

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 05, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by President Brad Butler at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: President Brad Butler, Trustee Julene Garner, Parks & Streets Superintendent Kevin Meckley, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk

Trustee Cynthia Niehaus arrived at 6:40pm.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on April 28, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent May 1, 2026 via email/text to subscribers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of the public may address the Park and Recreation Commission during this time. Comments are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker. The Park and Recreation Commission will **not engage in discussion or take action** on items presented during public comment. However, issues raised may be referred as needed or scheduled for discussion at a future meeting.*

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by J Garner seconded by K Meckley to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting March 30, 2026
2. Adoption of Agenda

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discuss commission status

B Butler suggested that the remaining members and board ask the community for citizen members.

Recommend to the board that the Streets & Parks Super no longer be required to be a member of the commission - this will require an ordinance change

Discussion of Commission role/actions to be tabled until/if citizen members are appointed.

B Butler appoints himself as interim chair.

4. Community volunteerism

Discussed where it has failed. Brainstormed some ideas to increase community volunteers.

Once a consistent source is identified, we will make a list with contact names and numbers for future contacts.

5. Public Info meeting attendance

B Butler will represent the P&R commission. Hailey will represent garden club.

6. Park updates

K Meckley got quote to replace damaged equipment and is with the Clerk - need to get more info.

Inclusive team - discussed having Village sponsor t-shirts.

J Garner made a motion to recommend to the board that P&R sponsors t-shirts up to \$350. Seconded by B Butler. Motion carried.

Verified the Spring riders will be installed by IDC.

Concrete held up to rain and any washout backfilled and taken care of. - plan to seed it.

Clean up memorial prior to Memorial Day and J Garner will be sure they get replanted/watered.

7. Arboreal possibilities

B Butler wants to plant trees in empty acreage to use for future uses.

J Garner laid out what it all entails and it is not cost-effective.

Idea tabled for future possibilities.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8. Easter Egg hunt recap

It went very well. Close to 100 kids. Needed more volunteers.

Discussed ideas for next year and weather issues.

9. IDC updates

Riniker shared drafts of social media graphic and print graphics.

Discussed options for entertainment, schedules, inventory.

Will meet again June 2 and 16 to finalize details.

10. Concession stand

Will be open as long as we have volunteers.

Sundays 10-1 when no ball game, Sundays10-after the game 4/5 pm

Thursdays 7-11 - ask Home Talent to provide help.

Send out schedule and ask for volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C Niehaus, seconded by J Garner to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.

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

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