



Minutes

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Ley Pavilion, 600 N Bennett Rd, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM.

Present: Megan James, Larry Tremelling, Melissa Brennum, Stephanie Marten

Absent: David Mortimer, Travis Wellington, Nancy Anderson, Bryan Brom, Danielle Kratcha, Natalie Braun-Gregorson, Matt Staver

We did not have a quorum, so no action will be taken tonight. All actionable items will be taken to next meeting.

III. REPORTS

1. Recreation Update

Summer programs are in full force. Baseball and softball leagues are winding down with quite a few reschedules with this weather we have been having.

2. Pool and fundraiser update.

Pool is open, swim lessons have started, and all seems to be going well. Alisa and Melissa have brought on two new community members to join them in fundraising planning for shade structures and other improvements to take place down at the pool. They are currently planning to get a couple events in place for this summer season and discussing an off-season event opportunity. More details to come on this but ideas that have been shared include Tread-a-thon, Pool Olympics, Dog Days, etc.

3. Parks Update

No parks update, as Mortimer was out on vacation.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding Ley Pavilion

Kyle Levetzow, president of Icewolves hockey Association, presented some quotes and information regarding some improvements that would benefit the Icewolves Hockey Association. Through this discussion, and the discussion from last meeting, the general consensus is to make a motion to move forward with trying to get a new floor. Levetzow was going to get a

breakdown of some of the items that he provided, so that we can make a more clear request to City Council and potential Capital Improvement project request.

2. Discussion regarding all weather surfaces at Harris Park.

Mortimer received a quote from AdventureTurf for potential all weather surface at the Harris playground nearest the well. Braun-Gregerson connected with Lee Recreation and sent to Megan previous to meeting. It is going to be much more of a project than we were initially looking at, so right now we are just working on gathering information for a longer term project analysis. The representative with Lee Recreation would like to visit Dodgeville parks and assess the different parks we have in order to provide guidance on how best to move forward. James will be working on setting this park tour up for late summer or early fall and we will revisit what results we come up with based on that.

3. Discussion regarding pool shade structure

We are waiting to get an update from one vendor on placement and different styles of shade structures at the pool. Commission would like to reconnect with Gerber Leisure to see what other options they have for different shade structure styles and sizes, as well as get a better assessment of what the best placement would be. Alisa McIntosh (Pool Manager), Brennum and James plan to set up a meeting with Gerber to meet on-site to get some better answers to some of our questions to make this an actionable item at our next meeting. Majority of the fundraising happening at the pool right now is with the focus of getting pool shade structure there, among other improvements, and it was included in 2025 Capital Planning items, so we are able to act on this if the Commission can make a decision on how best to move forward. We will hopefully have some more answers at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding sandbox at Centennial Park.

We are looking for input on whether to remove this sandbox at Centennial Park. There's been concerns of the sand ending up everywhere outside the box, having animals use it as a litter box, etc. There's also been conversation of it being a great sensory place for children. Commission needs to discuss whether we would like to make a motion on this or if we should wait to get community feedback via survey.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding horseshoe pits at Centennial Park.

There has been numerous discussions about the future of the horseshoe pits. Historically, there have been leagues here but it has been many years since those have taken place. While in discussion, Marten was able to communicate with an avid horseshoe pit participant in previous years and he stated he has not played in over 15 years. With that said, the same individual said

he is not aware of anyone in the community who still plays, and said no one would play on them if the grass or weeds have taken over the pit areas. The pit areas are outdated and would need to be updated, but again, the individual stated he did not foresee it being something that people would still utilize often enough. Parks staff is concerned of children running around these from a safety standpoint. While no action can be made tonight, the discussion led to getting more community feedback.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Capital Improvement Projects.

Based on discussions above for some of the priority projects. We are looking for possible action at the next meeting with a more specific request to make to City Council with Ley Pavilion updates getting in the 2026 Capital Improvement Planning.

Additionally, James brought up creating a community survey and having the Commission and City Council review before sending it out to get community involvement. James will work on putting something together for the July meeting for the Commission to discuss, edit, and finalize.

VI.ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 30th. Location to be determined.

VII.ADJOURN

1. Marten motioned to adjourn
Seconded by Brennum.
Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.