



Minutes

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Ley Pavilion, 600 Bennet Rd, Dodgeville, WI

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm.

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

Absent: Greg Lee, Nancy Anderson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from July 23, 2023.

Motion by Stephanie Marten, Second by Danielle Kratcha

III. REPORTS

2. Recreation Director Report – *Summer registration is open! Baseball and softball leagues will be starting their games in May. Megan is securing staff to umpire, work concessions and help with field prep.*
3. Park's Foreman Report – *There are a lot of projects ahead and we are just getting started for the year. We have taken down 12 trees at Centennial due to ash. All park restrooms are open, and water fountains will be open by the weekend. There was comment to have us look into working with the DNR on tree preservation grant opportunities if we have not done this in the past. DNR provides grant opportunities especially when removing trees due to ash and may provide some funding for new trees in return.*
4. Pool Report – *Megan reported a new pool heater was placed and that the Pool Manager has been working closely with Megan in preparation for this season in regards to staffing. Steve has been working on the pool itself to get it up and running and ready to fill.*
Other discussion in regards to the pool led to noting that the pool will need to be relined, we are unaware of when it was last lined. Commission is recommending we keep the pool open until 9:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays this year as there was concern of the closing time being too early due to athletes wanting to enjoy the pool. There was also discussion of one of the fridges at the pool not working great, so we will need to look at this. A question that arose was how many Platteville residents have been purchasing season passes at our pool, since their pool has been closed last year and will be closed this year again. It was also mentioned the locker rooms needs to be updated.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion regarding the purpose and duties of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
Reference to pages 3 and 4 in the agenda packet. A welcome letter was emailed from the Clerk's office to all Commission members of the general responsibilities and duties of the Commission as well. Main points of discussion were that we are looking to be part of the big picture, plan improvements for now and the future, as well as helping create new spaces, and being able to prioritize these projects.
6. Appointment of commission minutes taker.
Megan will take minutes tonight, but Melissa Brennum will possibly take over minutes the next meeting.
7. Discussion and possible action to establish a recurring meeting date and time.
*Motion to have recurring meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM.
Motion to approve by Larry Tremelling and Second by David Mortimer.*
8. Discussion and possible recommendation to Council approving the 2025 Dodgeville Home Talent Contract.
*The contract can be reviewed in pages 5-7 in the agenda packet. The City Attorney has made some minor changes to the contract this year on some legal wording but it is very similar to what it's been in the past.
Motion by Stephanie Marten to recommend contract go to council or approval for this year and readdress this contract with others at a future meeting. Second by Travis Wellington.*

We are looking at reviewing all contracts with local organizations at upcoming meetings. Right now, we need to look at the Home Talent Contract as they are looking to start in May/June. Megan and David are going to work together to create a document of what City expenses look like for each organization, to the best of our knowledge. This information will assist in upcoming meetings regarding contract review.
9. Discussion and possible recommendation to Council regarding the purchase and installation of shades at Comer Pool.
*This is page 8-13 in our agenda packet. We have received quotes from Gerber Leisure on a pool shade to be installed at the pool hopefully before this year's season. We are looking at installing just the one structure, the quote itself is just the product and the install would be an approximate additional \$2,000-3,000. This item was included in our Capital Improvement plan for this year's budget, at \$20K.
From a Swim Team perspective, it was requested the shade structure be moved farther west so it is not where the spectators are for swim meets. Another idea was to move the shade*

structure over by the diving area of the pool. Commission members request to view more quotes from vendors and different or larger styles of shade options. Megan will look at getting more price quotes from additional vendors, and additional styles. Melissa would like to take the lead on some fundraising for the pool shades. Melissa, Megan and Pool Manager will connect on the fundraising topic. This topic is tabled for future with additional details on pricing, structure styles and fundraising opportunities.

10. Discussion and possible recommendation to Council regarding new batting cages at Wilson Park.

Refer to page 14, or the last page, in agenda packet. This was also included in our Capital Improvement plan for this year, estimated at \$25K. The quote does not include installation as the vendor was honest in mentioning we would save money by going elsewhere for install and ground/surface material.

Commission recommends to review a plan for the future of Wilson Park first. There's other updates needed including the restrooms and concession stand, that may hold priority for all taxpayers to benefit from. There is an immediate need for batting cage nets at Wilson and Harris Parks.

Motion by Brom to spend up to \$5000 to purchase new batting cage nets for Wilson and Harris Park. Second by Kratcha.

11. Future Business: Compiling a list of Future Park/Facility Improvements

Commission members are to email Megan at rec@dodgevillewi.gov with items of improvements they would like to see. Megan will compile a master list and send with agenda packet for next meeting. At this meeting, Commission will prioritize the needs of these items.

V. ADJOURN

12. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Brom and Second by Marten. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.