



PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2025

Call Meeting to Order: The Baldwin Park Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Sarah Koste at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Vice Chair Sarah Koste, committee members Mary Larson, Robb Rydmark, Lester Kriesel and alternate Rosie Walker.

Absent: Chair Zac Good

Also present: City Council Liaison Tom Rush

Approval of Agenda:

Add under old business, letter f. FunFest update. Add under other business, reschedule site visit.

Mary Larson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Rosie Walker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2025:

Robb Rydmark made a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 Park Committee meeting minutes as amended. Lester Kriesel seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLAT: None

Tabled Items: None

New Business:

Permanent Restrooms at Young Park

City Council Liaison Tom Rush stated the City Council asked if the Park Committee would discuss the feasibility of adding permanent restrooms at Young Park.

Mary Larson stated there are a lot of things to think about before deciding on adding permanent restrooms. Plumbing, septic, vandalism, upkeep, cost, handicap stalls, and winterization just to name a few. Plus, the expense of building.

Robb Rydmark stated there are also wetlands to think about. There would need to be a mound septic system.

Rosie Walker asked what park usage has been. Tom Rush stated that the park has been used a lot, the ball fields are being rented and park rentals on the weekends.

Rosie Walker asked about funding and grants. Tom Rush stated this is something that would need to be looked into. Budget would need to be looked at closely.

Tom Rush suggested researching other bathrooms at parks and how much they cost. This can be brought back to the park meeting on August 21, 2025. This is for discussion only at this time.

Proposed Fence at Lake Helene Public Access

Public Works would like to consider installing a split rail fence along the east side of the Lake Helene public access. The goal is to better identify the boundary in that area. The estimated budget for fence installation is under \$600.

Rosie Walker made a motion to approve \$600 for a split rail fence. Mary Larson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Scott Schmidt – Update on Elk Lake Boat

Scott Schmidt, 14215 285th Ave, updated the Park Committee on the current standing of the Elk Lake boat launch located on 287th Avenue. Scott has been meeting with the DNR to do a test hole for borings. Scott has been coordinating with the neighbors around that portion of the lake to get testimonies for the permit to extract sediment. This is going to be a long process and could be a five-to-ten-year project.

Young Park and Goose Lake Parking Update

The City Council approved going out for bids for the expansion at both Young Park and Goose Lake. The Public Works department is looking into contractors at this time.

Mary Larson left at 7:43 pm.

Sandy Lake Beach Update

The City Council has approved the proposal to remove the cattails at Sandy Lake Beach and the DNR approved the aquatic plant management permit. Waterways Restoration has been notified. The city is waiting on a start date for this project.

Sandy Lake Beach Stormwater Project Update

The City Council approved the stormwater project at Sandy Lake Beach. Further discussions on project management with the Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on July 1, 2025.

Mary Larson returned at 7:46 pm.

Kermit Young Plaque

Barry Schreiber with the Mille Lacs County Historical Society sent over an email stating they are researching Kermit Young's history. They are looking for more information and photos of Kermit.

Rosie Walker asked about speaking with Jeff Holm for photos.

FunFest Update

Mary Larson stated FunFest has 24 vendors. The Fire Department will be cooking burgers and hot dogs. There are 4 cars registered for the car show already. Mary is still looking for volunteers and is waiting to hear back from the football team and Princeton Princesses. The signs are almost done and those will be set up at the City Hall, Eternity Church, and off 169. Mary Larson will also be meeting with Eternity Church again in the next few weeks.

Comprehensive Plan: None

Park Updates, City Council Liaison Tom Rush:

Tom Rush stated that the Public Works Department is working on putting the buoys out at Sandy Lake Beach. Portable Toilets were put out at the parks. Tom stated he spoke with the Princeton Youth Baseball about issues with the sprinklers out at the park.

Other Business:

Second Alternate Committee Member

The City Council approved the bylaws which included 2 alternate committee members.

Portable Restroom Delivery Date

Portable restrooms were delivered last week. The Public Works Department has an ADA restroom and a regular restroom at Young Park. The other regular restroom is at Sandy Lake Beach. Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal is servicing these restrooms.

Site Visit Reschedule

The Park Committee would like to reschedule the site visits to Lake Diane, Lake Helene, Goose Lake, and Elk Lake on August 21, 2025.

Adjourn Meeting –

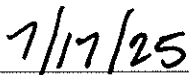
Mary Larson made a motion to adjourn the Park Committee meeting at 8:25 pm. Rosie Walker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.



Submitted by: Kayla Nielsen
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



Approved by: Sarah Koste
Vice Chair



Date

Attendees: Scott Schmidt, Todd Jackson, Tony Grant, Teresa Barnes, and City Council Member Alan Walker.