Town of Lafayette

PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM, LAND USE and PLANNING COMMISSION

October 12, 2026

7:00 PM Lafayette Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Faris at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Rob Brown, Dave Carli, Scott Faris, Sue Lane, Neil Mathwig, Doug Matthews, Mark Sedlacek, and Jerry Zais; a quorum was present. DeWayne Krumenauer was not present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the Agenda for the October 12, 2026 meeting and to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting without correction was made by Mark Sedlacek / Dave Carli; motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

GENERAL PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

EXPEDITED ITEMS

1) Dixon CSM – There was no representative present, and no drawings submitted for this CSM. A motion to take no action was made by Doug Matthews / Jerry Zais; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2) M*ichaud CSM (Hwy. "K") –* Jason Hiess explained the CSM is created to enlarge the current parcel to include the septic system, in order for the owners to sell the parcel. A motion recommending the Town Board approve the Michaud CSM was made by Jerry Zais / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3) Michaud CSM (30th Ave.) - Jason Hiess said the CSM creates a new parcel that includes the buildings in place on the current parcel; the owners will occupy the buildings. A motion recommending the Town Board approve the Michaud CSM was made by Mark Sedlacek / Sue Lane; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4) Erich Bowe CSMs – Jason Hiess explained the CSMs create two parcels, one to be sold to a relative, the other to be the remainder of the original parcel. Both will be accessed from one driveway going south off Hwy. "O-O". A motion recommending the Town Board approve the Bowe CSMs was made by Mark Sedlacek / Scott Faris; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5) Machler CSM – Jason Hiess said this CSM is created to allow the lot to be sold; the new lot will be the same size as the one across the access easement, directly east of it. This will be the final parcel created from the original parcel; there are no plans for further development. A motion recommending the Town Board approve the Machler CSM was made by Sue Lane / Jerry Zais; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Doug Matthews reported that the Room Tax account had no expenses in the past month and received no Room Tax revenue. The September 30, 2026 Room Tax account balance remained at $60,856.67. The Donations account balance remains at $500.00. There are three pending expenditures: $334.00 for the pickle ball court wind screen slats, $141.64 for Harvey Rec Area signage, and $100.00 for a Kwik Trip gift card. A motion to accept the Financial Report was then made by Sue Lane / Mark Sedlacek; motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Prioritize New Projects List – Ten suggestions for projects were listed and given numerical priorities. Following discussion, Neil Mathwig suggested the two Commissioners who did not have a chance to have their priorities included be given that opportunity, and then the final scoring be revised. Commission consensus was agreement. The recalculation will be prepared for the November PRTLU meeting. No further Commission action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Chippewa Falls Movie Franchise – Andrea Polnaszek explained the plans for the project, which includes making an initial movie with a Christmas theme this December in Chippewa Falls, with a late 2027 release, followed by up to nine more over the next nine years. The project is seeking funding for the first movie; organizations and businesses that provide funding will be featured by name in the movie, with the overall goal of encouraging tourists to visit these sites. She said some Lafayette short-term rentals would likely be used for crew and actor stays during filming. Commissioners agreed with the goal of encouraging tourist visits. No further action was taken; this will be on the November meeting agenda.

2) Jig's Up Ice Fishing Tournament – Jerry Zais explained the Lake Wissota Lions join with UWEC to sponsor the tournament, and a goal for the next one is to encourage kids to ice fish; he said the Lions Club will be providing fishing gear and drilled holes for the kids. He asked the Commission to consider a $1,000 donation to the Lions Club to help with these expenses. It was suggested that if the donation was made to UWEC, and have them direct it to the Lions Club, that the PRTLU could be listed on the posters as a tournament sponsor, but this was speculation; definitive answers would be available at the November meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS & COMMENTS

Mark Sedlacek reported that there is one more week of soccer, and that this season was very successful, with high participation numbers.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Meeting date is November 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Sedlacek / Dave Carli; motion passed by voice vote at 8:01 PM.

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews

Doug Matthews
PRTLU Commission Secretary / Treasurer