

MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, 4:45 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Members present: Chair Joel Ahrens, Keith Klimek, and Tony O'Neill.

Others Attending: Mayor Katie Berman, Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kasal, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Tonn, Public Works Director Matt Decur, Police Chief Fred Popp, and Allan England, Eddie Bieber, and Christie Barlament.

Chair Ahrens called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3/0.

Minutes:

Motion by O'Neil and seconded by Klimek to approve the August 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3/0.

Eddie Bieber (Ed the Diver) river clean up sponsorship:

Eddie Bieber known as Ed the Diver presented information on cleaning up the water ways and requested a sponsorship from the City. Further consideration will be held under Parks' 2026 Budget discussion.

Seasonal campsites camper storage:

Berman reported the City of Oconto does not allow campers in the campground over the winter season. Their liability waiver is for other items left such as decks, stairs, large rugs, etc. The City of Oconto moves the left items for a \$25 charge per item. Tonn reported some campgrounds do allow winter storage. Only seasonal campers with no occupancy or electric would be allowed with no other items to be left out. Currently there are nine seasonal campers. Tonn will draft an agreement with requirements and regulations. A \$250 non-refundable deposit towards the next year seasonal rental would be required.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Klimek recommending Council approve winter camper storage at Badger Campground at a fee of \$350 subject to a storage agreement. Motion carried 6/0.

2026/2027 CIP borrowing:

The proposed Parks & Recreation CIP for 2026/2027 was presented and reviewed. Discussion was held.

Motion by Ahrens and seconded by Klimek to forward the proposed 2026/2027 Parks & Recreation CIP to the Finance & Claims Committee. Motion carried 3/0.

2026 Budget:

The proposed Parks & Recreation budget for 2026 was presented and reviewed. Discussion was held.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Ahrens to forward the proposed 2026 Parks & Recreation budget to the Finance & Claims Committee. Motion carried 3/0.

Parks & Recreation Director update by Director Tonn:

- Weedharvester will be inspected and fixed if possible.
- Summer help gone only camp host and one grass cutter remain.
- Sink and urinal repairs are being made.
- Signage add for speed along with more police patrols.
- Discussed coming park events coming
- Trimming trees in parks.

Other matters: None

Set future meeting(s) and agenda items:

The next Parks & Recreation meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
Future agenda items: weedharvester.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried 3/0.

Tammy Kasal
Clerk-Treasurer