



PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 03, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Trustee Lesniak called the August 3, 2026 Parks Committee Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance were to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: Trustee Dan Lesniak, Patty Tikalsky, Elizabeth Vedvik, Doris Brockman, Teresa Holewinski, Tim Strachota

ABSENT: Trustee Aaron Myszka (excused)

STAFF: Administrator James Davel, Public Works Director Greg Ulman, Finance Director/Treasurer John Jacobs, Clerk Jennifer Poyer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

C. July 20, 2026 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tikalsky/Vedvik to approve the meeting minutes with the correction. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Tim Strachota is listed as Dan Strachota in the minutes. It will be corrected by the clerk.

4. NEW BUSINESS

D. Village Communications About Our Parks Within the Community

Discussed the current information about the parks on the website and social channels. Ideas regarding highlighting the parks were given. Committee members tasked with reviewing website and making recommendations for changes.

E. Additional Ideas for Other Parkland and Related Village Property

Tim Strachota presented his ideas for the changes to the parks. The committee discussed the following: dog park in Norm Plaza Park; priority of the committee; limited meeting time for the committee; support for parks from Village and boards; consolidating list of ideas into one list and reviewing as a committee; Village's Outdoor Recreational Plan's list of improvements; grants; operating budget park fix allowances; funding sources for park improvements; creating fix it list and three top priorities for parks; disc golf course on Well-head Park Land; security at well-head and Filtration Facility; water access points in the Village; benches along the trails; Gooding Park; and Triangle Park.

Committee members were tasked with compiling a list of quick fixes for the parks and a list of their three park priorities.

F. 2027-2036 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget – 1st Draft as of 07/31/2026

Finance Director/Treasurer Jacobs presented the Capital Improvements Program for the Village. He reviewed the purpose of the plan and how park plans would fit within the program. Staff answered questions from committee members regarding financing the Buska Park remodel.

5. OLD BUSINESS

G. September 12, 2026 Buska Park 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser Event

Motion by Tikalsky/Vedvik to table this discussion until the next meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Administrator Davel presented the possible problems with this event including staffing and other details that need to be addressed. Staff discussed concerns and future events.

H. Creating a “Friends of the Kronenwetter Parks” Support Group

Motion by Tikalsky/Vedvik to form a Friends of Parks group within the Village. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Discussed the advantages and financing of this committee. Committee members were tasked with finding volunteers for this committee.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

August 17, 2026 at 4 p.m.

7. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- *Fundraising ideas*
- *Tim Strachota shared the following quote from Gloria Steinam: "Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."*

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tikalsky/Strachota to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.