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Menasha Marina is very valuable to the boaters and acknowledge how fortune they really are. Menasha Marina has a completely different situation. I don't know of any marina that has an completely gated in marina. Most marinas for security have a gated door with a extension of either side of a door, which have problems in every marina that have these doors. They are not secure, people can easily get around these extensions. As far as green space for most marinas that I have seen, have green space outside the gated doors which are public if city owned or private if a private owned marina. One of the main reasons boaters are at Menasha is because they feel safe. These boaters have a huge investment in their boats and many have families. The marina has more families now than it ever had. Parents do not like having their children running outside the fence area. I understand their concern, bars nearby, a busy street and open to many strangers that may have concerns as a parent. So the fence is very important. This marina was built in a hole, we are about 10ft below street level and everywhere around the fenced in area is a uphill slope. Except for now the green space that is 20' x 90 ft. that is the only area that is flat. I feel this new green space is very important to the marina. I did my first event on Monday, Memorial Day. I wish you could have seen how our renters felt so relax in this area, it's a beautiful setting over looking the marina. I can't predict how often this area is going to be used. But I do know that now they have a place for family get togethers, birthday parties and anniversaries and boaters get togethers. The city should feel very proud of their marina. The seasonal boaters, which is 100% city income, are here because they love the marina. We have something in this marina that most other marina don't even get close to. Rarely do I even here complaints, the marina is very social, they boat together, and everyone helps each other when leaving or coming back into their slips. I here it all the time from visiting boaters how nice it is Menasha. Menasha Marina has a great reputation and this reputation reflect on the city and the surrounding area. It's important that we do have a fenced in marina, clean bathrooms, aerators to help keep the marina clean,a safe place now for parties and a place for families and children to play. Even now, boaters not just in Menasha but transients look for the flowers to be planted. It's something special that no other marina has. No matter how big or how small a project is Menasha Marina boaters appreicate what they have. I am so very thankful that the Council and Park and Rec care and know the value of their marina.

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