

January 3, 2015  
Brian Tungate  
Menasha Park Board

Dear Brian

As the Menasha Athletic Association is an organizer of the Menasha Communityfest Celebration at Jefferson Park on July 4, 2015, we are respectfully requesting that the Park Board extend the closing time for the beer and band to 11:00pm and clearing the park by 11:30pm.

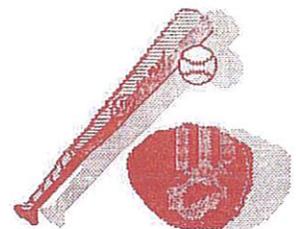
We noticed at the Celebration in 2014 that, after the fireworks were cancelled, the band played until 10:30. More park goers stayed around to hear them before leaving. We believe that this partially alleviated the crush of people leaving the park all at the same time.

We think by allowing the band to play after the fireworks until 11:00pm the same thing would happen this year. More people would stay at the park listening to the band. This should increase crowd control after the fireworks and also lessen some of the traffic jams on streets around Jefferson Park.

Thanks for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Coopman".

Gary Coopman  
Treasurer  
Menasha Athletic Association



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To: Park Director Brian Tungate  
From: Police Chief Tim Styka (TS)  
RE: MAC's Request for Extended Park Hours 7/4/2015  
Date: February 12, 2015

I did have an opportunity to review the letter from Gary Coopman of the Menasha Athletic Association dated January 3, 2015 in reference to an extension of park event hours for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Police Department would support his request for extending the ending time for the event to be 11:00 pm on a trial basis for 2015.

Last year when the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks were changed to coincide with Seafood Fest in September the event did continue after the fireworks were over (this was not in violation of the ordinance as the fireworks started earlier based than what they would have in July). This allowed for people to remain in the park and listen to the music after the fireworks show. As a result, the typical mass exodus which takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> after the show was smaller and traffic issues were resolved much quicker.

Based upon what we observed last year, we do feel it would be in the best interest for the safety attendees to be allowed to remain in the park after the fireworks show this year. While it worked well for Seafood Fest this crowd was not as large as a typical 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If this exception is allowed, we would debrief after the event to determine the impact this action had on the event and surrounding neighbors. We would then be in a position where we can make a recommendation for future years.

Please contact me if you have any questions.