

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025, 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, Alicia Woodhouse, Brad Wegner, City Council Rep- Doug Martyniuk, Director- Jodi Mieden. Absent: County Board Rep- Chad Cosgrove.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Discussion on future Pool schedule and season. Mieden presented a memo from the Pool manager concerning the 30-minute break for the lifeguards. Pros and cons were thoroughly laid out from a Management perspective. No changes were made. Discussion on possible cleaning strategies to more benefit the public. Discussion on lifeguard certification timelines generated good ideas for enticing new guards at an earlier timeframe, as well as pathways to finding them and getting them trained earlier.

3. Discussion on Camping rules and regulations, adjustments to tent camping and seasonal availability. After meeting with the Public Works Director and City Administrator. **Pricing changes:** 1) RV Sites only @Old Millpond & Krouskop Park- \$35 (includes 2@ day passes to Aquatic Center). 2) RV Sites only @Lions Park- \$25 (NO WATER/No Bathroom/includes 2@ day passes to Aquatic Center). 3) Off Season- will evaluate after looking at electric billing during those times (\$35-50/ day) No pool passes. 4) Off Season Extended Stay- will evaluate on a case-by-case basis, after looking at electric billing (\$50/day). **Rules changes:** 1) All guests to be named with contact information for safety (flood hazard) 2) No tent camping – tents permitted with an RV/pull behind. Motion to approve rules and pricing changes by Wegner, 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider approval of Summer Men's Basketball League Sanctioned Recreation Group for 2025. Previously, Jamie Johnson ran this league in the Summer at the High School. Colton Wilson has taken it over and plans to run the league to be open to High School age and older. He estimates 60 participants. No monetary prizes will be offered. Motion to approve Sanctioning Summer Men's Basketball League by Woodhouse, 2nd by Martyniuk. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Revenues for June 1 - 29, 2024 vs 2025 provided.

RECREATION REPORT Pool: will need to look at updating the front desk computer to work with printers and programs used as it is Windows 7 currently. We have had lots of rain off and on, but swimmers still come out. Tourism is taking video for promotions and advertising. Most of all guards seem to be acclimated to the job. The splash pad heater is out of service for the season, but the water temperature has been in the 80's even without it. The splash pad shade is on order and will plan to be installed at the end of the season. Concrete is the best option and I hope to alleviate the big mud hole behind the turtle with a walkway starting there as we filled it this fall, and we are already back to it. No other mechanical issues to date in the pumphouse. Will be doing some investigation about possibly getting gym credits for Lifeguard Certification classes at the high school to broaden our reach for guards. I have been meeting with Administration and Public works to get more help for the pool in the future. Looking at hiring a maintenance position. **Parks:** Current camping tent bans. Tobacco ordinance in effect, P4P is collaborating with Public Works to design and create permanent signs to be installed. Maintenance Lead has changed to Matt Williams. **Recreation:** RCYBS hosted a 3rd-8th grade baseball and softball tournament on the hottest weekend to date, bringing in 28 teams. RC teams took 1st place in 3/4 softball & 5/6 Baseball, 2nd place in 3/4 Baseball, and 3rd place in 5/6 softball and 3/4 baseball. Dugouts were finished on KP fields #1 as well as the roofs on #2, scoreboard is still coming along. Camps are going well even with all the rain as they can use the gym. Coaches are very engaged and having fun with the kids.

WSRC REPORT: The Diamond Jo Casino Trip on June 14th had 42 passengers and made a profit of \$145.00. The next trip to the casino will be on August 14th and I already have 17 people registered. This Thursday is the breakfast in the Senior Center by Our House. The Senior Solutions Group will be having a Grief Support Group beginning this Thursday from 5:30-6:30 in the meeting room here at the Community Center. This is a very much needed program for many people. Saturday at 1:00 I will have the Euchre Tournament to raise money for kid's scholarships for summer programs. I have this twice a year and have raised a fair amount of money so far.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Mentioned seeing a popular zipline @Janesville that would be a fun addition to the parks.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Wegner inquired about ADA pieces for review, as well as pictures of the Splash Pad shade. Lewandowski discussed getting on a maintenance schedule for the tennis/pickle/basketball courts. Hallett inquired about the camper under the bridge and wondered about an 18+ program through Forward Home for Boys.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month. July 28, 2025, at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Woodhouse. 2nd by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously.