

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 01, 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 Chair J Garner at 6:30 pm.

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

Not Present: Commissioner Grace Zouski

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on August 26, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers, and the Amended agenda posted on August 28, 2026 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent 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.*

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by B Butler, seconded by C Niehaus to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting August 4, 2026
Minutes adopted: Meeting August 4, 2026
2. Adoption of Agenda

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Cardinal Way pond maintenance

Discussed which dept should be responsible for maintenance.

H Roessler from Garden Club spoke and clarified areas they maintain.

Communication will start in spring 2027 to prevent same problems occurring.

Current work has been delayed due to personal issues with Garden Club members. Area will be trimmed/mowed this Thursday.

RFD is scheduled to do a burn this fall

4. Veterans Bricks

Updated that order was processed for bricks to be picked up Sept 19 and installed prior to Nov 11, 2026 - Veterans Day

Discussed other options to spread awareness.

5. Ind Day planning - music

Discussed music options and will contact ones they feel will be a good fit.

C Niehaus wants to have a planning workshop soon

Discussed filling gaps in schedule with kid-heavy activities

Motion by B Butler to approve music group if they agree to payment under pre-approved amt, or to bring back for discussion if they require more than pre-approved amount. Second by C Niehaus. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Farmers Market

Had suggestions to offer to FM board, but agreed it is their issue and P&R has no input. However, discussed status as it affects concession stand sales. Mentioned possibly moving under Village again, but all agreed that was not feasible.

C Niehaus suggested reaching out to Dodgeville Diamond club to offer our fields for games as that would bring in sales.

7. Holiday Helpers

C Niehaus requested timeline of activities so she can line up volunteers.

J Garner encouraged everyone to get out and get donations

Donation letters will send early and donations will come to village and get logged. Silent auction to be at Kub's Den this year as there is more space.

Discussed options for TY letters/cards

Will ask Bruce Paull about having Santa at the Depot again, and will get Santa locked in

Will advertise items ahead of Auction to generate interest.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8. Halloween Boo Bash

Discussed timeline and details

Decisions will be made at Oct 6, 2026 meeting.

C Niehaus make a motion to hire a magician, rather than have a dance DJ. B Butler seconded. All in favor, motion carried..

9. Alumni game

No luck with scoreboard fixing. Need to reach out to others

A Halverson is running game

Will have music 1-3pm before game at 3, maybe after as well

Advertise in Chronicle by Monday - contact Pat Reilly

10. Movie at the Park

Presented cost of license and how it works.

Will discuss for next year.

11. ATV ride fundraiser

Date set for Sept 26

\$25 per machine / 11am-5pm. No concession stand or music

Fundraiser for the Park, specifically scoreboard and then other areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C Niehaus, seconded by B Butler to adjourn at 8:33 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES to be APPROVED AT THE Oct 5, 2026 PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.