



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2026 at 4:45 PM
1260 North Road Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Parks Commission met on Monday, August 31, 2026, at the Public Works Building. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Julie Lynch, and Maryann Allaby. Members absent were Lori Hammer, Dan Holzberger, and Amanda Ketchum. Also present was Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke.
2. **Minutes:**
 - a. August 3, 2026: The minutes were approved at the August 12, 2026, Special Parks Commission meeting.
 - b. August 12, 2026: Motion by Laura Taake, seconded by Mike Taake, to approve the August 12, 2026, special meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Financial Reports:** The August 2026 financial reports were reviewed with no questions or concerns.
4. **Staff Report:** Wilke reported that the seasonal Parks employees had completed their employment and expressed appreciation for their contributions. Both employees reported a positive experience and interest in returning next summer.

The Parks crew continues trimming overhanging trees along streets and sidewalks, monitoring emerald ash borer (EAB), and removing affected ash trees as needed. Fall maintenance will include cleaning and pruning the berry patches and fruit trees associated with the Living Food Pantry.

Wilke reported that planning is underway for holiday lighting at Riverside Park and that bids have been received for electrical improvements to accommodate increased power demand. The Lions Park project is also underway.

Chair Mike Taake requested that the October meeting be held at Mays Park, followed by a visit to Murphy's Park. He also encouraged members to visit the new dog park on Loomis Street and consider potential names.
5. **Adjournment:** Motion by Lynch, seconded by Allaby, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Chair

Date