



Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

Monday July 27, 2026

6:00 PM

Village Municipal Building

13136 30th Avenue

Lake Hallie, WI 54729

MINUTES

1. **Meeting Called to Order** according to Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes
2. **Roll Call:** Mr. Danielson...Ms. Leibke...Mr. Scholtz...Mr. Lemanski....Ms. Normand...Ms. Schley – **Present**
Ms. Berg... – **Absent**
3. **Public Comments:** – **N/A**
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. June 22nd, 2026 Meeting Minutes – **Dave made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Jayson. Motion carried.**
5. **Standing Agenda Items:**
 - a. Discuss/Approve Park Rental Agreements – **N/A**
 - b. Discuss/Review Peace Memorial Park Update – **N/A**
 - c. Discuss/Review Capital Outlay Projects – **N/A**
 - d. Update from Parks Supervisor – Jacob Danielson
 - **Hallie Youth Days was a success.**
 - **The All-Star Tournament is coming up this weekend, and everything is set.**
 - **The Girl Scouts Pavilion is scheduled to be re-sealed on August 18.**
 - **All 20 donated trees have been planted. Five additional trees will also be donated and planted at the Strikers soccer field to provide additional shade.**
 - **The new soccer shed has been installed and looks great.**
 - e. Discuss Lake Association – **Tabled for further discussion in the agenda.**
 - f. Update on Pickleball Courts –
 - **Karen McDermott indicated that the restrooms at the pickleball courts need to be cleaned and restocked by our crew, as outlined in the contract.**
 - **The PPA Tournament is expected to have approximately 25 professional players participating this year. Registration is down slightly, but the event is still expected to be a great success.**
 - **A community member raised a safety concern regarding only one gate being left unlocked at the pickleball courts.**
 - g. Update on Bike/Ped – **N/A**
 - h. Update on Lake Hallie Outdoor Recreation Plan –
 - **Kennedy provided a statement in response to the question Dave raised at the previous meeting regarding Lake Hallie.**
 - **Kennedy indicated that her suspicions were confirmed regarding Holly's strategy for the decision, which considered factors such as the potential to attract visitors, the ability to host events, water quality, recreation opportunities, and other related considerations.**
 - **Kennedy then shared Holly's direct response:**
"I judged that at 79 acres and a maximum depth of 13 feet, it is too small and shallow to attract visitors from outside of the immediate area, especially when there is Lake Wissota and Lake Altoona in the vicinity that are much larger and have more amenities to attract tourists. High pollution levels in all of the lakes in the area is also a concern, which may drive tourists who are looking to get in the water to areas of the state with cleaner waters. For local residents, the lake Lake Hallie appears to be a beloved amenity for fishing and other outdoor recreation. For attracting outdoor recreation tourists, however, I think there is much more potential for water recreation on the river in Lake Hallie than on the lake, and marketing and improvement efforts should focus on the river access for that purpose. The Sportsman's landing on the Chippewa River in Lake Hallie is in a great location to promote as a starting or ending point for river trips."
 - i. Discuss Hallie Boys Baseball – **Will discuss later in the meeting.**
 - j. Discuss Hallie Girls Softball – **Russ unable to attend this month's meeting for review.**



- k. Discuss/Review Chippewa Strikers/Soccer Complex –
 - Practices begin August 4th.
 - The organization would like to adjust the fields to accommodate 3-4 additional fields.
 - Games will begin being hosted on August 29th.
 - The Sparks program will also be starting in August.
 - Vehicles have driven onto the side of the fields, resulting in damaged and dead grass in those areas.
 - It was suggested that the affected areas be watered to help the grass recover and grow back.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Discuss/Review Go Chippewa Falls updates –
 - An attached printout was provided outlining items they are currently working on and topics that have been discussed.
 - A discussion with our board will begin in September regarding collaborative marketing efforts for 2027, as outlined in the contract agreement.
 - b. Discuss/Recommend/Approve Check Off List for Ball Tournaments – Tabled for further discussion in August.
 - c. Discuss/Recommend/Approve update to Field Rental Agreement deposit requirement – Tabled for further discussion in August.
 - d. Discuss/Review/Approve electrical requests for scoreboard by Russ – Tabled for further discussion in August, due to Russ not being able to attend.
 - e. Discuss/Recommend/Approve the request to put the previously approved \$500 for Hallie Boys remote that was found towards them upgrading to the wireless remote option per Eric –
 - All remotes have been located.
 - The Board decided not to move forward with the \$500 contribution toward the upgrade at this time.
 - The upgrade may be submitted as a request for consideration in the 2027 budget through the Parks Board.
 - f. Discuss/Approve CVTC partnership opportunity by Alisa – Still waiting to receive additional information. More information is expected in August when school resumes.
 - g. Discuss/Approve Big Brothers Big Sisters use of 18 Pickleball Courts on 8/14/26 from 8-5pm –
 - Cathy made the motion to approve, and Alisa seconded the motion.
 - Public notice will be provided. Cathy will send the announcement for posting on all applicable websites to make the public aware.
 - h. Discuss/Recommend/Approve website updates – Renee – N/A
 - i. Discuss/Approve/Recommend cleaning of the soccer field lot line and signage needs by Renee –
 - Renee met with Chief Jesse James regarding items that remain on Village property.
 - Chief James will remind residents who have not yet removed their items to do so. Parks employees will clean up any remaining items afterward.
 - Jayson will check on having approximately six signs made through the prison program.
 - The signs will be posted to help keep the area clean and clearly indicate where Village property ends. Suggested wording will include language such as, “Village Property Ends Here” and “Trespassing Beyond This Point Could Result in Criminal Action.”
 - j. Discuss/Recommend/Approve Tot Lot upkeep –
 - Renee recommended creating a subcommittee to oversee and complete the tot lot improvement project.
 - It was decided that the subcommittee will consist of the Parks Supervisor, Renee, Cathy, and Alisa.
 - The subcommittee will work together to identify and coordinate needed updates to the tot lots, with the work to be completed by Parks employees.
 - k. Discuss/Recommend/Approve fertilizer quote for the Soccer Fields in the amount of \$1,273 –
 - Jayson made a motion to approve the quote, not to exceed \$1,300. Alisa seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - l. Discuss/Approve Memorial Park benches by Renee –
 - A family would like to donate a memorial bench for the park.



- Dave made a motion to approve the donation, provided the bench is ordered according to Village Parks Board specifications from the Pilot Rock website. Renee seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 - Once the bench is received, Village employees will install it.
 - m. Discuss/Approve picnic table replacement at Tot Lots by Renee –
 - Renee reached out to the Scouts to determine if the group could assist with creating new ADA-accessible picnic tables as a special project.
 - The picnic tables would replace existing tables at specific tot lots throughout the Village.
 - Hallie German would like to meet with Renee to discuss the project further and will then provide a presentation to the Board.
 - n. Discuss/Recommend/Approve weed harvester repair –
 - Renee has been in communication with the DNR regarding weed control in the lake.
 - The Village currently does not have an operating license for the weed harvester. The Lake Association member who has requested the license in the past will follow up to ensure the license is obtained by next week, when the harvester is scheduled to return to the lake.
 - The DNR indicated that chemical treatments will not be effective and that continued harvesting or dredging will be necessary to address the weed issue.
 - Kent will contact Zimmerman's to obtain a second quote for repairs to the weed harvester, as the previously approved repair option through the Lake Association is no longer available.
 - The Board also discussed reviewing how the harvester is being operated throughout the lake to ensure it is being used effectively.
 - A subcommittee was formed to review the contract renewal and determine next steps for continued collaboration between the Lake Association and the Village. Renee, Gary, Mark, Dave, and Courtney will serve on the committee.
 - In the meantime, the Lake Association has agreed to provide the Village of Lake Hallie Parks Board with \$4,600, which is the quoted cost to repair the weed harvester and return it to service as soon as possible.
 - If additional funding is needed, an online vote will be required based on the funds available in the Parks budget.
 - o. Discuss/Recommend/Approve weed harvester expenses and how to proceed with policies – See Agenda Item n. above.
 - p. Discuss/Recommend/Approve converting Walker Field to 50/70 by Eric Schemenauer –
 - Jeremy Drake presented a recommendation to remove approximately 10-15 feet of outfield grass to convert the fields and requested financial assistance from the Parks Board.
 - The item was tabled and moved to the August meeting, when additional financial information will be available to support the request.
 - q. Discuss/Recommend use of Village emails by Renee –
 - Everyone has been set up with a Village email account.
 - If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Anastasia.
 - Board members are reminded to use their Village email accounts for all Village-related business and communications.
 - r. Discuss/Review the two invoices received from N.L. Stock related to damage caused by Roshell Electric and determine appropriate next steps – Renee will approve these charges and we will pay and move on.
 - s. Discuss/Review/Approve Clarification of Roles and Expectations – Park Supervisor and Weekend Tournament Supervisor –
 - This item will be discussed at a later time after Renee, Jacob, and Bill review the current responsibilities and provide their input.
 - Renee will follow up with the Board once the review is complete.
7. Old Business:
- a. Update on Tot Lot playground equipment by Renee –
 - The teeter-totter seat is missing at Buck Run Park.
 - Parks employees will assess the equipment and determine whether to replace the seat or remove the teeter-totter completely.



- b. Update on the sports lockers and locations – N/A
- 8. **Review of Disbursements and Profit & Loss – Cathy & Renee to discuss with the Office Administration based on financials not making sense.**
- 9. **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm. Next meeting will be August 24th.**

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Posted by Deputy Treasurer