



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Rep Scott Stechmesser
Robert Reed
Erin Lamal
Brian Gallagher
Tom Lawler

ABSENT

Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Jason Scharping
Travis Kadow
Daniel Cortte

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Erin Lamal, Seconded by Brian Gallagher.

3. CORRESPONDENCE - None

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Outdoor Fitness Area at the Senior Center

A proposal was made to develop a senior-focused outdoor fitness area utilizing the currently underused 40x60 pergola space outside the Senior Center. The vision includes the installation of fixed fitness equipment, fencing, lighting, security cameras, and a shade structure to support safe and accessible outdoor activity. The estimated project budget is \$145,000. Potential grant funding will be pursued from Aurora, Froedtert, and the Friends of the Senior Center to help cover costs. Please see the attached presentation for photos and examples of proposed equipment and layout.

A motion to move forward with the project was made by Brian Gallagher and seconded by Scott Stechmesser. Motion carried.

B. Discuss potential 2026 Capital Improvements

The committee held a discussion regarding potential 2026 Capital Projects, focusing on immediate needs, ongoing maintenance, and park improvements. Funding options such as

city borrowing, grants, and community fundraising were considered. The conversation also included a review of future needs and potential initiatives—ranging from basic repairs and operational enhancements to larger-scale projects currently ranked as high priorities. More detailed information on each project and funding strategy can be found in the attached presentation.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. OTHER BUSINESS - None

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Program and Event Updates

Summer Programs such as T-ball, baseball, softball, soccer, and kids camp are all running smoothly. The new 4-week summer sports camps began the week of June 23rd with strong participation: Multisport (26), Flag Football (28), and Basketball (37). Beach Yoga begins July 7th with 33 participants registered.

Despite some unfavorable weather, Kids' Night & Bike Rodeo had a solid turnout, with approximately 35-50 children attending.

The maintenance team completed the assembly of a new storage shed at Vietnam Park. The shed will store baseball and softball equipment and provide coaches with easy access. The project received positive feedback from the coaching community.

Senior Center provided 274 transportation rides and delivered 1,445 meals. The average daily attendance was 109.43, with a total of 2,444 member check-ins recorded throughout the month. Fitness programs had a combined participation of 387, and 101 congregate meals were served on-site.

Notable Events in June included a collection drive to support TRPSD's new Bridges Curriculum, the quarterly birthday party, a farm stand event, a rock painting class, and a special Alpaca Yoga session.

Upcoming events include Polar Bears Senior Night, a Back to School Supply Drive, and the Back to School Carnival, as well as Senior Center Night at Concerts in the Park.

Special Events Paddle Palooza 2024 was nominated for the Wisconsin Governor's Outdoor Industry Awards. Parks & Recreation also hosted and participated in an Adaptive Paddling Workshop, and planning is already underway for Paddle Palooza 2025, scheduled for September 13.

B. Parks and Facilities Updates

As expected, Community House rentals tend to slow down during the summer months, while shelter rentals see an increase. In June, there were 34 shelter rentals, and 40 have already been booked for July.

The department also wrapped up its Pizza Fundraiser with great success—1,339 pizzas were sold, resulting in a \$6,714.75 donation to the Youth Sports Fund.

A community survey regarding recreation programs, activities, and events has been created. The number of responses received so far has been lower than anticipated. Efforts will continue to encourage greater participation.

Neshotah Park Improvements: Completed improvements include resurfacing of Pierce Street and adjacent parking areas, installation of new pathways on the east side of Pierce Street, and tree planting. Upcoming projects include grass restoration, connecting pathways on the west side of Pierce Street, improvements to the horseshoe restrooms, removal of the tennis courts for native plantings, construction of two new picnic shelters, and the development of a signage strategic plan with updated signage throughout the park.

Picnic Hill Park Disc Golf Improvements: New signage has been installed, and improvements have been made to both the park and the disc golf course. Sponsorship opportunities are currently being sought to support ongoing enhancements. These and other community campaigns can be reviewed on our See My Legacy platform at <https://app.seemylegacy.com/community/2075/campaigns>

C. Planning and Grants Updates

A Resilient Shoreline community meeting is scheduled for July 23rd at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. This will be a joint meeting of the Advisory Recreation Board, Environmental Advisory Board, Plan Commission, and City Council.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS - None

10. NEXT MEETING

A. July 23, 2025 - Joint meeting with Environmental Advisory Board, Advisory Recreation Board, Plan Commission, & City Council

B. August 13, 2025 - Advisory Recreation Board Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Robert Reed, Seconded by Erin Lamal.

Respectfully Submitted
