



Minutes

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Centennial Park Shelter #1, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm.

Present: David Mortimer, Larry Tremelling, Travis Wellington, Melissa Brennum, Nancy Anderson, Danielle Kratcha, Bryan Brom, Stephanie Marten, Natalie Braun-Gregorson

Absent: Matt Staver

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from April 30, 2025.

Minutes approved.

III. REPORTS

1. **Recreation Update** – *Megan reported summer programs are kicking off and ball seasons are in full force.*
2. **Parks Update** – *David reported the parks department is very busy at this time. Concert Series will be at Harris Park in June, so making sure the park is ready for that.*
3. **Pool Update** – *Megan reported pool is scheduled to open on May 31, so Alisa has been busy training staff and getting them ready for opening.*

A. Melissa Brennum and Alisa McIntosh have been discussing fundraising opportunities for pool updates. Discussions have included having some events such as a movie night at the pool. More to come on this, but if you have any thoughts to reach out to Melissa or Alisa to share or find out how you can help.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Update on Batting Cage Nets** – *Nets have been delivered. Parks Department is hoping to get Wilson nets up next week but will wait on Harris nets until next season since we didn't see any visible holes in the net.*
 - A. Brom reported concern with this as there were some issues at Harris with the tournament that took place in May of balls flying through the batting cage. Mortimer said to meet him up at the Park so they could review this further.*
2. **Discussion and possible action to approve pool shade quotes.**

Commission was concerned of placement of the shade structure getting in the way at swim team events. There was mention of a request to have Baraboo Tent Awning to survey the area and put better placement in there. Discussion was to move the shade structure over to the deep end where there is unused space on the pool deck. Concerns were made with that location and being in the deep end versus shallow end where parents are trying to watch their children. Alisa McIntosh, pool manger, reported Gerber Leisure quote was based on their surveying of the area and where they thought made the most sense of having a shade structure. Alisa also added that swim team was included in the decision of this. General consensus was for Kratcha to reach back out to Baraboo Tent Awning to get an idea on installation time frame and if they had better thoughts on location, since they were the experts.

V.NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2026 Budget Timeline** – *Any capital project requests should go to City Council in July, or potentially August.*
- 2. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2025-2026 Ice Wolves Youth Hockey Contract.**

Contract was approved as is for 2025-2026 season for Ice Wolves and will go to City Council for final approval. The Commission didn't want to make any changes as far as fees as their season is already set. Megan will make a list of all the youth sports organizations and their timelines so we can find the best time to go through all contracts individually but together.

- 3. Discussion regarding Project/Improvements List**

Megan had everyone write down what they feel should be our top three priorities for projects to work on. The Commission came up with the following consensus:

- 1. Ley Pavilion improvements*
- 2. All weather surface at playgrounds*
- 3. Splash Pad at Harris Park*

Individuals were assigned to follow up and bring some numbers back to Commission in June so we can all find accurate request amounts for Capital Projects to City Council. General decision seemed to be to focus on Ley Pavilion improvements and Harris Park for 2026 for Capital Projects.

VI.ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.