

THE VILLAGE OF



# RIDGEWAY

## PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 05, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Casper at 6:31 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Commissioner Melissa Hooks, Commissioner/Farmers' Market Representative Tara Meckley, Parks & Streets Superintendent Kevin Meckley, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk

Not present: President Brad Butler

### CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by J Garner, seconded by C Niehaus to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes

### PUBLIC COMMENT

K Phelan present to update on status of Bona Dea garden. Brought watermelon, having corn. Need help picking.

### CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

Discussed date for next year Independence day as it is the 250th anniversary of USA. MP and DV already did save the date for next year 4th of July. We will stick with weekend before on June 27 as there will be a lot of competition for music and such.

Discussed having a bigger band draw / parade / activities.

3. Farmers' Market updates

T Meckley shared that it was slow this month due to a few pop-ups in the area. Avg 10-13 vendors at each. Need more baked goods/produce. Want it to be a bit later as vendors and

attendees not liking the 10-1 time due to church conflicts. Will do a survey at end of vendors asking what they want.

Adding activity for kids so parents can shop.

Need concession stand help. Not much activity anyway.

#### 4. Library / Community Center updates

Riniker updated that there is now a Melva's Nook in Common Room with many albums she collected - two recliners donated.

StoryTime and CraftTime have gone well all summer. Girls enjoyed doing it and will try to do it again next summer.

Blood Drive was low turn out, but Barneveld was having one same day. Udder Bros. were disappointed in turn out.

Paint Your Pet had 9 attendees. Participants were happy and we made some profit.

Cook the Market in 2 weeks - promoting now, have minimum 5 signed up. Free event

Went to a Harry Potter event at Barneveld Library - it had a great turn out. Might want to consider a themed-event as 'Bluey' event was a hit as well for Dodgeville library, even as it was held here.

Library down one volunteer for health reasons - could use 2-3 more.

#### 5. Streets/Parks updates

K Meckley noted waiting on Olsen Plumbing for fixing bathroom issues in park. Also might need a new dragger for baseball field. Will get 2 estimates.

Walkway keeps washing out. Need to do something about it. Will get quotes for concrete and asphalt.

Table outside concession stand needs replacing. J Gardner will look at doing concrete topper for pedestals.

A Halverson will do some sort of a game Sept 6 and fireworks - concession stand will be open.

#### 6. UTV Fundraising Ride - Sept 13

Do fliers around the area.

\$20/machine

50/50 raffle

Brett Julson music - looking for a sponsor.

#### 7. Halloween Boo Bash

Discussion about date. Still having it on Halloween

DJ Sound Expressions / Midnight Divas - options for event, check availability.

Host trick-or-treating 5-8 pm in the community.

Have event 7-10pm

Discussed what games/ things to do/will happen that night

Concessions in the kitchen

8. Park Improvements/Budget/DNR Grant

Want to get any budget things in now before budget time

Volleyball wants cranks for net poles.

Dragger for field

United fund of Iowa County grant look into.

Farmers market grants - Compeer grant?

BMO Harris grant? Alliant Energy grant - health and safety categories?

9. Next meeting Sept 2

Change to Sept 3 due to school night Sept 2.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Final motion:

Motion by J Garner seconded by C Niehaus to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion carried.

*DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.*