



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 5:30 pm
Armory
146 W. North Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Steve Ryan

Absent: Mike Dowden, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Deb Weberpal

Staff: Kevin Boehm, Michael Maas, Jennifer Jackson (Arrives Online @ 6:00pm)

2. Approval of Agenda

Boehm: Because 4 members were missing the option was given to change agenda and not elect Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Board chose to elect chairpersons.

Motioned by Neil Hicks to elect Steve Ryan as Chairperson. Seconded by Stephanie Hicks. Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Steve Ryan

Absent: Mike Dowden, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Deb Weberpal

Motioned by Ryan to elect Stephanie Hicks as Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Neil Hicks.

Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Steve Ryan

Absent: Mike Dowden, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Deb Weberpal

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chad Ahrens, Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Stephanie Hicks, Steve Ryan

4. Hearing of Citizens Comments

No Citizens Comments

5. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

Park and Recreation Board members, along with approximately ten citizens, toured the second-floor Food Pantry facility. Representatives of the Food Pantry provided explanations regarding the layout and current use of the space, and Board members asked questions throughout the tour.

The group then moved to the main floor to discuss the possibility of relocating the Food Pantry to that level. Potential options discussed included use of the kitchen and storage areas. The tour continued to the basement to review additional available rooms and spaces.

Following the tour, Board members reconvened in the kitchen area to discuss possible options and next steps. The primary concern expressed by the Board was that the elevator is not being used for its intended purpose, resulting in significant repair costs and ongoing safety concerns.

The Park and Recreation Board agreed to form a subcommittee consisting of Board members and Food Pantry representatives to review options and make a recommendation regarding the best course of action.

6. Future Agenda Items

No future items brought up.

7. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Maas

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