

MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025, 4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

Others Attending: Mayor Katie Berman, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Tonn, Ben Hicks representative of PYB and Public Works Director Matt Decur.

Chair Ahrens called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.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 November 24, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion carried 3/0.

PYB proposal for naming rights at baseball fields:

Discussion was held regarding Peshtigo Youth Baseball (PYB) and potential naming rights for the baseball field. Ben Hicks presented information regarding a potential \$70,000 donation from a local donor within Peshtigo or the greater Peshtigo area to support capital improvements at Field 2 at the Eastside Ball Fields. Ben provided copies of donor outreach materials, including a letter and sponsorship information used by PYB. The proposed funds would be used toward:

- A new scoreboard
- New bleachers
- Two new dugouts
- Fence repairs

Mayor Berman let committee know that the city would not formally change the name of any field, as this would incur cost to the city to formally change this on all our documents. A plaque or sign acknowledging the donor at the field for such a large donation is acceptable to the city. PYB will be back with more updates in the spring as the updates continue.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by O'Neill recommending Council approve allowing Peshtigo Youth Baseball to proceed with fundraising efforts for capital improvements at baseball field 2 and move forward with recognizing support from a local donor.

Motion carried 3/0.

Parks & Recreation Director update by Director Lori Tonn:

- The Firefly online campground reservation portal will go live on January 1, for the 2026 season.
- She is currently revamping job descriptions for all seasonal Parks and Recreation positions for spring, summer, and fall 2026.
- She requested that ATV use within the campground be placed on the next Parks and Recreation agenda to allow review and finalization of campground rules prior to issuing updated 2026 campground rules.
- Lori expressed appreciation to Lynn Tonn for assistance with Christmas decorating this season.

Other matters: Committee member Tony O'Neill reported on his communications with the NRDA regarding the aquatic weed harvester and requested that the weed harvester be placed on the next Parks and Recreation agenda.

Set future meeting(s) and agenda items: The next Parks & Recreation meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Motion by Ahrens and seconded by Klimek to adjourn at 5:16 p.m. Motion carried 3/0.

Minutes prepared by:
Katie Berman
Mayor