

matter/soils. Soil and wood chips were brought in to fill eroded areas. This work was accomplished through strong, yearly volunteer efforts, and is now performed as needed by staff.

1981—The Lake Elmo Jaycee women sponsored a cross-country ski race in Sunfish Lake Park. Another race was sponsored in 1984.

1985—The City Hall was proposed to be built in Sunfish Lake Park. Kelly Brookman, et al, donated the site north of Brookman Motors to keep the Lake Elmo City Hall in the Old Village.

1989—A wedding was held in Sunfish Lake Park.

The Stillwater H.S. cross-country running and Nordic skiing teams train in Sunfish Lake Park. Bill Simpson has been their coach for many years.



Advocacy

Parks commissioners, North Star Ski Club (NSSC) members, Lake Elmo City Parks Maintenance staff, Lake Elmo citizens and other individuals and organizations who love nature have rallied to the aid of Sunfish on many issues threatening to undermine its beauty as a nature park allowing passive recreation. The appeal of the 1974 sale was preservation of the tract and woods therein specifically intended for only passive recreation.

The North Star Ski Club, directed by Ted Cardozo, was involved in annual fall cleanups readying trails for Nordic skiing. The NSSC helped raise money to clear Ernie's Trail, named in memory of a member's husband, who loved skiing in Sunfish. Residents and Lake Elmo Parks Commissioners also helped in this trail maintenance. Mike Bouthilet, Lake Elmo Parks Supervisor for 25 years, provided wood chips and organized these cleanups. Mike Bouthilet is respected as an excellent manager, working alongside his crews with skill, good judgment, great ideas, common sense, and a good head with figures that saves the City money and keeps Lake Elmo's parks always beautiful, functional, and fun. His wise counsel has been invaluable over the years to our many Lake Elmo park commissions.

Biking Ban Ordinance—Konrad Koosmann, Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District, examined Sunfish's trail soil erosion, calling the soils gravelly, sandy and severely eroded/ible. Mountain biking was damaging trails/causing unsafe walking in Sunfish, and based on extensive Park Commission research, 300 citizen petitions/signatures, a Sierra Club memo, City liability/safety (NSSC member, Ted Cardozo, hurt himself riding his



bike and sought City medical compensation), a Nature Conservancy report, a MN DNR report, the above-referenced erosion report, citizen letters, and Park Commission recommendation, Ordinance 8065 (5/18/1992) was passed prohibiting mountain bikes and similar cycles on Sunfish Lake Park trails (Attachment B). (Language prohibiting biking in Sunfish also exists in the Minnesota Land Trust document.) Lake Elmo Parks Commissioners moving this protection ban forward were Kes Tautvydas (Chair), Judith Blackford, Karen Leach, Gloria Knoblauch, Ron Kuehn, and Steve Peterson.

Water Tower/Maintenance Facility Stoppage

Elder neighbors have rallied for Sunfish Lake Park. Ed Stevens came to many meetings standing with frailty but firmly speaking for Sunfish. He formerly participated in fall trail clean ups. When Sunfish was proposed as the site for a maintenance facility and water tower (w/o park commission input), it was pointed out that verbal promises (to the previous owners who sold the land at a loss and its citizens who funded the park purchases) to use the parkland for only passive nature purposes were not in writing—therefore they weren't legally binding. Resident and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice, Rosalie Wahl, and others strongly stated that our verbal promises should be considered as binding as our written promises! That spoke to the moral integrity of my neighbors, and it carried considerable substance.

Many citizens spoke and contributed to keeping the proposed water tower/maintenance facility out of Sunfish, but Ed Nielsen, resident/past Parks Commissioner on the original 1974 Sunfish acquisition, advocated the strongest and led the community to success on this issue (Attachment C). Resident Jim Blackford suggested the current/better site at Ideal Ave. because this elevation was not only higher but it was 3M-owned land, which the City should be able to/and did obtain with no dollar exchange because of 3M's drinking water/Perfluorochemical contamination of Lake Elmo's water.

Perfluorochemicals contaminated what would have been Sunfish Lake West (Lake Jane Landfill) park land. A July 8, 2010, MN DNR letter to Bruce Messelt, Lake Elmo Administrator, states that the City has a binding agreement with the State of Minnesota that taken park lands (said Lake Jane Landfill) proposed for Sunfish Lake West will be replaced with park land of equal fair market value. The City is researching this issue, our legal rights, and a just exchange of parkland for this contaminated/unusable Sunfish Lake West parkland taken from Lake Elmo citizens.



Minnesota Land Trust—On September 22, 2009, Sunfish Lake Park was put into the Minnesota Land Trust for permanent preservation/protection (Attachment D). This legal document contains usages/restrictions for Sunfish Lake City Park. Lake Elmo Parks Commissioners moving this protection piece forward for Lake Elmo citizens were David Steele, Parks Chair (who crafted much of the Trust language), John Ames, Rolf Larson, Judith Blackford, Sue Dunn, Mike Zeno, Marty Dobbs, Vincent Adadene, and John Booher. The Lake Elmo City Council supporting this Park recommendation was Mayor Dean Johnston and Council Members Steve DeLapp, Anne Smith, Liz Johnson and Nicole Parks.



In 2010, the Parks Commission returned 20-acres of farmed park land south of the parking lot into prairie w/park funds and grants brought to Parks by staff, Carol Kriegler. Better trail location maps were also placed within Sunfish. Concentrated flower/grass plugs were planted within the prairie. Interpretive kiosks, boulder barriers, flower gardens, and flower plug plantings were completed in 2010/2011 for Sunfish's entrance/prairie.

Summary

As residents and lovers of nature, we've left relatively dense stands of woods within Sunfish untouched for wildlife. We've cleared trails so that the beauties of the woods could be enjoyed. We've planted trees when water damaged existing trees. When trails needed grooming or damage occurred, we've tended the park with excellent care overseen by Mike Bouthilet (LE Parks Supervisor for 25 yrs). When needed, we've even curtailed/prohibited damaging usages that would have diminished Sunfish and left us poorer. We've tried to be good stewards of Sunfish Lake Park.



In 1974, Lake Elmo Park Commissioners and its citizens were visionaries in investing in the preservation of Sunfish's beautiful wild places. Sunfish Lake Park has often been called the "Jewel" in our necklace of parks. At almost 300 acres, its quality/size for a city park are rare. On September 22, 2009, our finest park became permanently protected and preserved through legal placement into the Minnesota Land Trust that current and future generations of Lake Elmo City citizens may enjoy its beauty, wildlife, and passive recreational opportunities—our permanent slice of wild.



Sunfish's enchanting beauty will easily claim your heart and loyalty (Attachment E). Like others, you will be quick to speak up for any needs this treasure might have in the future. It is like that, when you love something!



Attachment A—1974 Park Bond Fact Packet

LAKE ELMO PARKS

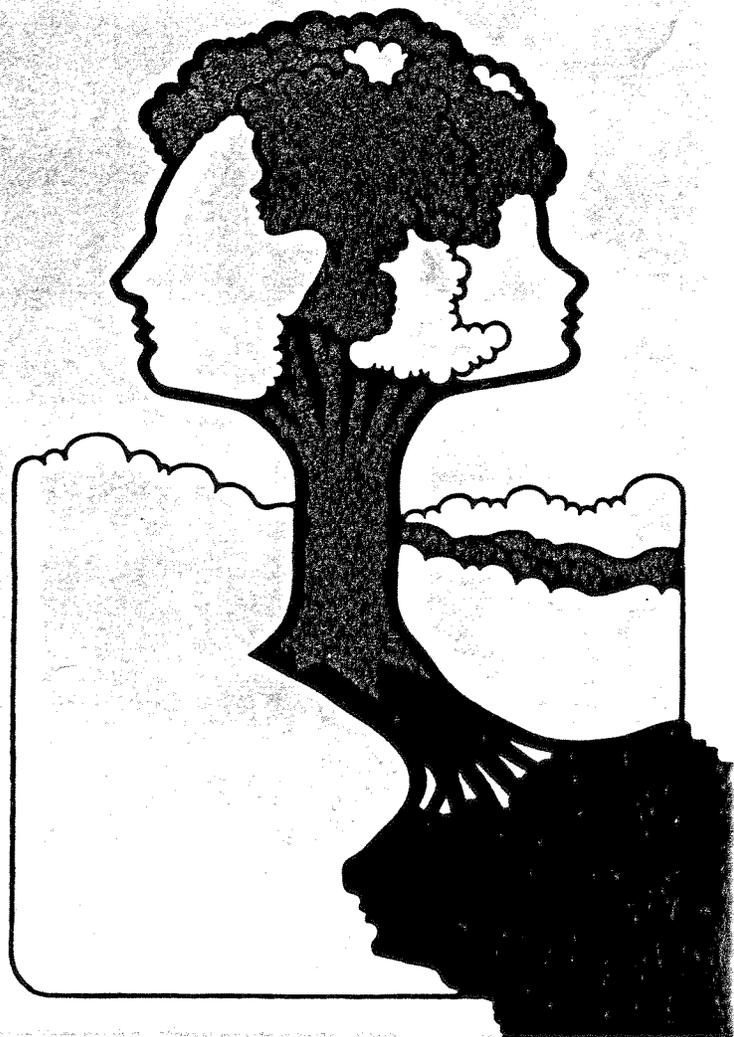
...it depends on you.

*Make no little plans; they have no magic
to stir men's blood and probably themselves
will not be realized.*

*Make big plans; aim high in hope and work,
remembering that a noble, logical diagram
once recorded will never die, but long after
we are gone will be a living thing, asserting
itself with ever growing insistency.*

*Remembering that our sons and grandsons are
going to do things that would stagger us.
Let your watchword be order and your beacon
beauty.*

Daniel Hudson Burnham 1846-1912





Lake Elmo Parks will be identified by this sign.

To the Citizens of Lake Elmo

On Tuesday, June 11, 1974, you are requested to go to the voting polls and respond to the Park Bond Referendum explained in this booklet.

Your Village Council, its Planning Commission and the Park Advisory Board have all concluded that a very important part of our planning for the future development of Lake Elmo is dependent on our reserving a portion of the undeveloped land in the village for present and future park use. Added impetus has been given to this program by the fact that some of the most desirable future park sites are currently being threatened by early development. If we don't decide to reserve these areas at this time, they may be lost forever as park sites.

The bond issue, we are convinced, is the only fair way of financing the acquisition of significant areas of land for park purposes because it spreads the cost over a number of years so that the persons benefited both now and in the future will share that cost.

Land costs have been rising steadily in Lake Elmo, and these acquisitions at this time have the added advantage therefore of determining forever the cost of the acres acquired — at today's prices.

As you will see from the charts which follow, the cost of this program is expected to be just under \$30.00 per year on a \$30,000 home. This amount will likely reduce with additional development. We think this is a nominal price to pay for the benefits which this park acquisition and development program offer. On behalf of the community and ourselves, we express our appreciation to the Park Advisory Board for the many hours of hard work they have devoted to this program, and we urge everyone to express their support for the program at the polls on June 11th.



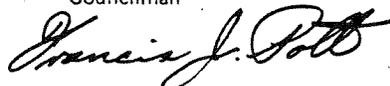
MAYNARD EDER
Mayor



LLOYD SHERVHEIM
Councilman



R. BRUCE ABERCROMBIE
Councilman



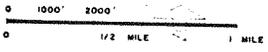
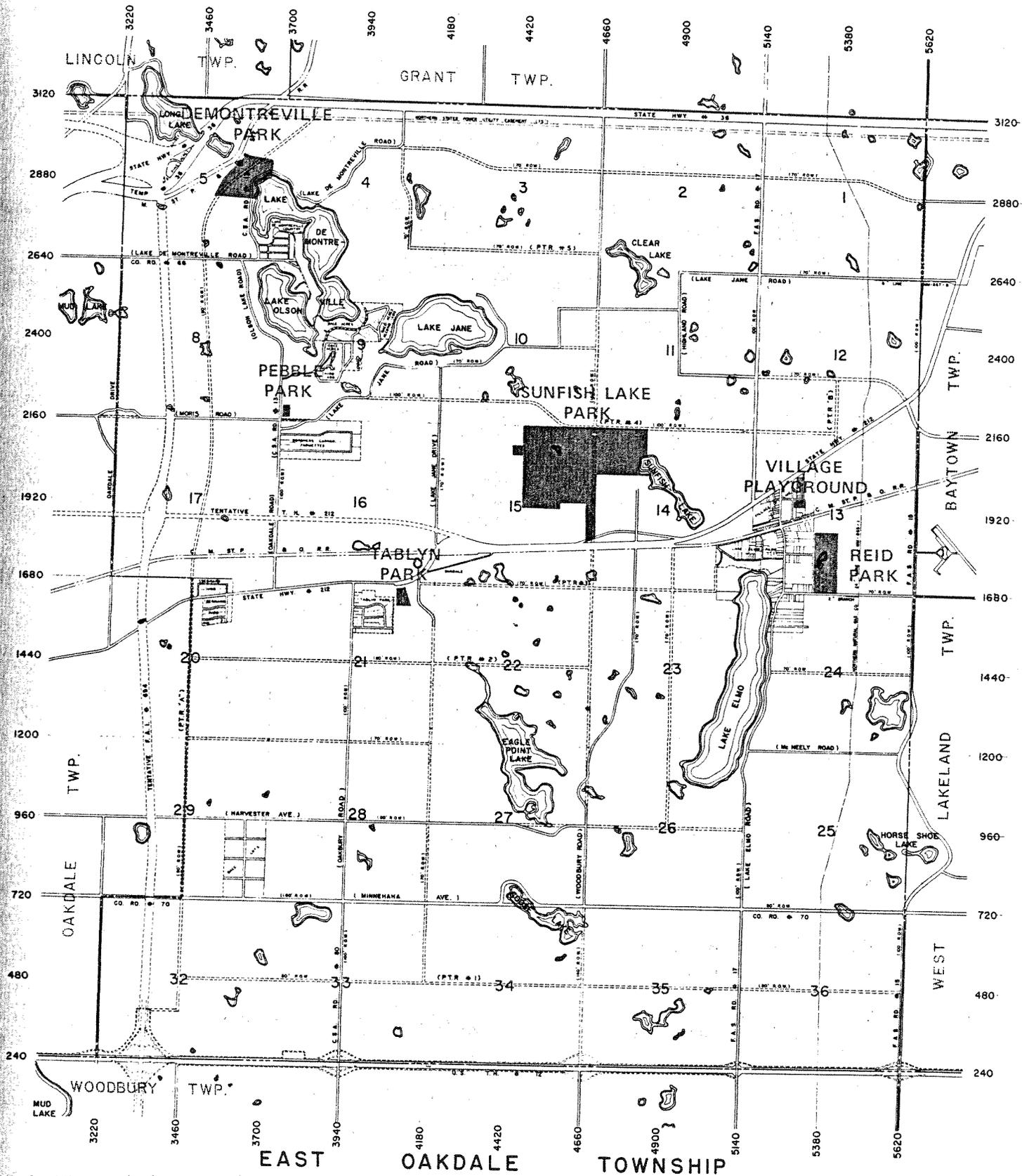
FRANCIS J. POTT
Councilman



CALVIN J. BROOKMAN
Councilman

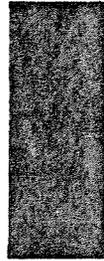


WILLIAM A. LUNDQUIST
Chairman,
Planning and Zoning Commission





Reid Park



30 ACRES

WOODED AREA

Preservation

Hiking Trails

Nature Trails

Archery

Picnicking

OPEN AREA

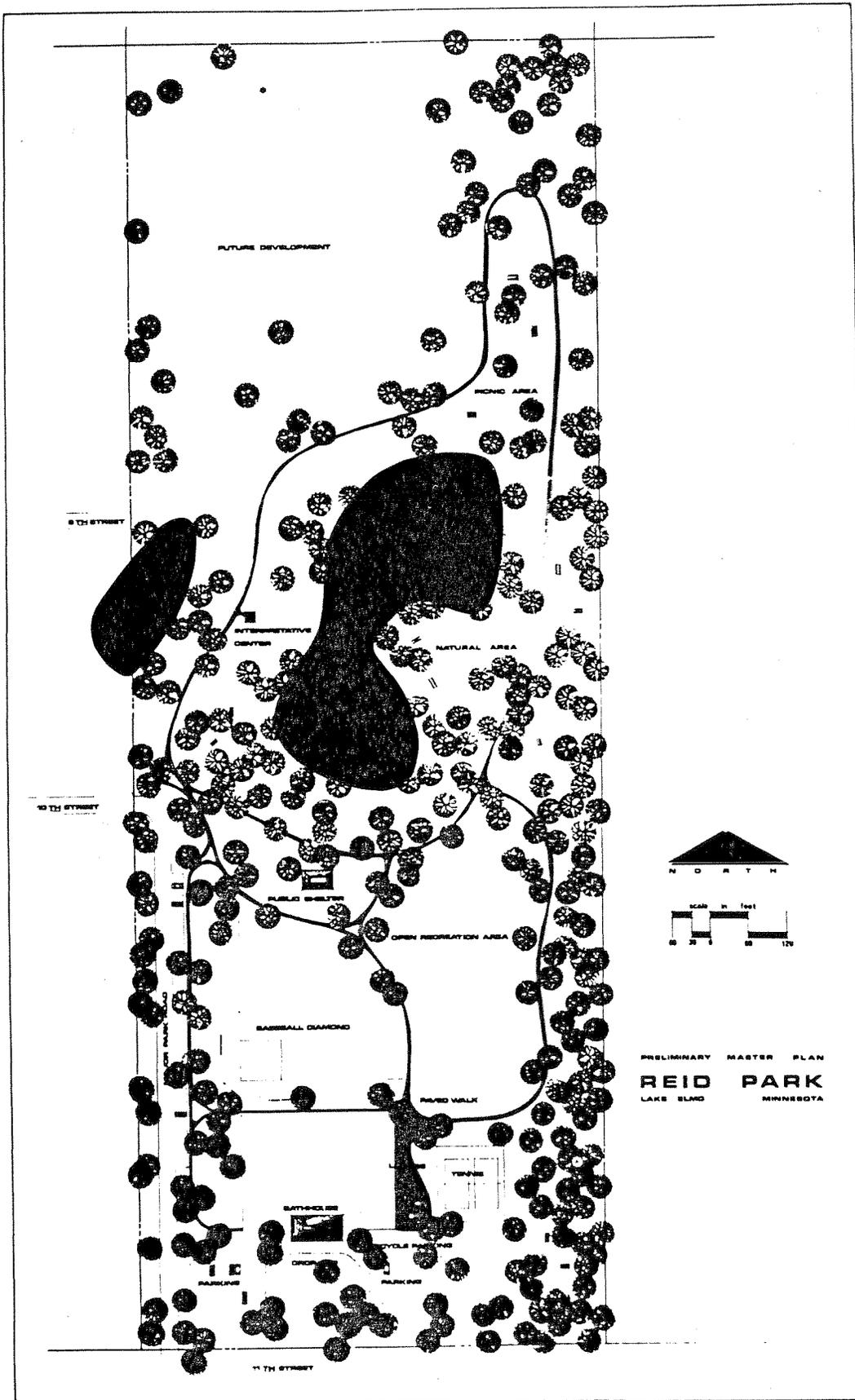
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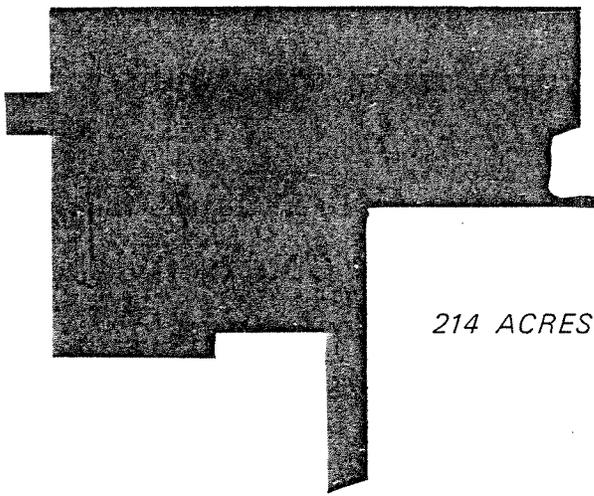
Tennis Courts

Basketball Courts (outside)

Skating Rink (outside)

Playground & Tot Lot





214 ACRES

Sunfish Lake

WOODED AREA

Preservation of Natural Wilderness

Hiking Trails

Nature Areas

Cross Country Skiing

OPEN AREA

Picnic Area

Pavilion

Playground

Bicycle Trails

Skating Rink (outside)

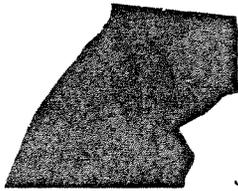
LAKE AREA

Picnicking

Canoeing

Sailboating

Demontreville Park



30 ACRES

WOODED AREA

*Preservation
Hiking Trails
Wild Life Habitat
Picnicking*

OPEN AREA

*Ball Fields
Skating Rink (outside)*

LAKE AREA

*Wild Life Habitat
Canoeing
Fishing*



Tablyn Park



9 ACRES

BALL FIELDS

Softball

Little League

Football

SKATING RINK (outside)

PLAYGROUND AREA

SLIDING HILL

Park Bond Budget

ACQUISITION	ACRES	TOTAL COST
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Demontreville Park	30	
Reid Park	30	
Sunfish Lake Park	214	
Tablyn Park	9	
	<u>283</u>	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
DEVELOPMENT		\$ 75,000
BOND EXPENSE		\$ 50,000
TOTAL	283 Acres	\$ 725,000

Monthly Cost

VALUE OF HOME *	MONTHLY COST OF THE \$725,000 BOND ISSUE **	YEARLY COST OF THE \$725,000 BOND ISSUE
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\$ 8,000	\$ 0.47	\$ 5.60
\$ 15,000	\$ 0.98	\$ 11.76
\$ 25,000	\$ 1.91	\$ 22.96
\$ 30,000	\$ 2.38	\$ 28.56
\$ 40,000	\$ 3.31	\$ 39.76
\$ 50,000	\$ 4.25	\$ 50.96

* *Market value as determined by the Assessor (see your tax statement.)*

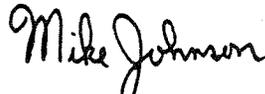
** *The above information represents the average monthly cost of the bond issue to a home or property owner. These figures are based on the current valuation of the City and a conservative increase (45%) over the next five years. As the city grows, and Lake Elmo will grow, valuation increases will reduce monthly payments proportionately.*

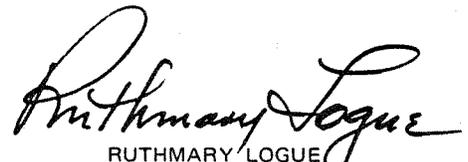
It is proposed to redeem the bonds over a 30-year period.

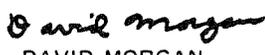
From the Park Committee

Within our city boundaries lies some of the most beautiful wooded areas of Washington County. It is our hope we can save some small part of this naturalness for all of the people of Lake Elmo for now and for the future. We constantly see and hear of the problems of urbanization, development and overcrowding. But never have we witnessed problems caused by too much park lands or open space. The number of acres we have proposed is small when compared to what will be taken by roads and other development. The cost is so low, and in the long run, the return on your investment will be high by keeping this city an exceptional place to live.


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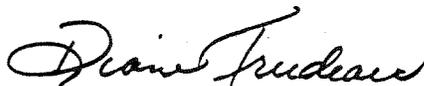

MIKE JOHNSON


RUTHMARY LOGUE


DAVID MORGAN


JESS MOTTAZ


ED NIELSEN


DIANE TRUDEAU

...it depends on you.

At the polls on June 11th you will have the opportunity to vote on the following ballot. There will be a general informational meeting on June 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Sample Bond Election Ballot

VILLAGE OF LAKE ELMO, MINNESOTA

JUNE 11, 1974

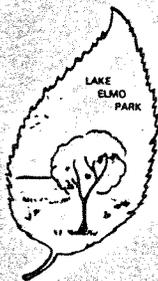
VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

YES

Shall the City of Lake Elmo issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$725,000 for the acquisition and development of parks?

NO

...it depends on you.



This booklet has been prepared solely for the purpose of informing the citizens of Lake Elmo about the Park Bond Referendum to be voted on June 11, 1974. Further clarification can be found by contacting the Village Council, the Park Committee or by attending the "General Informational Meeting."

June 1974

Attachment B—Biking Ban Ordinance Fact Packet

Background on ordinance upheld to ban mountain biking from Sunfish Lake Park.

(Background presented by Judith Blackford at the 8/20/07 Parks Commission meeting.)

David (Steele, Chair) has asked me to share a history of some of the document input included in the 1994 packet that went to the Council, when the then Parks Commission gave a unanimous, individually signed, 1" thick, packet of tediously researched, documented, and accumulated info (over a 3-year period).

1. There was all along an ordinance put in place in 1992, which banned biking, any type of biking, on any trail other than a designated, bike trail.
2. In 1994, the Parks Commission, asked the Council to enforce and address the ordinance specifically for Sunfish because mountain biking was eroding trails, creating dangerous liability issues, and destroying the enjoyment of the more passive, allowed activities within the park.
3. Council meeting motion 4/19/94—Mottaz/Johnson—to accept the 18, 1994, Parks Commission recommendation that the Parks Commission and City Council have adopted the Park Trail Plan concept, which provides for a recreational bike trail along the southern boundary of Sunfish Park, with the stipulation that a barrier shall be installed, at the time of development of the trail, to prevent free access of bicycles into the woods of Sunfish Park, and that the commission will seek in the form of future park dedication a site or trail for designation for mountain biking. (Motion carried 5-0). M/S/C Johnson/Mottaz—to accept the 1/3/94 recommendation of the Parks Commission continuing the ban on mountain biking in Sunfish Lake Park. (motion carried 5-0).
4. Finally, here is a motion made taking out the east/west trail within Sunfish. We made and passed that motion. (Park Commission minutes of 6/20/05).
5. Here is our Trail Plan document of 11/2005, page 31, which states that there will be no biking within this park.

Here are some of the exhibits that went into the Parks Commission packet in 1994:

Exhibit A—270 signatures from community residents supporting the ordinance banning mountain biking in Sunfish Park.

Exhibit B—Researched document by Konrad Koosman from the MN Soil & Water Conservation District addressing soil erosion and mountain biking's impact.

Exhibit C—DNR letter of representative woods.

Exhibit D—add'l DNR documentation

Exhibit E—Nature Conservancy document on representative flora/fauna.

Exhibit F—Letters from community residents/Sierra Club

Exhibit G—Excerpts from the bond issue (I did not reference at the above meeting)

Finally, based on the above, it is inappropriate to include biking in this Park in our Land Trust document.

Elmo bans mountain bikes in Sunfish Park

By Donald Kohler
Lake Elmo Correspondent

The City of Lake Elmo banned the use of the popular mountain bikes in Sunfish Lake park last week after receiving reports of environmental damage to the facility.

In recent years the park has become popular among mountain bicyclists. The challenging terrain has drawn enthusiasts from throughout the metro area. However, misuse has created ruts and other damage in environmentally sensitive areas of the park.

Most mountain bikers are responsible, said Mike Bouthilet, Lake Elmo parks supervisor, but others have not been as considerate.

"They are in the park when there is still snow on the ground or the soil is wet. I have maintained the park for six years and bicyclists have done more damage in the past year than horse riders,"

Bouthilet told the council in requesting a mountain bike ban.

The debate drew a large crowd of mountain bicyclists to the May 18 council meeting in a vain attempt to persuade the council not to impose restrictions.

"Sunfish Lake Park is seen by many to contain the finest off-road trails in the metro area. I have been riding in Sunfish since 1988 and would like it to remain open," said Lee Swenson, Rice Street Bike Club.

Swenson presented the council with a petition signed by over 200 bicyclists.

"There are very few parks within 60 miles of the metro area where we can ride," Swenson said. "Where do we go after work or during the week to ride?" As more cities close their parks to mountain bicyclists, overcrowding in the remaining open parks becomes worse, he said.

"We ask that Sunfish Lake

Park remain open to mountain bikes. Any irresponsible riding or abuse to the trails can be effectively curtailed or eliminated by self-patrolling bike clubs," Swenson said.

Swenson and others also complained the city was acting on the ordinance without allowing bicyclists enough time to respond to complaints. Erosion in the park is minimal, said Lake Elmo resident Walt Bailey. There are about six hills out of 15 that are troublesome, and options other than closing the park to bikes should be considered, he said.

Bailey requested the council refrain from acting on the ordinance for one month. During that time, a committee of bicyclists and park board members could attempt to resolve the problems.

"The park could be closed during the spring thaw and after heavy rains," Bailey explained. Other alternatives possible would

be to close sections of certain trails or to license bicyclists who use the park.

"Mountain bikers have been beaten down throughout the state, and you will find them going out of their way to maintain the park," he said.

Swenson also asked for further study of the eroded areas. "If you were to go out to the park and take plaster casts of the trails you would not find bike prints. You

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would get plaster casts of horse hooves," he insisted.

Yet, despite objections from the large group of bicyclists, the council was not convinced to leave the park open to the bikers.

"There are two major issues here: safety and the environment," said Councilman Richard Johnson. "A mountain bike is not (intended) to be ridden at a leisurely pace. This creates a hazardous situation for the majority of park users who are pedestrians. When one use conflicts with the major use, then that use has to be restricted."

"We have a problem right now that needs to be corrected. The problem has been identified by the park director and the park commission. Closing the park to mountain bikes is what is necessary to solve the problem," he said.

After the vote to ban the bikes, several councilmembers said the decision was not irrevocable. The city may reconsider modifying the ordinance, said Councilman Todd Williams.

CITY OF LAKE ELMO

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE 8065

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 1005 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BICYCLING TO THE LAKE ELMO MUNICIPAL CODE

The City Council ordains that Chapter 1005 and its subsections shall be added to the Lake Elmo Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 1005. BICYCLING.

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

A. Operate a bicycle, except on designated bike trails and roadways and except as close to the right hand side of bike trail or roadway as conditions permit;

B. Operate a mountain bike or similar cycle except on bike trails and roadways as permitted in Section 1005;

C. Operate a bicycle in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, "Highway Traffic Violation";

D. Ride or operate a bicycle except in a prudent and careful manner and at speeds faster than is reasonable and safe with regard to the safety of the operator and other persons in the immediate area.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective the day following its publication.

Adoption Date: Passed by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo the 18th day of May 1992.

David Johnson,

Mayor

Attest:

Mary Kueffner,

City Administrator

Published in the St. Croix Valley Press May 27, 1992.

April 15, 1994

Lake Elmo City Council
3800 Laverne Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Dear Council Members,

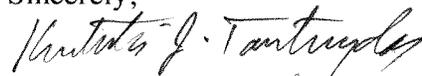
The enclosed packet of information supports the current ordinance banning mountain biking in Sunfish Park. Included in the packet are earlier testimonials shared with the past Council when it passed the ordinance to ban mountain biking and letters in support of the ban. Also enclosed are signatures from community members requesting that Sunfish Park be preserved as a passive usage recreation/nature park by banning mountain biking.

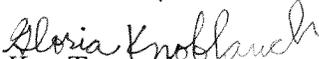
Portions of this packet were shared with the Parks Commission at the March 21 meeting. The Parks Commission then passed by a strong majority (5 for and 1 abstaining), a motion to reject a proposed mountain bike trail in Sunfish Park. We support the City's intent for this park as promised to the previous landowner and the taxpayers whose dollars funded this endeavor. We support the wisdom of that plan and encourage the Council to support like management practices encouraging usages that will protect future enjoyment of this beautiful remnant of old forest. Passive usages of hiking/walking, recreational cross-country skiing, bird watching, photography, nature studies, picnicking, canoeing and sailboating are activities that currently complement this nature park.

The enclosed recommendations come from professionals who have seen the woods through direct examination and consultation. The attached letters give firsthand testimonies to the erosion and the potential for destruction of both the terrain and the peace and enjoyment of the woods. This information supports the intent as a nature park with passive recreational use. Lifting the ordinance banning mountain biking would mean the end of Sunfish as a nature park.

As members of your Parks Commission, we have researched this issue over a two and a half year period. The physical evidence of our recommendations is contained in this letter and in the attached packet. Please call us if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue and in helping to ensure the preservation of our beautiful city parks for future generations.

Sincerely,




Kes Tautvydas

Judy Blackford
Gloria Knoblauch






Karen Leach
Ron Kuehn
Steve Peterson



SUNFISH PARK

**(information supporting the current
ordinance banning mountain biking)**

**Presented to the Lake Elmo City Council
Meeting of April 19, 1994**

T A B L E O F C O N T E N T S

Letter from the Lake Elmo Parks Commission

Sunfish Park Fact Sheet

Exhibit A - Signatures from community residents
supporting the ordinance banning mountain biking

Exhibit B - Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation District Letter
addressing the soils and erosion in Sunfish and
the impact mountain biking would have on this park

Exhibit C - Department of Natural Resources Letter
addressing the uniqueness of this native hardwood
forest giving recommendations for usage

Exhibit D - Department of Natural Resources Plant Ecologist
Who logged the flora and fauna of Sunfish Park

Exhibit E - Letter from the City of Lake Elmo Attorney to a
Landowner expressing the City's intent to preserve
this virgin forest

A letter and report from the Nature Conservancy
calling the forest of Sunfish "the best upland
forest in the county.

Exhibit F - Letters from community residents

Exhibit G - Excerpts from the \$725,000 bond issue handout
distributed to taxpayers when seeking dollars
to support the City's intended usage

Sierra Club

Sunfish Park Fact Sheet

Reasons for Banning Mountain Biking:

- Increase cost to City (tax payers) to maintain trails and repair erosion damage
- Increase risk and liability that will in turn increase insurance costs
- Destruction of habitat for wildlife
- Destruction and erosion to the unique topography of the park
- Disturbance of peacefulness of park (both for people and wildlife)
- Conflict in usage of trail system:
 - Park is too small to accommodate separate trails which do not intersect and overlap with walkers/hikers
 - Park is too small to diffuse noise created by bikers - many people go to the park for peacefulness and enjoyment of nature
 - Park system was established for passive sports, i.e. walking/hiking, cross-country skiing, bird watching, photography, nature studies, picnicking, canoeing, and sailboating
- Pilot project in Lake Elmo Park Reserve where the trail system is more conducive to mountain biking
- Potential over use of City park by non-residents. Since most parks do not allow mountain biking many users would be residents from the metro area and other towns (non-tax payers)
- Importance of preserving open spaces and woods (Washington County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state)

Information Included in Hennepin Parks Mountain Bike Research Survey 3/8/94:

- 2,700 mt. bike visits on trail at Murphy-Hanrhan Park Reserve in fall 1990.
- Trail conditions and weather conditions have not allowed a full season in Murphy since 1990.
- During the first year of operation at Murphy, there was conflict between bikers and hikers - it was agreed that the two activities should not share the same trail.
- There is a need to rotate trails to allow for trail repair and erosion control.
- Survey indicated the following aspects contribute to making a desirable mt. bike trail:
 - Longer than 5 miles
 - Several large hills, with overall rolling terrain (prefer steep trail system)
 - Some riders enjoy muddy trails
 - Support facilities, such as water and restroom facilities, are appreciated (cost factor)
- Only 10% of mountain bike owners ride off paved surfaces.

Current Condition of Sunfish Park:

- Trail system is located mostly in a mature hardwood forest.
- The topography is very rolling.
- Soils are very sandy and gravelly.
- Erosion already exists on most of the sloping area along the trail system, and sedimentation exists at the base of the slopes because of the erosion above.
- Efforts are being made to divert runoff water by using wood troughs laid diagonally across the existing trails - this type of erosion control would interfere with mt. biking activity.

EXHIBIT A

270⁺ Signatures from community residents
supporting the ordinance banning mountain
biking and supporting passive recreational
usages in this park

(more signatures to be
delivered the evening of 4/19)

Petition to Maintain Ordinance Banning Mountain Biking in Sunfish Park

We support the Lake Elmo long-standing policy and current ordinance banning mountain biking in Sunfish Park. We support the original intent of the park for preservation of natural wilderness and passive usages of hiking/walking, cross-country skiing, bird watching, photography, nature studies, picnicking, canoeing, and sailboating.

Mountain biking is not compatible with the intent for preservation of the woods. It diminishes and destroys the peacefulness of a hike/walk, observation of wildlife and birds, and preservation of flora. The chance for increased risk, and more importantly injury to a hiker/walker is a major concern and liability. Testimony has been presented by the Nature Conservancy confirming the uniqueness and delicate nature of the woods in Sunfish Park. Mountain biking would cause severe destruction and erosion to this unique topography.

We support the above usages to accomplish the preservation of the woods in Sunfish Park.

Signature	Address	Telephone
<i>Donald J. [unclear]</i>	5290 Jamaica Blvd	
<i>Shor W. [unclear]</i>	5010 Keats Ave.	
<i>David Kelch</i>	4855 Keats Ave N Lake Elmo	770-0685
<i>Faye Kelch</i>	4855 Keats Ave N Lake Elmo	770-0685
<i>JoAnn [unclear]</i>	9768-53rd St. L.E.	773-0312
<i>Ramona [unclear]</i>	9765 53 St L.E.	777-2735
<i>DARRELL [unclear]</i>	9715 53rd St. N.E. L.E.	773-8601
<i>Gretchen [unclear]</i>	9710 53rd St N L.E.	779-7375
<i>Patricia [unclear]</i>	9655 53rd St N L.E.	777-7992
<i>Jan S. [unclear]</i>	" " " "	" "

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Kimberly Tomek	4855 42nd St. No. W. Elmo	779-0976
C. King	4111 ISLE AVE N L. Elmo	777-9300
Steve Hansen	4077 ISLE AVE N L. Elmo	779-0055
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_____	1734 Manning Tr. N.	436-5908
Nana McQuinn	12020 N. 18th St. Lk. Elmo	436-2071
Mark W. Fox	12040 18th St North Lake Elmo	436-1879
William F. Huff	12077 18th St N, Lk Elmo,	436-8221
May O'Connell	12101 18th St N Lk Elmo	436-6200
James J. Hatt	12150 18th St N LK ELMO	436-8863
Ruth Carlson	1880 Margo Ave No. Lk. Elmo	436-1712
Ruth Stewery	1960 MARGO AVE NORTH LAKE ELMO	436-5080
JAN BLEDSOE	1960 MARGO AVE Lake Elmo	436-5080
Susan Newbrod	1340 Margo Ave N. Lake Elmo	436-7528
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Darcy Kaunas	7360 Pinehurst Rd.	# 770-7783
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Allison Johnson	215 W. St. Croix Ave.	# 351-7125
Karen Leach	11920 21st St. No. Lake Elmo	779-8005
John Trumley	11933 21st N Lake Elmo Mn	7796125
Maura Trumley	11933 21st ST N "	7796125
Beth Beardo	11950 21st N "	770 8063
Richard H. Hunt	11950 21st ST N "	770-8063
Ann Kilian	11909 21st N "	777-3428
Doug Gillian	11909 21st N, "	777-3428
Chet Seal	11920 21st ST. N "	779-8005
Becky R. Smith	3606 Wedgeon Way Engerminn 55123	688-6467
Jack Deemar	6351 St. Croix Tr. N - Stillwater	430-0040
Audrey E. Stalman	6351 St Croix Tr N Stillwater	430-0040
Shirley Mueller	2251 Manning Tr No.	773-3287
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Peter Muta	River Falls	(715)245-6086
Dale Anderson	Marine on St. Croix, Mn	433-3247
Richard J. Rayburn	Willow River Mn.	612-484-4083
Tom Clarke		
Audrey Halverson	River Falls Wis	715-425-5807
Wings H. Hildebrand	White Deer Lake Mn.	
Mary S. Krueger	N. Hudson, WI.	715 386-6444
Mike	Baldwin, WI	715 648 2914
Quentin Gilden	Stillwater	439-8368
Kay Becker	Lake Elmo	779-0003
Mary Moeq	Lake Elmo	777-3559
Red Moberg	2270 Manning Tr / Lake Elmo	777-3559
Bob. Schmidt	2296 Manning Trail	777-1624
Lell Schmidt	2296 Manning Tr.	777-1624
allen + Marcella Kiekhafel	2040 Manning Tr	777-042
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Larry Rie	5040 Jamaica Ave N.	777-7818
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Joan Porcher	4990 Jasper Ave N	
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Jaqueline J. Raney	4989 Jasper Ave N.	779-0584
Walt Trausch	5130 Jamaica Blvd	777-3972
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Bergmann Kemper	" " " " " "	" "
Vince Harnick	9417 Jane Ct. N. Lake Elmo 55042	777-8421
Anguelin Lee	" " " " " "	" "
Paty Suhl	9447 Jane Ct. N. Lake Elmo	770-5193
Romaine Suhl	9447 Jane Ct. N. Lake Elmo	770-5193
Joseph W. Baumann	9383 Jane Circle Lake Elmo	779-9751
Sylvia M. Baumann	9383 Jane Circle - Lake Elmo Mn	" "
Jada E. Gust	9383 Jane Circle - Lake Elmo Mn	777-2562
Rosanne M. Cook	9389 Jane Cir No. Lake Elmo 55042	770-9984
Patricia C. Schanz	9385 JANE CIRCLE N. LAKE ELMO 55042	" "
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