

To: City Council  
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Weekly Council Update

**Recount Petition Filed on Park Vote:** The provisional ballot that was discussed in the November 4<sup>th</sup> Weekly Council Update was reviewed by the Precinct Board on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Precinct Board concluded that the provisional ballot was valid and determined that it was a “yes” vote. At that point, the measure had unofficially passed with over 60% of the vote. The official canvass for the vote took place on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The canvass confirmed that the measure had passed by a vote of 242-161.

As mentioned in the Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Weekly Council Update, a recount was a potential, whether the measure passed or failed. That recount petition would have had to been filed by the end of this week. The City of West Branch was informed this afternoon by the Cedar County Auditor’s Office that a recount petition was filed with the Cedar County Auditor’s Office today. Cedar County Auditor Cari Gritton will present the recount petition to the Board of Supervisors for their approval to move forward with the recount process.

Assuming the Board of Supervisors provide their approval of the recount petition, there will be a recount board established which will likely be composed of three counters. One counter will likely be Richard Stoolman, as he was named as the designee for the Recount Board on the petition requesting a recount. Cari Gritton will likely appoint two other counters. The information that we have now suggests that the entire recount process needs to be completed by Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Storm Damage:** The storm that rolled through West Branch yesterday afternoon caused considerable damage. Fawcett Drive was closed for several hours as Alliant Energy crews repaired two broken power poles. Traffic was detoured south to Council Street while repairs were being made. Public Works staff checked all city-owned facilities and drove every city street this morning. No damage was found to any city property, although there were several city trees that lost smaller branches. Those were cleaned up today and hauled away. Storm damage on Cookson Street included the loss of a building at Beautiful Land Products and the loss of electrical service at Beautiful Land Products and at Dave’s Welding & Repair. Building debris on Cookson Street was removed earlier this morning and property owners are continuing cleanup efforts to those properties this afternoon. Electrical service has been restored to all of the affected businesses.

**Library Open House:** The WBPL Open House to unveil the reorganization of the Library was held on Tuesday evening, November 10<sup>th</sup>. About forty-five people showed up for the open house and story time. Feedback on the reorganization and new furniture has been extremely positive and the Library would invite and encourage anyone who has not seen the changes to stop by and check them out.

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