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# City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2003-0578	Communication	In Committee
Communication from the Director of Public Works relative to the development of bocce ball courts at either Vet's Park or Klentz Park.		
Introduced: 9/16/2003		Controlling Body: Public Works Committee

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Approval & Place on file*

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>9-16-03</u>			Barczak				
			Czaplewski				
			Kopplin				
			Lajsic				
			Narlock	✓			
			Reinke				
		✓		Sengstock	✓		
				Trudell	✓		
				Vitale	✓		
		✓	Weigel	✓			
			TOTAL	5	-		

### SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER (RECORDER)

*[Signature]*

Chair Vice-Chair Member

### COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

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# CITY OF WEST ALLIS

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Public Works Department

**MICHAEL PERTMER**  
*Director*

September 5, 2003

Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council  
7525 West Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53214

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council:

Mr. Stanley Vidmar recently approached me regarding the possibility of developing two bocce ball courts, adjacent to each other, in a City park. As indicated in the attached letter, Mr. Vidmar makes a case for this game as an excellent sports activity for the senior residents in West Allis.

During our preliminary discussion, Mr. Vidmar indicated that the United Lodges of S.N.P.J. would pay for the construction of the courts, which he estimated to be around \$800.00, maintain the courts and provide the necessary insurance. In exchange, the group requests that they have exclusive use of the courts one night per week for an eight week period for approximately 2½ hours per night. The courts would be available for use by the general public at other times.

While Mr. Vidmar originally proposed to establish the courts at Klentz Park, I suggested that Vet's Park might be a preferred alternative. Given its proximity to the Senior Center, these courts could provide a recreational activity for our seniors using the Center during the day. Another advantage to the site is that the Recreation Department has discontinued using this site for organized summer programs thus eliminating potential conflicts with other recreational activities designed for children.

As you know, the City has entered into arrangements with other groups for the establishment of recreational fields on City properties in the past, most recently with the West Allis Little League, for the development of two baseball fields at Reservoir Park. While this proposed project would be substantially smaller in scope, it would, nonetheless, provide a new recreational opportunity to the older segment of our residents.

Herein, I respectfully request permission, with the assistance of the City Attorney's Office, to explore entering into an agreement with the United Lodges S.N.P.J. for the development of these bocce ball courts, at either Vet's Park or at Klentz Park.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael F. Pertmer'.

Michael F. Pertmer  
Director of Public Works

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Sept. 2, 2003

Michael Pertmer, Director of Public Works  
6300 W. McGeoch Ave.  
West Allis, Wi. 53219

Dear Mr. Pertmer:

I represent a group of people interested in bocce or balina, as it is called in Slovenia. We played in a league for many years at Arcadian Park (136th. & W. Greenfield Ave. - Brookfield). The land was sold to a credit union for the construction of a new building. We had 47 people in our league and now they are asking where we can go to continue our balina league. There are no outdoor courts in Milwaukee county. There are two indoor carpeted courts at the Italian Community Center.

We are looking for a new location to build two outdoor courts. United Lodges of S.N.P.J. has voted to donate the cost of materials to construct the courts (about \$800.00). Our group has volunteered to donate the labor to construct these courts. We need a level area 44 feet by 80 feet. The courts would be 12 feet by 60 feet each with 10 feet around the perimeter of the courts for players and spectators. We also need availability to park 25 cars nearby. I am enclosing the plot plan for two courts ~~and the~~ and the names of people who participated in our 8 team league for 2001. The courts will be used two and one half hours for eight weeks starting in June and ending in August. The courts would be constructed with 4 X 4 inches treated lumber in height above grade. The surface of the courts would be 3 inches of limestone powder with a stone base for drainage.

Doctors tell us seniors need exercise. We have players in the 70's, 80's and 1 in the 90's. There are all kinds of sports activities for young people including baseball, basketball, football, soccer, tennis, swimming and volleyball which are held in city and county parks. Seniors have paid taxes for many years and we feel we should have the same privileges that our younger generation have.

These courts will be available to the general public for their use and enjoyment. We thank you for your consideration.

*Stanley Vidmar*  
Stanley Vidmar, co-ordinator

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