



## OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AT 5:00 PM

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

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#### 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, Brad Wegner, Larry Hallett, Jodi Mieden. Absent: Allicia Woodhouse, Mark Chambers, Chad Cosgrove.

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

**2. Consider approval of a fee discount or waiver for G.R.A.C.E. events: RACE for G.R.A.C.E. Walk/Run ¼ mile, 1 mile, 5k, 10k walk/run.** The group is a 501(c)3 so it is approved at a 25% discount. Motion to approve by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Consider approval of Richland Area Rotary Youth Soccer, Inc. Sanctioned Recreation Group for 2025.** All members agree that there have been no issues with the group in the past and they represent a large population of kids every spring. They work well with RCYBS to share fields. Plans to update safer trail under bridge to utilize east fields again. Motion to approve by Hallett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Consider approval of a conditional use permit for OMHS's Animal House events for 2025.** Ocooch Mountain Humane Society's Animal House food trailer will be located at the South End of the Community Center parking lot, using electric to sell food and drinks for (12) days this season. May 8-9, June 12-13, July 10-11, August 14-15, September 11-12, & October 9-10. The department will provide a couple of picnic tables and garbage cans for the season. We have had a successful relationship with OMHS volunteers for (9) years and they have a steady client base each year with a convenient location in Krouskop Park. They keep the grounds clean after each event and have not damaged anything to date. Proceeds from sales go directly to the shelter pets in their care. Motion by Lewandowski to approve the permit. Second by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consider approval of discount pool passes for the Brewer Public Library.** We have collaborated with the Brewer Public Library in the past to provide a 50% savings on pre-purchased daily pool passes for their Summer Reading Program prizes. 100 daily passes @\$2.50/pass = \$250.00, 50 daily passes @\$2.50/pass = \$125.00. Motion to approve the 50% discount by Lewandowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Discussion about the Draft 2026-2031 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.** Much of the previous plan was gone through and edits were made. Mieden plans to go through and assess current conditions to report back. Plans to continue review at March meeting.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** *Approval of payment of the monthly bills.*

Motion by Hallett to approve December Bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Revenues for January 27- February 23, 2023 vs 2024, were provided.

**WSRC REPORT:** The day of the breakfast by Our House the weather wasn't very good, but we still had a good number of people attending. 12 people from Richland Center registered for the New Orleans trip in April. I will receive \$20.00 for each person registered as well as for any person she registers at Hillsboro, as they get on the bus here in Richland Center. Last year the trip to Canada had to be cancelled. Presently registering people for the 1<sup>st</sup> Diamond Jo Casino trip on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Senior Citizen Potluck on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. We fill the Senior Citizen Center on that day, and everyone has an enjoyable day visiting with others.

**RECREATION REPORT:** Mike Breininger has written a book called “Pulling Together: A handbook for Community Change” that released 1/20/25. The book includes the story about our Woodman Aquatic Center. There will be a book launch in the meeting room on June 9<sup>th</sup> coinciding with the day the pool opens. SW Partners is still working hard to get us a 2<sup>nd</sup> slide. Sheila mentioned they are currently applying for a Seats, Inc. grant, and they hope to announce good grant news at the book launch. Once the 2<sup>nd</sup> slide project is finished, they plan to start looking for funding for a skatepark. I worked with the Farmer’s Market to request using the recently purchased lot on the corner of Court & Orange for the 2025 season, as they have outgrown their current location. Permission was granted pending any future development by the city. This location provides ample space for vendors, visibility, parking and restroom opportunities at Kwik Trip. We have job ads running at the Observer 2/27 and 3/6, and Shopping News 3/4 and 3/11. Four applications for the pool have come in so far from our social media posts and digital billboard. It was a beautiful crisp evening for our Twilight Hike Friday night. The boy scouts came out to hike as well as many others. Randall Coleman has done an amazing job of levelling up the trails and is very proud of how they have turned out. He hopes more hikers and bikers in the community can enjoy the trails. The new Buildings & Grounds Lead, Joe Carstensen started on the 10<sup>th</sup> and is a nice addition to the team already. We are collaborating to make sure the facilities are well taken care of for the leagues for the summer. The Public Works Committee met to discuss the NP Restrooms and concluded that while it may be possible, it would be a substantial investment for the city. Given the difficulties of building in a floodplain, coupled with staff capacity concerns, the seasonal demand for restrooms, and long-term budget constraints, the recommendation is to continue using the portable toilets. A new packet of information on Splash Pad shading was submitted to the RC Rotary Club for consideration.

**PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:** nothing to report

**REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS:** requests for DPW to attend a quarterly meeting.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** 4th Monday of the Month. March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn by Hallett. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.