

MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025, 10:00 A.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, and Mary Lock.

Chair Ahrens called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Minutes:

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill to approve the September 16, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3/0.

Peshtigo Woman's Club use of large pavilion and band shell for 2026 Bands at Badger:

The Peshtigo Woman's Club requested the waiver of rental fees for the use of the large pavilion and band shell for the 2026 Bands at Badger events as they have donated funds to refinish the exterior of the band shell and interior painting and landscaping at the Drees Community Center. Discussion was held. Mayor Berman requested the free rental for 2026 be approved and reported the budget for the rental revenue account was set based on the waiver of fees for Bands at Badger being approved.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Klimek recommending Council approve waiving the 2026 rental fees for the Peshtigo Woman's Club's use of the large pavilion and band shell for the Bands at Badger events. Motion carried 3/0.

Weed Harvester funding:

Parks & Recreation Director Tonn requested a weed harvester be ordered before the end of the year so delivery would be possible before the 2026 season and reported the quoted price may possibly increase \$40,000 in 2026. NRDA, WI DNR and Wisconsin Public Service grants are being explored. The DNR grant requires the harvesting permit area be increased. Tonn reported the increased permit application has been submitted, and the permit is expected to be issued in January of 2026. Discussion was held if grant requirements allowed the order and/or any payment before any grant(s) are secured. O'Neill reported after speaking with the NRDA he believes there is a good chance of receiving that grant, as they spoke about protecting their previous investments in the kayak launch and fishing dock projects. Tonn and O'Neill will inquire on grant requirements and report back at the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Parks & Recreation Director update by Director Tonn:

- Parks are closed.
- Fall clean up continues.
- Tree removal in Badger Park and Campground is needed.
- Five campers signed up for winter storage.
- Spring fishermen camping in March/April is expected to be 10 – 15 sites.
- Trunk-R-Treat and Halloween camper weekend was successful.
- Girl Scout Troop #4383 will have a mitten/hat tree at City Hall.
- Santa calling and school ugly sweater contest is scheduled.

Other matters: None

Set future meeting(s) and agenda items:

The next Parks & Recreation meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill to adjourn at 10:46 a.m. Motion carried 3/0.

Tammy Kasal
Clerk-Treasurer