



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 – 5:30 pm
Armory
146 W. North Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Mike Kilar, Deb Weberpal, and Stephanie Hicks
Absent: Chad Ahrens, Mike Dowden and Dan Fuller
Staff: Kevin Boehm, Ashley Weber, Jamie Lowery and Michelle Dujardin
Guests: David Stone

2. Approval of Agenda

Motioned to approve Agenda by Deb Weberpal. Seconded by Mike Kilar. Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal
Absent: Chad Ahrens, Mike Dowden, and Dan Fuller

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motioned to approve Consent Agenda by Mike Kilar. Seconded by Stephanie Hicks.
Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, and Deb Weberpal
Absent: Chad Ahrens, Mike Dowden, and Dan Fuller

Mike Dowden arrives at 5:36

4. Hearing of Citizens Comments

No Citizens Comments

5. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

Directors Report: Boehm: Goodbye to Michael & Jennifer. Welcome to Ashley and Maddi. 4th of July Parade was huge success, Swim lessons doing amazing, Tropical pool party at WAFC, Messy Fest, Summer Camp, T-Ball & Rookie Ball End of Summer Cook Out, Summer Bags League, and Program Trends.

6. Update from Sub Committee on Food Pantry Lease Progress

Boehm noted the group continues to meet and feels the progress is moving forward nicely. Kitchen layout designs for possible arrangements were provided for the group.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on request for partner designation by Touch by Paw Cat Shelter.

Boehm introduced memo along with letter submitted by Touch by a Paw.

Board directed Boehm to go back to organization and ask what they are exactly looking for as a partner.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bicycle Helmet Requirements for Children Under Age 16.

Boehm noted memo and current ordinance.

Ryan suggested only require helmets if we give our helmets to those that can't afford

Weberpal stated education is key

N. Hicks suggested splitting into different categories

Motioned to bring discussion to Bike and Pedestrian committee for separation of ebike and standard bikes by Neil Hicks. Seconded by Mike Kilar. Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, Mike Dowden, and Deb Weberpal
Absent: Chad Ahrens and Dan Fuller

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Review and Potential Updates to City Park Rules and Regulations

Boehm noted memo and current park rules and regulations. Boehm asked for input on areas that might need to be revised.

Board directed Boehm to clean up terminology, break out specific buildings and shelters. Clarify items with City Attorney.

10. Discussion on updating park signage

Boehm presented concept ideas of park signs with basic rules.

Board directed Boehm to keep moving forward in creating actual signs for each specific location.

11. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Review and Potential Updates to the Heat and Inclement Weather Policy.

Boehm presented current policy with suggested redline changes.

Motioned to accept proposed changes to the Heat, Air Quality and Inclement Weather Policy by Deb Weberpal. Seconded by Neil Hicks. Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Neil Hicks, Steve Ryan, Stephanie Hicks, Mike Kilar, Mike Dowden, and Deb Weberpal
Absent: Chad Ahrens and Dan Fuller

12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Review and Potential Updates to Bark Park Rules and Regulations

Boehm presented current bark park rules and noted the CSO's will be enforcing rules. Boehm noted no smoking will be added to the rules.

Final rules and signs will be brought back to future meetings.

13. Discussion on planned improvements to the Bark Park

Boehm noted a drinking fountain for both humans and dogs will be going in the park this year. Different grants will be applied for to help secure sun shades, benches, and agility equipment.

14. Future Agenda Items

Neil Hicks inquired about Splash Pad Design and space of the old Baker Building.

15. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Dujardin

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