

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

April 16, 2024 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 Chair Casper at 6:35pm.

PRESENT: Michele Casper, Julene Garner, Kellee Venden, Megan James, Melissa Hooks, Braden Losby and Deputy Clerk Shyanne Cushman.

ABSENT: Lexus Barnard

Ridgeway Farmers Market Managers, Amber Chitwood and Amy McKernan

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Cushman indicated this was a properly noticed meeting posted on April 12, 2024 at the Ridgeway Community Center, and the Village website with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes from 03/05/2024

Motion made by Venden, seconded by James to adopt the consent agenda and minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Easter Egg Event Recap

Cushman announced we had a wonderful turnout at the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt. Over 140 kids attended with their families. We had 14 volunteers attend this year and \$25.00 in donations collected during the event. Commission members discussed the need more signage to help direct people and keep everything in the gym to help with congestion. They were happy with the how the age groups were divided up and are hoping to spread out the Age 11+ eggs more next year. They are looking to add décor to the Easter Bunny photo backdrop, but overall a great event.

4. Iowa County Tourism Grant

Cushman submitted an Iowa County Tourism Grant recently requesting extended billboard signage for the Farmers Market, along with benches for the Veteran's Memorial and the dog park.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

5. Farmers Market & Billboard Updates

Chitwood presented the finished design of the Billboard to be placed by Hi-Point on Hwy. 18/151 from May 13th through Labor Day with the total cost of \$1750. The Farmers Market will run May 12-October 13 on Sundays from 11am-2pm. Chitwood will be presenting the board with a schedule of food trucks, music and a new addition of a Kids Market.

6. Park & Rec Commission Community Volunteers - Term expires April 2024

Melissa Hooks and Megan James were reappointed to the Park & Rec Commission with a term expiring April 2025. Lexus Barnard was not present to agree to another year.

7. 4th of July Event Planning

The commission agreed on getting the "Save the Date" out socially. There was a discussion about possible new T-shirt design to promote the 25th Annual Event. Brainstorming for more kids events and renewing the run/walk. Casper and Cushman will finalize details and plans to present at next meeting.

8. Ballpark Project Update

Casper updated the commission that the parking lot should be worked on in early May and we are waiting for the delivery of the poles for the lighting to be replaced.

9. Home Talent Baseball Update

Cushman presented the final schedule for Home Talent. Casper announced the Alumni game will be September 7th.

10. Concession Stand Cleaning

Losby confirmed the water will be turned on by May 1, 2024 and cleaning can be done then.

11. Bathrooms / Park Spring Cleaning & Maintenance Update

Casper requested bathrooms needed to be cleaned and opened before the May 12th Farmers Market. Also, for maintenance to do a walk through for spring cleaning at the park making a list of items that need to be updated, fixed or cleaned.

12. Youth Baseball Update

Cushman confirmed Rock Reeson will hold T-ball Sunday mornings from 10-11am starting May 19th through approximately July 14th. There are 10 t-ball applicants at this time with signup forms dead lining on April 17th. Sign up forms can be found on the village Facebook page and website.

13. Ball Diamond Rental Fee

Casper confirmed the fees for the Youth ball diamond were \$10/per use and the Adult ball diamond fee is \$20/use, both with a deposit of \$100.

14. Volleyball - Tuesday nights Memorial Day through Labor Day

Cushman indicated Steph Greene confirmed the Volleyball league on Tuesday nights would be from Memorial Day to Labor Day. They do need new volleyballs with a quote for \$76.76.

Casper indicated the Concession stand would be open every Tuesday and we would be in need of volunteers from approximately 6-9:15pm.

Motion made by Venden, seconded by James to purchase new volleyballs as presented.
Motion carried.

15. Library Carpet - Rae Ann Butteris Fundraising

Cushman announced the Volunteers of the Ridgeway Volunteer Library have banded together to raise money for new carpeting in the library. J & C Flooring in Dodgeville did a quote between \$7,350-\$7,850 for a medium grade carpet with installation. The volunteers have raised \$5,760 at this point.

16. Library - Summer Programming

The Park Commission discussed Cushman working with the Dodgeville Public Library to develop summer programming this summer in Ridgeway.

17. Veteran's Memorial Update

Casper tabled the discussion of the Veterans Memorial without a confirmed budget and a partnership with the American Legion we cannot discuss until we know more.

18. Car Show Planning

Cushman presented a Car Show plan to include parking, parking attendants, deciding on a charity, awards, registration and avoiding dates of other local car shows. Casper added an idea of holding it during the Alumni Home Talent game on Sept. 7th and including music for a full day of entertainment. Show cars could be parked along Hughitt Street and lower parking lot for attendees.

19. Pickleball Update - New balls needed/Friday morning addition

Cushman gave a pickleball update that we received a \$200 donation from a family for pickleball and with that we will purchase new balls. Friday mornings from 9-11am has been added to the schedule. We are getting a large number of players daily and the players have requested extended play time. The Commission discussed doing a monthly membership charge, extending play time along with some summer evenings and the possibility of making the outdoor court available.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Garner, seconded by Venden to adjourn at 8:40pm.