



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 03, 2026 at 4:45 PM

Veteran's Park, Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Parks Commission met on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Veteran's Park. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Julie Lynch, Mary Ann Allaby, and Dan Holzberger. Members absent were Amanda Ketcham and Lori Hammer. Also present were Park Superintendent Jordan Wilke and Mauston School Summer Recreation Director Jim Dillin.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Holzberger, to approve the July 6, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Financial Reports:** The July 2026 financial reports were reviewed. No questions or concerns were raised.
4. **Mauston School Summer Recreation Program Review:** Program Director Jim Dillin provided the Commission with a 2026 Summer Recreation Report. He reported that the program served 146 participants across six baseball and softball levels. The program emphasized teamwork, sportsmanship, responsibility, and the development of fundamental skills. Dillin will continue working with Mauston High School coaches to train student coaches and plans to pursue grant opportunities to support future summer recreation programs. Wilke noted that communication between the City and the Summer Recreation Program improved significantly this year. It was also noted that the Public Works building continues to be used for equipment storage.
5. **Staff Report:** Wilke reported that mowing operations were temporarily reduced due to extreme heat and dry conditions but will resume as needed. Staff has focused on watering parks, particularly Jones Park, because of the drought. Wilke also announced proposed improvements at Lions Park and the need for a special meeting on August 12, 2026, to advance the proposal to the Common Council.
6. **Park Tour**
 - a. **Veteran's Park:** The Commission toured Veteran's Park. Wilke recognized Dan Holzberger and the Mauston Youth Baseball program for hosting a successful Fourth of July tournament. Holzberger expressed interest in expanding the use of Veteran's Park for youth baseball during the upcoming season. Wilke reported that both ballfields are in excellent condition, with new bases installed this spring, and that the girls' high school softball program continues to utilize the fields. The Commission reviewed improvements to the dugouts, benches, bleachers,

picnic tables, and shelter, and noted that Wi-Fi service at the shelter is now operational. Wilke noted that the scoreboard equipment will continue to be monitored.

7. **Adjourn:** Motion by Lynch, seconded by Mike Taake, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Chair

Date