

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Thiele on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:01 P.M.

Alders present: Antoine, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, Schumacher, and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Finance Director Roehl, Com. Enrich. and Rec. Dir. Vosters, Street Superintendent Van Gompel, Fire Chief Carrel, Police Chief Graff, Mark. and Com. Manager Fencil (Zoom), Kaukauna High School Civic Engagement Instructor Tim Roehrig, and interested citizens.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Kaukauna High School Civic Engagement Grant Application for Wisconsin DNR Land and Water Conservation Funds – Grignon Park

The Kaukauna Civic Engagement class has been working on securing funds for the Grignon Park upgrades. There is a grant available through the DNR that would require the city to be the grant applicant and owner of the park. The grant would be for up to fifty percent of the cost. The City would ask that the Civic Engagement class come up with fifty percent of the funds and the City would borrow the other fifty percent, which would be reimbursed after the project is completed if the grant is awarded.

Tim Roehrig from the Civic Engagement class stated that the class has raised \$650,000 at this time. He indicated that the class has gotten new bids for the project and many of them have jumped fifteen to twenty percent since the initial bids. These costs are reflected in the amounts put into the grant.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Antoine to support the KHS Civic Engagement class grant application and recommend approval of a resolution for the DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund project at Grignon Park to Common Council.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Parking Ordinance Update to 7.12(1)(bg).

In January 2026, garbage and recycling collection routes were updated to provide a more consistent, safe, and achievable number of collections per day. The street sweeper and leaf collection daily schedules are based upon the same garbage/recycling collection days for simplicity and convenience for residents to remember. In order to stay consistent with one collection day for all items, staff is proposing an update to municipal code 7.12(1)(bg) "Parking prohibited during street sweeping and fall leaf pickup." With the previous ordinance, streets and "districts" were listed as street names bounded by a list of streets. For the update, staff is proposing to use the official "Street sweeping and fall leaf pickup map" to define the "sectors" for collection each weekday. The map is interactive and residents can zoom in on areas right down to the street level and see street names.

Motion made by Schell, seconded by Moore to approve the update to Section 7.12(1)(bg) as presented and discussed, and recommend the same to the Legislative Committee.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

c. Storm/Flooding Updates

Street Superintendent VanGompel provided storm and flooding updates. VanGompel stated that the street and park crew are extremely busy trying to keep up with the changing weather patterns

that we have experienced lately. He indicated that we have received about four inches of rain between April 12th and 18th, and the total for April so far is 7.25 inches. There has been significant damage to the Konkapot Trail, with several trees that have fallen and severe wash out on the trail. Crews are trying to recover a lot of the stone that is on the embankments that didn't wash into the creek. They are also trying to clear the culverts and trusses that have severe blockage. Once that is completed, they will grade the trail. Currently, the trail is closed. The sewer crew has also been extremely busy cleaning several catch basins and storm sewers. There are several other areas affected by the rain including erosion on Plank Road, ponds at extreme levels, and drainage between Draper and Taylor Street. Now that the rain has subsided, the crew has been able to assess the damage and take care of it.

Community Enrichment and Recreation Director Vosters gave an update on some flooding at the Grignon Mansion. She indicated that the basement flooded after the sump pump couldn't keep up with the rain and stopped working. The carpet in the basement was ruined and has been removed. There is also wall damage in the basement that is being fixed. None of the artifacts, display cases, or equipment were damaged.

d. Public Works Updates.

Director of Public Works/ Engineer Neumeier provided public works updates. There is an HOVMSD community meeting at noon on April 28th, with information regarding the inflow and infiltration that went into the plant from the storms as well as the 2025 annual report. There is also a public information meeting on April 29th, at 5 PM on the paving project. On May 4th, at 5 PM, there will be a public information meeting regarding the Ann Street utility relay project.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Eggleston, seconded by Moore to adjourn.
All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Christina Nelson, Deputy Clerk