

THE VILLAGE OF



## RIDGEWAY

### PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 04, 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 6:32 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Commissioner Megan James, Commissioner Melissa Hooks, Kevin Meckley-Parks & Streets Superintendent, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services Specialist.

Absent: Commissioner Lexus Barnard  
Minutes taken by M Riniker.

#### CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

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

#### MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Agenda  
Motion by Cindy Niehaus, seconded by Megan James to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
2. Minutes  
Minutes from Feb 4, 2025 approved.

#### CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Farmers Market Updates  
A Chitwood presented.  
Winter market going well, great turnouts had new vendors  
Will align with Home Talent about brat sale  
Summer market will start May 11 Mother's Day  
June 28 will be Saturday market, none on June 29  
No market July 13 so wont compete with Farmer's Appreciation Day, but will be in parade with some vendors.  
Last market will be Oct 12.  
Youth market will be back and will move entrance to just off concession stand

Food trucks will be similar to last year but will focus on getting ones that won't compete with concession stand

Looking to get some new music, need a new Produce vendor

Have a reimbursement grant from UW/USDA that shares with other communities for ads, music - will focus on advertising.

4. Community Movie

Movie night went ok - Inside Out 2 was shown. There was pizza and hot dogs for sale with chips/soda and candy. Not a lot of turn out.

Try to do more advertising for it

Try to get a sponsor for the license so can do it outside? \$4-\$500 for it.

Maybe do one winter, one summer, align with Nat'l Night Out maybe?

Tie it in with a Safety Night or something like that or Tues volleyball night

5. DodgerCare program

Email response from Ryan Bohnsack on request for more info - sent presentation packet.

Will follow up with Bryan Brom to see what they are doing to get the interest. Do we recruit or are we just agreeing to opening the building and having the site and don't need to do anything else? Would summer program be here or at DV

Lots of questions still to be answered.

6. Library Updates

Have a new volunteer, could use a couple more.

Mentioned the possibility of donation to use to summer programming

Setting up cleaning schedule so no one person is always doing the cleaning

7. Holiday Helpers Recap

Sent out cards, showed example, have a few left over if needed.

8. Veteran's Memorial

Still waiting on Bruce Co to verify whether we need bricks with or without nubs. Should get a decision soon and then can order.

9. Easter Planning

We have a bunny now - Matthew

Need to bring eggs up and bunny suit and backdrop and then will Ashley Christiansen know

Michele will update timing sheet and will go over it next month - On Good Friday, be here 3-3:30pm to set up

Discussed logistics of routing thru for returning eggs and doing pics - will utilize boardroom.

Asked Kevin for some traffic cones to help direct traffic

10. Goals for 2025

Handed out assignment sheets and everyone filled with ideas, then discussed and tasked each other with follow-up.

11. New Date for April Meeting

Decided on Monday, April 7

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J Garner seconded by C Niehaus to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.