

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING- MINUTES

November 04, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 110 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Casper at 6:29 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Commissioner Megan James, Commissioner Lexus Barnard, Commissioner Melissa Hooks, Braden Losby-Parks & Streets Superintendent, and Maggie Johnson.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Johnson confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on November 1, 2024 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Barnard, seconded by Niehaus to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes: September 30, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Farmers Market Recap/Winter Market

Amber Chitwood was present and gave an overview of the 2024 outdoor market season. 63 vendors that were approved came to the market at least once this season. Foot traffic did not increase, but Amber mention that most markets were having the same issue. The first outdoor market, 4th of July event, and Halloween were some of the best days for the market. Amber also noted that the market is considering starting an hour earlier next year, continuing the youth market, and applying for new grants for next year.

4. Boo Bash Recap
 - 1: What went well?
 - 2: What are some opportunities?
 - 3: Plans for next year.

The Commisson discussed learnings and opportunities after the Boo Bash on October 27.

1: What went well?

Casper mentioned that the concessions did well and the kids liked the medallions that were handed out for the costume contest. The Commission also noted that attendees liked Dinosaur Dimensions.

2: What are some opportunities?

The Commission said they would like to open the library for next year, have age categories for the costumes contest, add seating for adults, and prioritize marketing for next year.

3: Plans for next year.

The Commission discussed hiring different entertainment and hosting the event on Halloween night for next year.

5. Veteran's Memorial Update

Casper gave an update on the Veteran's Memorial. There will be a grand opening on Memorial Day in 2025 and details will be figure out later. The village office reported they've had 86 brick submissions and will order them once the total hits 100.

6. Antiques Road Show Event

Johnson shared that the Dodgeville Public Library will host the Antique Roadshow Appraisal Fundraiser on Saturday, November 9 at the Ridgeway Community Center. The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library.

7. January Kid's Movie

The Commission will host an indoor movie on January 24, 2025 at 6pm. More details will be provided later.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

8. Holiday Helper Planning & Budget

The Ridgeway Holiday Celebration will be held on December 14. Casper and Johnson are working on event details, marketing, and nomination cans. Casper will work on the budget for the November 12 Board of Trustees meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by James seconded by Niehaus to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.