



Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 05:30 PM

City Hall, 410 E Leffler St, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM.

Non-Voting Members Present: Megan James, Dylan Wadzinski, David Mortimer

Voting Members Present: Larry Tremelling, Travis Wellington, Melissa Brennum, Matt Staver, Bryan Brom, Natalie Braun-Gregorson

Voting Members Absent: Nancy Anderson, Danielle Kratcha, Stephanie Marten

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2025

Motion to approve minutes made by Braun-Gregorson, seconded by Brennum.

Motion carried.

III. REPORTS/UPDATES

2. Recreation Update –

Winter and Spring Registration opens on Monday, November 3rd. Looking forward to some new activities and events.

3. Pool/Fundraising Update

We have a sledding event coming up in February for pool fundraising. We are also connecting with Culver's for a share night to take place in January, where they will share proceeds of their sales from 5-8 PM this day.

4. Parks Update

We did some work on the bathrooms at Centennial Park. Will plan to top coat the ball fields in spring. No further updates.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and possible action on Sponsorship Program beginning 2026

Motion to approve the sponsorship program for 2026 with adding a note that states the city will source the field signs. Motioned by Braun-Gregorson, seconded by Brennum. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible action on Financial Assistance

Megan has not heard back from the other townships in the School District yet to see if they will be interested in contributing to the program. Per Commission request, will reach back out to touch base and see if there's any interest in contribution.

Motion was made by Staver to approve the financial assistance program in 2026 for the City of Dodgeville Residents at this time. Seconded by Brennum. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible action on Vision/Mission statements

Motion to approve made by Brennum. Seconded by Staver. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action to allow Chamber of Commerce to utilize Ley Pavilion Stage for Town Square in 2026

Commission members unanimously voted no for Chamber to utilize the stage for Town Square, as the biggest concern being weather (rain, humidity, etc) affecting the aluminum stage.

8. Contract Review for Ice Wolves Youth Hockey Association

Lots of discussion and concerns were mentioned regarding increase in fees for all sports organizations, but mostly Ice Wolves Youth Hockey Association. Another big concern of Commission members was budget transparency and the intent of the money collected from these contracts. Megan and Dylan reiterated the intent is for the money to go back to Parks and Recreation maintenance and improvements that are much needed. Megan will send 2025 year to date budget, and once 2026 budget is finalized for Park and Rec, we will also send that over to Commission members. Megan presented a chart that showed the breakdown of what each organization has been paying (or not paying), what they utilize, and what the City needs are for their production. The discussions led to no decisions being made but rather Megan collecting more information from youth organizations to help the Commission

members make a better judgement and decision moving forward for all of these organizations and their contracts with the City.

9. Contract Review for Iowa County Youth Soccer Association

Lots of discussion and concerns were mentioned regarding increase in fees, wanting to see the Parks and Rec Budget to be able to visualize where the money is going now and will go, and are looking for more information to help make better guided decisions on the contracts with the City. Megan will reach out to organizations to gather data such as the organization budgets, participant numbers for all groups including non-residents vs residents numbers.

10. Contract Review for Home Talent Baseball

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11. Contract Review for Diamond Club Baseball and Softball

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VI.ADJOURN

12. Motion to Adjourn

No meeting in November or December. Next meeting scheduled for last Wednesday in January.

Motion to adjourn made by Brom. Seconded by Wellington. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.