

# ***NEWS RELEASE***

## **WISCONSIN PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW**

The Park Design Awards, Outstanding Young Professional of the Year and Outstanding Professional Award of the Year will be presented at the Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm. The presentation will be made in Room F at the Chula Vista Resort.

### **Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association Park Section Announces 2016 Park Design Award Winners**

#### **PARK DESIGN AWARDS of Merit (Under \$250,000)**

#### **West Bend Parks, Recreation and Forestry – Regner Fish Pond**



Work on the Kiwanis Early Risers Fish Pond in Regner Park began last winter when the Parks staff drained and removed thousands of yards of sludge. Prior to refilling, the Kiwanis Early Risers built “fish cribs” that were installed on the bottom of the pond. In Spring, after refilling, the DNR stocked the pond with several species of fish specifically suitable to the ponds environment. Shoreline renovation work continued throughout the summer and in late October more than 550 bass, perch, crappies, plus 150 pounds of fathead minnows were stocked in the pond. November brought the preliminary installation of the new fishing pier.

**PARK DESIGN AWARDS of Merit (\$250,001-\$499,999)**

**City of Fitchburg – McKee Farms Splashpad**



As the City of Fitchburg’s recognizable ‘central’ park, McKee Farms expanded its recreational offerings with the implementation of a 4000 sf splashpad. The new addition fulfills a long standing goal of the city; to add an aquatic play attraction within the boundaries of this 59- acre park. A unique feature to this project involves a private organization heading fundraising and the initial design process.

**PARK DESIGN AWARDS of Merit (\$500,000 – 999,999)**

City of Menasha Parks and Recreation Department – **Gilbert Site Riverfront Trail**



The City of Menasha created a unique linear park and trail along the banks of the Fox River. The 1,500 ft trail starts just below the Menasha dam and runs along the shore which once was the site of the old Gilbert Paper Company mill. The trail features outstanding walking, biking and fishing opportunities as visitors have direct access to the river and nearby downtown Menasha. The mill was removed and this public space was created to attract redevelopment to the site.

**WPRA Park Section Professional of the Year**  
**Chad Dallman, Assistant Parks Director - City of Oshkosh**



Chad developed a passion to serve the public prior to his college days by working for Public Works and Parks & Recreation Department for multiple seasons in his hometown of Fort Atkinson, WI. The desire to continue service after graduation from UW – La Crosse – Park, Recreation & Leisure Services Program in 1998, he landed his first professional position as the Park & Recreation Supervisor for the Village of Brown Deer where he served from 1999 – 2001. In order to advance his career he accepted a position as the Park and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor with the City of Marshfield where he served from 2001 – 2007. His professional skills and family lured him to serve his native area at Jefferson County Parks from 2007 – 2010 as the Parks Operations Supervisor. The goals from the profession has provided him an opportunity grow and enhance the City of Oshkosh, where he currently serves and the Assistant Parks Director.

With every experience along the journey of life there are many things a person can develop and hold. Chad has no regrets of the path he has taken in this profession and is grateful for all professional and personal friendships, partnerships, opportunities, knowledge and experiences gained from all aspects to help each community served and continues to serve. He takes great pride in efforts of people who strive to make our communities a better place to live, work and play.

In addition to professional service, Chad has been an active member of WPRA Park Section since 1999. He has served Park Section as Chair, Representative at Large (multiple times), Region 1 and 4 at various times throughout his career. Due to roles on the section board he as actively planned spring workshops, summer park tour, facility tours and annual conference sessions. In addition, he was recognized by his peers as the Park Section Young Park Professional in 2001.

Chad values his family, friends and the privilege we have in this profession to apply our skills, knowledge and abilities to make positive changes within our communities to enhance quality of life through services, programs, facilities and special events.

In closing, Chad is truly appreciative and humbled by this great honor to be recognized by his peers as the Park Section Professional of Year!

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

**WPRA** is a statewide, non-profit service organization dedicated to extending the social, health, cultural and economic benefits of parks and recreation through its network of recreation/park professionals and civic leaders. There are approximately 2,500 WPRA members who include state and local experts on recreation, urban planning, aquatics, at-risk-youth, therapeutic recreation services, and parkland development and services.

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