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WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House
1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Rep Adam Wachowski, Council Rep Scott Stechmesser, Robert Reed, Erin Lamal, Jason Scharping, Tom Lawler, Jennifer Watry

ABSENT: Travis Kadow, Daniel Cortte

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Rep Scott Stechmesser, and seconded by Jennifer Watry.

3. CORRESPONDENCE - None

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each) - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Veterans Park and Paddlers Park Launch Fees, Action Recommended

Action Item - Boat Launch Fees

Recommended increasing launch fees at Vet's Boat Launch as follows: Daily Launch Fee: increase from \$5 to \$6, Resident Annual Fee: increase from \$25 to \$35, Non-Resident Annual Fee: increase from \$37.50 to \$45.

It was also recommended to establish the same fee structure at Paddlers Park, which currently does not have launch fees. Passes and daily fees would be valid for use at both launch locations.

Motion made by Erin Lamal and seconded by Tom Lawler to approve the recommended fee changes with the amendment to clarify that the fee applies **per car per watercraft**, meaning, for example, two kayaks transported by one vehicle would be charged one fee. Motion carried.

b. Neshotah Park and Beach signage project, Discussion

The Board reviewed the proposed sign hierarchy and map orientation layout for Neshotah Park and Beach. The goal of the project is to unify, consolidate, and reduce the amount of signage throughout the park and beach area.

Members reviewed various sign types presented in the attached slideshow and shared preferences and feedback. The Board expressed support for: a vertical wood-style design, incorporation of the City logo, providing consolidated paper brochures, use of QR codes for additional information, and adding signage near the Rock City parking area. No formal action was taken.

c. Neshotah Beach designated swim area, Action Recommended

Action Item - Beach designated swim area

The Board discussed the designated swim area at Neshotah Beach, focusing on the need to keep motorized vehicles, including boats and jet skis, away from swimmers. It was determined that additional research is needed regarding the dimensions of the designated swim area and details about the buoys.

This item will be revisited at a later date once more information is available.

d. 2026 P&R Goal Setting, Discussion

The Board reviewed the attached 2026 goal list for each work team, including: Senior Center, Administrative Team, Special Events & Recreation, and Parks, Cemeteries, & Forestry. Overall, the Board was supportive of the goals and appreciated the forward-thinking approach.

Teams will develop specific SMART goals for each overarching goal to guide implementation.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. OTHER BUSINESS - None

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Program and Event Updates

Senior Center: Health & Information Fair (Oct 16) – 300 attendees; \$7,000 NCOA grant awarded for older adult digital literacy; Stepping On Workshop launched. Detailed reports available in attached presentation.

Programs: Golf Simulator rentals increasing with colder weather. Flag football concluded with positive feedback on the new girls program. Line Dancing launching in January; 34 youth registered for basketball. Detailed reports in attached presentation.

Special Events: Completed – Washington Park Tree Planting (20 trees), School Tree Plantings at Magee, Koenig & LB Clarke (15 trees), Downtown Trick-or-Treat & Trunk-or-Treat well attended. Upcoming – Cool City Christmas planning underway with 2nd annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and new Gingerbread House Contest.

Administrative: AJ Lorrigan was nominated as a Future 15 Award recipient.

b. Parks and Facilities Updates

Parks & Facilities: Winterized park bathrooms and splash pad (except Washington & Central Park for Ice Rinks), Tree removals, plantings, and stump removal citywide, seasonal equipment adjustments: docks, tennis/pickleball nets, batting cage, new bench installations, event support and cleanup: Applefest, Rock City, Zlatnik Rd, Neshotah Park tennis court removal & tree plantings, Citywide maintenance: trash and doggie bag replacement, leaf pick-up, flowerpot cleanup. Planning initiatives: water meter downsizing to reduce sewer costs. Detailed list available in attached presentation.

c. Planning and Grants Updates

Grants: \$25,0000 - 2026 WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant confirmed to support tree removals, pruning, planting, and forestry training. \$100,000 West Foundation Grant confirmed for Riverside Park. Phase 1 Riverside Park funding total: \$649,000 (\$324,500 DNR + \$100,000 West Foundation + \$224,500 City). Phase 1 will complete the core infrastructure, including bathrooms, parking, security, etc.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS - None

10. NEXT MEETING - January 14, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jennifer Watry, and seconded by Robert Reed.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Hooper, Parks & Recreation Office Manager

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