



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 08, 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 (arrived at 6:25pm), Council Rep Scott Stechmesser, Travis Kadow, Daniel Cortte, Tom Lawler, Jennifer Watry

ABSENT: Robert Reed, Erin Lamal, Jason Scharping

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None – the previous meeting did not have a quorum.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each)

Dean Hirvela, 2730 42nd Street, expressed concern that the cemetery rates are too high. He also complimented Recreation Clerk Ashley Hagerty for the outstanding job she is doing with the Community Garden, as well as the Cemetery staff for their efforts.

John Gomez, 2023 Garfield Street, question regarding what they are going to do when ropes come down on Pierce St to prevent parking on the grass. question on pollinator plants that were planted on the old tennis courts if that was done by a contractor, also asked what was used as topsoil, also asked if flag pole will remain at Paddlers Park.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pet Cemetery - Action Recommended

Action Item – Pet Cemetery:

Approved a 4x4 plot size (allowing up to four cremation burials per plot). Fees established as follows: \$200 per plot, \$200 for opening/closing, and \$250 for a flush grass marker with engraving. No irrigation will be provided, and only imitation flowers will be permitted.

Motion made by Adam Wachowski and seconded by Travis Kadow. Motion carried by voice vote.

Voting Yea: Lawler, Watry, Stechmesser **Voting Nay:** Cortte

b. Cemetery Rate Changes - Action Recommended

Action Item – Cemetery Rate Changes:

Approved the following cemetery rate changes: increase plot rate to \$800, add a Winter Burial Fee of \$150, and increase Saturday/After-Hours Burial fee to \$400.

Motion made by Dan Cortte and seconded by Travis Kadow. Motion carried by voice vote.

Voting: All Yea

c. Review of Recreation Program Rates - Action Recommended

Action Item – Review of Recreation Program Rates:

Approved the following program rate changes: Spring Flag Football increased to \$50; Girls Ponytail Softball to \$55; Girls Single A Softball to \$80; and Winter Indoor Soccer (2nd–4th grade) to \$45.

Motion made by Adam Wachowski and seconded by Dan Cortte. Motion carried by voice vote.

Voting: All Yea

d. 2025 Concert Results & 2026 Concert/Event Direction

The 2026 special events and concert list were reviewed (attached). All events will remain the same as in previous years, with the following additions: a 250th U.S. Birthday/Time Capsule opening to the 4th of July celebration, and a beach and downtown or Walsh Field food truck rally. The Board expressed general support for the events, but indicated a preference for fewer Friday Night Live events, citing concerns that they may negatively impact local businesses.

e. Neshotah Park and Beach Signage Improvements

Neshotah Park Signage Strategic Plan: A committee has been formed to review and develop a strategic plan for all signage at Neshotah Park and Beach. The plan aims to reduce the overall number of signs, improve their efficiency, and enhance the connection between the trails, beach, and downtown. Additional details are attached.

f. Community Youth Sports Summit

The Two Rivers Community Youth Sports Summit is a collaborative, iterative planning process designed to create a shared vision for youth sports in Two Rivers, spanning from youth leagues through high school. The Board suggested involving current youth and high school coaches, athletic directors, past athletes who have graduated, and former coaches.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

a. Program and Event Updates

Updates were provided on various programs, including Football, Yoga, and Soccer; events, including Concerts, Paddle Palooza, and Ethnic Fest; and Senior Center offerings, such as Trust Car Rides, Meals, and other programs and events. Detailed information and attendance numbers are attached.

b. Parks and Facilities Updates

Updates were provided on park and facility projects, including the tennis court at Neshotah Park, buoys, the fishing deck at Washington Park, and tree and stump removals. Preparations for winter, including winterizing ball fields and bathrooms, were completed. Bench installations were also noted. Additionally, the department will be hiring Community House attendants and has received one application for financial assistance for programs.

c. Planning and Grants Updates

Paddlers Park received initial native plantings and will receive further improvements as part of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant of \$30,000, which will fund a concrete boat launch, dock, ADA-accessible path, and new signage. Phases of the Riverside Park Master Plan were reviewed, along with the award of a \$324,500 DNR Stewardship Grant. Additional grant applications totaling \$150,000 have also been submitted to help minimize city funding requirements.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

None

10. NEXT MEETING - November 12, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jennifer Watry, Seconded by Adam Wachowski.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Flay