

Park Point Street Ends – City Policy Proposal October 2, 2013

City Parks and Recreation Commission recommended (adopted by resolution):

It should be emphasized that the Parks and Recreation Commission does not endorse street end vacations of city property to Park Point residents.

Access to the Lake Superior beach and the St. Louis Bay will be established in an approximately 2-block pattern. (revised from 3-4 block pattern)

Two Tier designations for access points to Lake and Bay Sides of Park point:

Tier 1 Access points will provide full amenities: trash, toilets, and parking.

- Three Tier 1 locations on the Lake side:
 - Franklin Park
 - Lafayette Square
 - Park Point Beach House area

- Three Tier 1 locations on the Bay side:
 - Old Boathouse site 13th St.
 - Improved easement/access adjacent to the Sand Point Yacht Club (20th)
 - Park Point Beach House area.

Tier 2 Access points will provide minimal service: A marked (signed) improved (gravel, sand, board) trail link to the Lake or Bay from the Avenue established in an approximately 3 to 4 block interval pattern.

City Planning / Administration Proposal:

Remove section of City Charter allowing public dockage at all street ends on St. Louis Bay side.

All structures within any existing street easement must have been approved via the Concurrent Use Permit process.

Endorses the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Parks and Rec recommendation but with fewer Tier 2 access points and more distance between access those points.

Allow for the vacation of some "useless" street ends/easements.

Set of criteria used to help identify the best access points with the least negative impact.

- Level of environmental sensitivity (determined by DNR / C of E)
- Presence of or future location of public / private utilities
- Constructability and cost of improvement
- Access to housing adjacent to an existing easement
- Easement leading and/or adjacent to housing facing Lake Ave. R-O-W
- Distance of 3 or 4 blocks between access points is acceptable