



Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

Monday April 27th, 2026

6:00 PM

Village Hall Building

13136 30th Avenue

Lake Hallie, WI 54729

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order according to Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes **-6pm**
2. Roll Call: Mr. Danielson...Ms. Leibke...Mr. Stelter...Mr. Scholtz... Ms. Normand **Were all present,**
Mr. Calkins...**Was absent from the meeting**
3. Public Comments: **N/A**
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. March 23rd, 2026 Meeting Minutes **-Motion was made by Renee to approve the meeting minutes and seconded by Mark. Motion carried.**
5. New Business:
 - a. Discuss/Review Go Chippewa Falls (If Present with information. Noting not their scheduled month to present however) **-N/A**
 - b. Discuss/Recommend/Approve Sports Lending Locker Presentation by Jessie and Corey **-Collen Danielson and Liz Sebert gave a presentation on the Lending Locker idea for a few of our chosen TOT Lots. They currently have funding available for two units with possible locations at Horgen Park, Landmark 2 off of 125th St., as well as the park off of 113th St. With approval from the Village, they could be installed as early as July 31st. It would be up to the Village to maintain and upkeep them after that.**
 - c. Discuss/Recommend Village Park Board Vacant Seats and Reappointments to the Parks Board with terms to be provided to the Village Board for final approval **-A motion was made by Cathy, and seconded by Renee, that Jayson Scholtz be reappointed to the Parks Board. Courtney Berg, Dave Lemanski, and Alisa Schley were elected to be new members of our Parks Board, pending final Village Board approval at their May 4th meeting. Terms and positions to be discussed and determined at our May Meeting, Bill Brinkman was also present at the meeting and expressed his frustrations on the reasoning behind not being allowed to join the Parks Board due to him being a paid Village Employee, he however understands the reasoning but wants to assure that policy remains the same for all.**
 - d. Discuss/Approve -Summer Parks Employees **-All employees have been hired and paperwork is being completed.**
 - e. Discuss/Review/Approve- Signage Contract **-Move to the May Meeting**
 - f. Discuss/Approve- Fireworks (Ace Pyro's request for additional funding) following attorney's recommendation. **-Payment has been issued to Ace Pyro based on the agreement that they will produce a show in the same comparison as the 2025 show at the same contracted price as agreed upon in 2023. No additional funding will be allocated to this show nor will time be removed based on the contract that was signed and agreed upon.**
 - g. Discuss/Approve -Increased Ball Field Funding and how we will distribute that to help support the batting cages per our agreement to increase the field usage fees **-To be handled with an agreement similar to the concession stand agreement usage with the Hallie Girls Softball organization. To be provided for discussion and review at June's meeting.**
 - h. Discuss/Approve- Zimmerman Hose Fixings for Weed Harvester **-Kent talked to Kyle at CVR, one of the fittings is not the right one so they ordered a new one. Scott Decker is helping. When done, the machine will be ready for Zimmerman's to do their portion before putting in water.**
 - i. Discuss/Recommend/Approve- Website Updates -Renee Normand **-Renee to work with Anastasia on redesigning of the website as it drastically needs updating. Will provide an update at May's meeting.**



- j. Discuss/Approve Kayak rentals at Lake Hallie Boat Landing Presentation -Nate Olson, owner of The Kayak rental facility looking to put a pop-up stand at Lake Hallie Boat Landing, joined us via conference call to answer questions. They will be new units, some one-seaters and some two-seaters along with some paddle boards. Life Jackets will be available. They will take care of the upkeep and maintenance of the equipment; they just need a space approximately 8x14 with a 3-4 foot clearance around it to position the equipment. The equipment is tracked through an app and could provide security cameras; they will also be secured with smart locks. To be installed by May 11th pending final Board approval on the 4th of May.
- k. Discuss/Approve Chippewa Chambers use of the Pickle Ball Courts for September 15th from 8-5 already approved thru the CVPB Club -Cathy made the motion to approve and Mark seconded the motion with no objections.
- l. Discuss/Approve/Recommend Fees for June 20th, 2026 use of the Soccer Fields for a kickball tournament with Fitness Freedom from 1-4pm-Application and money received -The Fitness Freedom Organization will work with The Chippewa Valley Patriots to schedule as they have already secured the fields for their use.
- m. Discuss/Review CV Pickle Ball Club 2026 Schedule -Linda McDermitt? -Correction, it was Karen McDermitt, President of the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club, gave an overview of the courts and what the 2026 season will look like. They sincerely thank the Village for allowing them to have the ability to do all this. In 2025, they were just shy of 700 members. This will be their 2nd full year. They will start league play in May, utilizing 6 courts while keeping the remaining courts available for public use. Beginning lessons start in May. In June, there will be two sets of beginner lessons. On June 20th, the CV Pickle Ball Club will be using all 18 courts. At the end of July there will be the PPA Tournament held at the courts once again. Joe Nissinger and Mike are working on getting the donor sign made that will include all the donors, including the Village of Lake Hallie. They are also looking to sell donor bricks for \$100 to finish up some miscellaneous projects.
- n. Discuss/Recommend/Approve: Lights on Sipple Field by Kent -A recommendation/motion was made by Mark and seconded by Cathy to repair the light pole on Sipple Field that appears to be damaged by a woodpecker. They will repair with a polywater underwood utility pole repair and then replace all lighting in need of repair with our current lighting fixtures not to exceed \$13,000 with final approval from the Village Board to take place on Monday May 4th. A motion was made to move \$13,000 from our general reserve fund in the amount of \$13,000 to complete this project by Cathy and seconded by Mark. Final approval from the Village Board will take place on May 4th.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Booster Club update on funding for the crow's nest on Sipple Field by Jayson and Mik -The Village will send an invoice in the amount of \$4500 to the Chi Hi Booster Club for half of the dollar amount as agreed upon to be paid towards the project in May.
 - b. Tot Lot playground equipment update by Renee -Renee gave an update on the tot lots and things in need of repair, replacement, or removal. Jacob to work with his team to complete these addressed items. There was a discussion on the replacement of a new picnic table with an approximate replacement cost of \$225 with a kids table of around \$135 that would be green treated lumber. Possibly look at getting involved with the Hallie Optimist Club or Boy Scouts for a community project. Jacob and Renee to provide an update on the progress at May's Meeting.
 - c. Sipple Field Crow's Nest update -Corey Weathers is meeting Mark at the park to discuss the extension of the railings.
7. Review of Disbursements and Profit & Loss
8. Standing Agenda Items:
 - a. Discuss/Approve Park Rental Agreements -McDonnell JV Baseball games for April 7,14,21,28 and May 14,21 AND Hallie Boys All Star Tournament July 31st-August 2nd, 2026 AND Hallie Youth Days Tournament AND Patriots Performance Camp for August 24th -28th, 2026. Tilden Tigers 2 games requested. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Renee to approve all requested, as long as payments have been paid in full.



- b. Peace Memorial Park Update -N/A
 - c. Capital Outlay Projects -N/A
 - d. Lake Association -N/A
 - e. Pickleball Courts Update -Previously discussed.
 - f. Bike/Ped Update -Both signs that were down have been re-installed on the bike paths.
 - g. Lake Hallie Outdoor Recreation Plan update -Will be providing an update on the final draft in May.
 - h. Hallie Boys Baseball -A question was asked by the boy's organization as to what is considered a permanent structure at the park. There was some concern about outside organizations coming to the park and the boys and girls reinvesting in the park. Mark will bring it to the Board on Monday night and then report back at our May meeting.
 - i. Hallie Girls Softball -Russ to provide us with the signed contracts in the upcoming weeks, following questions being answered, however was not present at this meeting to address. The new batting cages are coming along nicely however anyone who uses these will be required to NOT WEAR METAL CLEATS. Signage will be provided and installed on the cages. The boy's association will make the signs for them.
 - j. Chippewa Strikers/Soccer Complex -The attorney is still reviewing the Strikers contract. Will reach out to Gary and the office for an update. Sod will need to be done. Jacob to work with his team on the items of concern. The Strikers have requested a movable storage garage to be professionally built by Hixwood, it will need gravel to be hauled in to be set on. To be discussed further at the May meeting based on Gary's feedback. They are also looking at adding a Rec program and learning program to encourage more growth for the Strikers. More information to come.
9. Adjournment Next meeting will be Tuesday May 26th at 6pm due to the holiday. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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