Bloom N°1 VOR 7486	1	8.5	32.1
C	Directional Jet N°1 VOR 7512	4	8	30.2
D	Fountain Spray N°2 VOR 5676	5	15	56.7
E	Glosset VOR 7247	3	1.2	4.5
F	Helico Nano VOR 7798	1	12.5	47.3
G	Jet Stream N°1 VOR 7512	3	7.5	28.4
H	Oak Tree VOR 8493	2	23	86.9
I	Pine Tree VOR 8610	1	25	94.5
J	Playade Drain N°4 VOR 0622	3	0	0
K	Turtle N°2 VOR 7216	1	12.5	47.3
L	Twinsplash VOR 7242	1	12	45.4
M	Water Jelly N°1 VOR 7010	2	12	45.4
N	Wolf Cannon VOR 7601	3	15	56.7
O	Split Stream VOR 7316	4	12	45.4
TOTAL		36	164.2	620.8



5'[1.5m] SPRAY FREE CONCRETE AREA ALL AROUND THE SPLASHPAD
 NOTE: QUANTITY AND LOCATION OF DRAINS BASED ON VORTEX RECOMMENDATIONS.
 MODIFICATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED DUE TO SPECIFIC SITE CONDITIONS AND/OR LOCAL CODE.
 DISCLAIMER * SPRAY ZONE EXCEEDING THE WET ZONE MAY RESULT INTO OVERSPRAY BEYOND THE
 RECOMMENDED SPLASHPAD SPRAY FREE/DRY ZONE AND WILL BE THE CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Legends Park Splashpad, WI
 Feb 05, 2025
 43542 Version_A



SPLASHPAD LAYOUT DRAWING

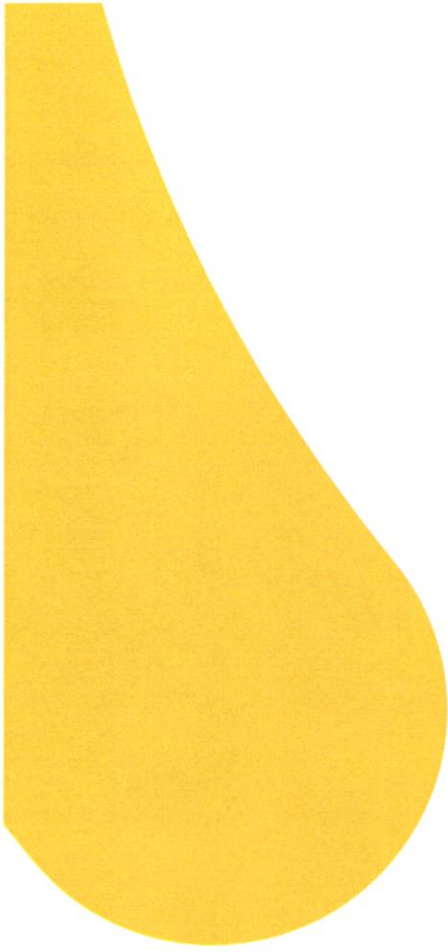
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 1" = 1' 1" ASSESS



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Water moves us



We understand how every drop, stream, and splash shapes the world around us. By harnessing the transformative power of water, Vortex creates play experiences for children to develop, communities to flourish, and businesses to thrive. We exist to leave an impact—one that lasts long after families are dried off.





10,000 Projects worldwide

50 Countries served

100+ Awards & honors

Why choose Vortex?

Our diverse expertise

To foster a rich understanding of your unique needs, our design team draws its talent from many disciplines. Engineers, creative designers, childhood development specialists, and water choreography experts tackle new projects from all exciting angles. Our multidisciplinary approach oversees countless variables including water management, accessibility, and (most importantly) play.

Our superior quality

Every Vortex project is engineered on-site to ensure the highest quality and safety standards. We use stainless and galvanized steel sourced from North America and are vertically integrated for maximum quality control. Manufactured and tested in our Montreal headquarters, products are designed to last and require little maintenance.

Our boots on the ground

We put a lot of stock into local representation. Every collaboration begins by getting to know the families you're servicing and thinking creatively about how we can help them grow. We ensure that no matter where you're situated, our customer service and expert guidance come equipped with an intuitive understanding of what sets your facility apart.



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Legends Park Splashpad, WI
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Splashpad®
View 1



VORTEX | Legends Park Splashpad, WI
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Splashpad
View 2



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MEETING WITH REEDSBURG PARKS & REC DEPT.

January 21, 2025

Hello, my name is Joan Martin, and I'm here from the Historic Preservation Commission. Nancy Manion came with me.

We at the Historic Preservation Commission are considering putting a Durable Outdoor Interpretive Panel sign at Mackey Park, giving visitors a quick education of the Mackey Family and why they were so important to the beginnings of Reedsburg. It would be similar to the one located in LaValle at the old Mill site and also the one at the Sauk County Courthouse, Ringling Buildings and the Sauk County Historical Society's Van Orden House

There is also another person interested, Ellen Henningsen, she may be an attorney, whose great grandfather was John G. Heaton, one time Reedsburg Mayor and also one time owner of the Mackey Flour Mill. He also started the city's first electric plant. She would like to have his contributions honored with a plaque near where his mill and electric plant once stood. Since this ties in with the Mackey Saw and Flour Mills and Mackey Park, possibly these could all be tied together on one Outdoor Interpretive panel. Ellen Henningsen may come to our next HPC Meeting in February, so we will present this possibility to her. She has already checked with the Sauk County Historical Society and Paul Wolter and got info on the costs involved.

The question we have for the Parks & Rec Dept.: It would be great to have a boundary map of the park. Is that a possibility at some point. We would like to include that map on the panel.

Will the City be putting up the usual Park Signs? If so, where as it's a 20 acre property and divided by the river?

MACKEY PARK

DAM DESTROYED DURING SAWLOGS WAR

SOLOMON MACKEY, BROOME, NY, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF REEDS BURGH FOUNDER, DAVID C. REED WAS AN ORIGINAL INVESTOR IN REED'S PLAN TO ESTABLISH A VILLAGE HERE. HE WAS DISHEARTENED BY THE LOSS OF THE DAM AFTER THE SAWLOG WARS AND FAILURE TO REVITALIZE IT. REED WAS HEAVILY IN DEBT AND NOW HAD NO INCOME FROM HIS SAWMILL AND CRISTMILL. REED LEFT TOWN IN 1859. SOLOMON MACKEY HAD AN IDEA! IT INVOLVED HIS THREE SONS.

JOSEPH MACKEY, WEALTHY LAWYER MOVES TO TOWN

IN 1853, SON #1, JOSEPH MACKEY, HIS WIFE CORNELIA AND TODDLER SON FRANK MOVED TO REED WITH TWO ASSETS: A LAW DEGREE AND \$6,000. JOSEPH SET UP A LAW OFFICE. HE PURCHASED PRIME REAL ESTATE AND FORMED MACKEY ADDITIONS #1, #2 AND #3 IN DOWNTOWN REEDSBURG, LATER, ADDITIONS #4 AND #5 WERE ADDED. HE WROTE LEGAL TITLES FOR THE LOTS HE WAS SELLING. HE USED THE MONEY TO UPGRADE AND PURCHASE THE TWO MILLS. HE HELPED START THE REEDS BURGH HERALD NEWSPAPER AND WAS AN EDITOR FROM 1856 - 1858. JOSEPH AND BROTHER, DR. E.R. MACKEY REQUESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REEDS BURGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 1857. JOSEPH OWNED THE AMERICAN HOUSE HOTEL LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF WATER AND MAIN STREETS FROM 1865 - 1873. JOSEPH MACKEY, DAVID AND ELI RUDD AND JAMES LUSK ESTABLISHED THE REEDS BURGH BANK IN 1867. JOSEPH MACKEY WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BARABOO AIR LINE RAILROAD. THE FIRST TRAIN CAME TO REEDS BURGH ON JANUARY 1, 1872, FROM CHICAGO.

SAFFORD MACKEY MOVES TO REEDS BURGH

SON #2, SAFFORD MACKEY, AGE 22, RAN THE TWO MILLS. NEW SETTLERS STARTED COMING TO TOWN, BOUGHT LAND, BUILT HOUSES AND FINANCIAL PROSPERITY WAS RESTORED. IN 1857, HE BUILT THE OLD RED BARN, STILL STANDING ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN AND PINE STREETS TODAY. IT WAS A PRIVATE BARN, AND CARRIAGE REPAIR WORKS WITH A FORGE. IN 1861 THE FIRST FLOUR AND SAWMILL BURNED ALONG WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND BUSHEL OF WHEAT. THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED. INSIDE THE SAWMILL WAS A FACTORY FOR MAKING TIGHT BARREL STAVES WHICH WERE ASSEMBLED AT THE J.P. STAFFORD STAVE FACTORY. THE BARRELS WERE USED FOR SHIPPING

FLOUR. SAFFORD MACKEY AND MOSES YOUNG OPERATED A GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE AT 251 MAIN ST FROM 1866 - 1868. SAFFORD ALSO DEALT WIDELY IN HOPS AND REAL ESTATE. HE WAS MAYOR OF REEDSBURGH IN 1878.

DR. E.R. MACKEY SETS UP MEDICAL PRACTICE

SON #3, DR. E.R. MACKEY, HIS WIFE AND FAMILY MOVED TO REEDS BURGH IN 1854 AND SET UP HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE. IN 1855, HE AND D.C. REED BUILT THE MANSION HOUSE HOTEL ON VINE STREET. IN 1857 HE AND BROTHER JOSEPH REQUESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REEDS BURGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. THEY LIVED IN REEDS BURGH FIVE YEARS AND MOVED TO CATSKILL, NEW YORK.

JAMES MACKEY FAMILY AND PARENTS, THE SOLOMON MACKEY'S MOVE TO REEDS BURGH

SON #4, JAMES MACKEY, HIS WIFE EXPERIENCE C., THEIR FAMILY AND PARENTS SOLOMON AND CYNTHIA MACKEY MOVED TO REEDS BURGH IN 1860. JAMES WAS THE POLICE JUSTICE BETWEEN 1870 - 1872 AND IN 1876.

FRANK MACKEY

FRANK MACKEY, SON OF JOSEPH MACKEY, ATTENDED REEDSBURG SCHOOLS AND BELOIT COLLEGE, RECEIVING A LAW DEGREE. HE WORKED AS A TELLER AT THE REEDS BURGH BANK, THEN MOVED TO MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL AND FOUNDED HFC LENDERS. HE BECAME WEALTHY, MOVED TO CHICAGO AND THEN TO LONDON, ENGLAND, WHERE HE LENT MONEY TO THE BRITISH MONARCHY. THEY USED THE CROWN JEWELS AS COLLATERAL. FRANK RETIRED AND BECAME KNOWN AS ONE OF THE BEST POLO PLAYERS IN ENGLAND. HE WAS A GOLD MEDALIST AT THE 1900 PARIS OLYMPICS. IN 1911, FRANK MACKEY BUILT THE HOTEL LEAMINGTON IN MINNEAPOLIS FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS, THE FINEST HOTEL IN THE UPPER MIDWEST. IN 1912 FRANK MACKEY BUILT A MAUSOLEUM IN REEDSBURG'S GREENWOOD CEMETERY WHERE HE AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INTERRED. HE PROVIDED FUNDS FOR UPKEEP AND PAID FOR THE LANDSCAPING OF THE TERRACED AMPHITHEATRE WEST OF NISHAN CHAPEL. WHEN HE DIED, HIS WIFE, OLGA MACKEY BECAME ONE OF THE RICHEST WOMEN IN THE WORLD. BY 1957, HIS FORTUNE, LEFT TO HIS STEP-SON WAS WORTH NEARLY 6 BILLION DOLLARS.

JOHN GEORGE HEATON

JOHN GEORGE HEATON, WAS THE NEXT OWNER OF THE MACKEY BROS. GRISTMILL. HE WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 25, 1840, IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND. HE CAME TO AMERICA BY WAY OF CHICAGO, STAYING THERE UNTIL AFTER THE GREAT FIRE IN 1871. HE MARRIED ELIZA MORLEY ON MAY 2, 1872. THEY RELOCATED TO MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY PILLSBURY MILLS AS A MILLER. THEY MOVED TO BLACK RIVER FALLS FOR A SHORT TIME AND ARRIVED IN REEDSBURG IN THE 1870'S WITH THE FAMILY. HE PURCHASED THE REEDSBURGH ROLLER MILLS WITH PARTNER JOSEPH GREEN, AND LATER BECAME SOLE OWNER.

HEATON STARTS FIRST CITY ELECTRIC PLANT

IN 1868, THOMAS EDISON INVENTED THE INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULB. IN 1886, AT THE URGING OF A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, JOHN HEATON STARTED THE FIRST CITY ELECTRIC PLANT, A PRIVATE VENTURE. HEATON CONSTRUCTED A DAM ON THE WEST BANK OF THE BARABOO RIVER FOR HIS WATER POWERED DYNAMO, NEAR THE SITE WHERE HIS GRIST MILL WAS LOCATED. HE PUT UTILITY POLES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET AND SOLD ELECTRIC POWER TO BUSINESSES. THE CITY OF REEDSBURG DECIDED TO GET INTO THE ELECTRIC BUSINESS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AND BARABOO ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY WAS COMMISSIONED TO CONSTRUCT THE WATERWORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT. FOR A FEW YEARS THERE WAS AN ELECTRIC LIGHT WAR IN THE CITY. THE CITY WON AN INJUNCTION AGAINST BONDS ISSUED FOR WATERWORKS AND ELECTRICITY. THIS FIGHT CARRIED TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT AND WAS FINALLY WON BY THE CITY. IN 1893 HEATON'S ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY SYSTEM WAS DISMANTLED AND REPLACED BY THE BARABOO ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY. BY 1895 BOTH WATER AND LIGHT WERE TURNED ON IN THE CITY AND A CELEBRATION WAS HELD.

HEATON FLOUR MILL PRODUCES BEST FLOUR IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

THE J.G. HEATON FLOUR MILL WAS REGULARLY SHIPPING CARLOADS OF FLOUR FROM THE RAILWAY STATION. THE REEDSBURGH FLOUR HAD A REPUTATION FOR BEING THE BEST FLOUR IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. THE REEDSBURGH MILL ADVERTISED FOR GOOD WHEAT, FOR WHICH THEY PAID FROM 5 TO 8 CENTS ABOVE THE MARKET PRICE.

JOHN G. HEATON ELECTED MAYOR

JOHN G. HEATON SERVED AS THE MAYOR OF REEDSBURGH FROM APRIL 1891 - APRIL 1893.

FLOUR MILL BURNS

ON NOVEMBER 23, 1895, THE REEDSBURG FLOUR MILL BURNED TO A SMOLDERING RUIN. CONSIDERABLE BARRELS OF FLOUR WERE SAVED. THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ILL PREPARED FOR A FIRE OF THIS MAGNITUDE. THE MILL WAS REBUILT.

STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, JOHN G. HEATON

SEPTEMBER 7, 1906 - JOHN G. HEATON WON A SEAT IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY.

MRS. JOHN (ELIZA) HEATON DIES

AUGUST 9, 1907 - MRS. JOHN HEATON (ELIZA MORLEY) AGE 58, DIES.

JOHN G. HEATON - DELEGATE TO THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

JULY 23, 1908 - JOHN G. HEATON IS A DELEGATE TO THE STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE. JOHN G. HEATON RETIRES AT AGE 78 IN 1919. IN 1924 THE HEATON FLOUR MILL AND WATER RIGHTS WERE SOLD TO THE APPLETON WOOLEN MILLS.

JOHN G. HEATON DIES - HOME TO BECOME FUTURE LOCATION FOR REEDSBURG MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

JOHN G. HEATON DIES AT AGE 88 ON OCTOBER 16, 1928. IN 1932 THE FORMER HEATON PROPERTY ON N. PARK STREET WAS SELETED FOR THE REEDSBURG MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AND MRS, FREDA MEYERS NISHAN DONATED THE LAND.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE CITY NAME "REEDSBURG"

1849 - 1875 - Reeds Burgh

1875 - 1880 - Reedsburgh

1880 - 1888 - Reedsburg

1888 - 1894 - Reedsburgh

FINALLY ON MAY 29, 1894, IT WAS IRREVOCABLY CHANGED TO ITS CURRENT SPELLING, REEDSBURG.

ATHLETIC PARK

IN THE VILLAGE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 1869, THERE IS A RECORD MADE OF AN ORDINANCE PASSED, PROIBITING BATHING EXCEPT IN THE "SWIMMING HOLE" BELOW MACKEY AND CO.'S LUMBER YARD. THIS IS WHERE THE "OLD SWIMMING HOLE" MADE FAMOUS BY CLARE A. BRIGGS, A REEDSBURG BOY, WHO LATER BECAME ONE OF THE GREATEST COMEDY ARTISTS AMERICAN JOURNALISM HAS EVER PRODUCED! HE REMEMBERED HIS CHILDHOOD IN REEDSBURG AND DREW THAT FAMOUS CARTOON AMONGST MANY OTHERS WHILE WORKING FOR WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST AT THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE AND NEW YORK TRIBUNE/HERALD NEWSPAPERS.