



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM, 1050 N. ORANGE ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Elliott, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

ROLL CALL: Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Larry Hallett, Allicia Woodhouse, Director- Jodi Mieden, City Council Rep- Brad Wegner, City Council Rep- Chris Jarvis, County Rep- Randy Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Wegner to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same, 2nd by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Election of Park Board Officers:** Hallett nominated Lewandowski for President, Elliott 2nd, unanimously approved. Lewandowski nominated Elliott for Vice President, Wegner 2nd, unanimously approved. Mieden was appointed as Secretary. There is an open seat now that Wegner is on City Council that needs filled. Suggestion to Mieden to advertise for the position that goes through April of 2030. Woodhouse to be appointed by the Mayor for another 5-year term through April 2031 at July 7th Council meeting. Mieden will create an application and advertise on the website and social media. Schoonover mentioned conflicting meetings so this would be his only meeting unless meeting dates changed. Wegner to contact the County for replacement.
- 2. Discussion on possible updates to Mobile Dessert/Food Establishments on City Park Properties:** Mieden requested to open the available days to 7 days a week due to the ever changing schedule of the Dairy-O. Hallett made a motion to open the schedule to 7 days a week, Wegner 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Wegner to approve the bills. 2nd by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Revenues for May - June, 2025 vs 2026 provided, plus YTD budget report up to 5/31/26.

RECREATION REPORT: Community Center: We have been booked solid with grad party and reunion rentals. We have had many issues with the main door. It was not locking despite our best efforts, and PW team had been working on it and then it would lock and not open. Status is working after last attempt. **Recreation:** Cops & Bobbers brought 84 kids and families to the pond to fish for another successful event collaboration. Despite the rain, the first 3 weeks of camp have flown by and coaches are settling in. We had our first Kids Nite Out with 35 kiddos registered and Lions Club sponsoring. Despite the OMHS issues, our Cat Camp is still going strong. Thunderfest brought great weather for live music, games, food and fireworks. We hosted a pickleball tournament with 7 teams in the intermediate bracket and 8 teams in the advanced bracket as well as a Euchre Tournament fundraiser for youth scholarships. This is my last year working with Chrome Fireworks and they have recommended a new company that I will be meeting with in July.

Pool: April brought torrential rain and pit plug failures, and faulty sump pumps produced flooding of the pumphouse basement. PW and City Wastewater Utility teams took quick action to lower water levels and insert plugs back, but more rain came and it happened again. The team removed three small, submerged motors on P6A, P1B, P2B and sent them to be baked and rebuilt. They were back and installed on May 8th, along with a new sump pump. City Wastewater Utility worked to free each pump and got all up and running for the season. PW team provided a staff member to help power wash and prep the pool this season, and it made life easier for the whole process. The Splash Pad shade project was finished and only backed us up a week later than usual for opening. Grass is growing nicely and we should be able to remove the fences soon. Despite all the rumors, the pool opened two days earlier than we ever have. We have the most lifeguard staff to date and have had a great start to the season minus a few rainy Wednesdays. We have sold 287 family passes (291), 38 Individual passes (30), 24 WAC Packs (20), 13 pool parties so far. We added a new Medicare supplement, bringing in more people each day.

WSRC REPORT: The Brewers Game on July 18th is sold out. There are 21 people going from Richland Center and we will receive \$2.00 for each person getting on the bus at Richland Center. Diamond Jo Casino will be on July 30th, and I have 17 people registered. Gave a presentation for the Senior Solutions Group at Richland Hospital. I have done the presentation there in the past for the people that attend the group at the hospital. This makes many people that need to socialize with others aware of our beautiful facility and the many things we have to offer. The ADRC will be starting Bingocize here in July. This is a great opportunity for people to win prizes while they are exercising. The Rivers Edge Nursing Home has started doing presentations here on the 2nd Monday and always have a topic on health care and bring treats and gifts for everyone. Movies on the big screen begin in August.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Lewandowski noted thanks to Jarvis for making the motion to bring back the Park Board. Wondering about extended evening hours in the future.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Woodhouse suggested more permanent signage in the parks for tobacco free, especially for special events. It was noted that the park grounds look a lot better than in the past couple of years. Members are happy to have park involvement at the Council level. Noted that the small footbridge is needing a full replacement of baseboards.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month, August 28th, 2026, at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Hallett. 2nd by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.