



Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

Tuesday, May 26, 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 - **6:00 pm**
2. **Roll Call:** Mr. Danielson...Ms. Leibke...Mr. Scholtz...Mr. Lemanski...Ms. Normand...Ms. Berg...Ms. Schley – **All present at the meeting**
3. **Public Comments:** – **A motion was made to amend the agenda and add the approval of the placement of the Chippewa Strikers Shed, to be placed on the north tree line of the Soccer Field area, with no financial commitment to the Village or the Parks and Tourism Board. Was moved to New Business item M, then moved to E and then to B. A motion was made by Ms. Schley to approve the placement of the shed to be built and delivered by Hixwood and placed on a gravel platform not making it permanent to the park and seconded by Mr. Lemanski, motion carried with no objections.**
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. April 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes – **A motion was made by Renee Normand and seconded by Jayson Scholtz, motion carried with no objections. Mr. Lemanski, Ms. Berg and Ms. Schley abstained from the vote noting they were not part of the meeting.**
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Discuss/Review Go Chippewa Falls updates – **Ellie Peabody and Rachel Johnson were present to update us on the attached information provided to the Board from Go Chippewa Falls on statistics and collaboration efforts. They also provided some information on their 2026-2028 Tourism Strategic Plan efforts.**
 - b. Discuss/Recommend/Approve WWRORP Urban Area Plan Presentation – **Kennedy Domerchic with VEC and Holly Larson with the National Park Services were present to discuss the Urban Area Plan and request our commissions support, with the goal of encouraging the Village Board to support the plan as well. After discussion, we requested additional time to review the plan before making a recommendation. A vote will be held at the June meeting, after which our recommendation will be forwarded to the Village Board. The Urban Area Plan is a comprehensive plan for an 8-county region that seeks adoption and implementation of regional planning strategies. The plan does not obligate the Village to incur any costs unless the Village chooses to implement specific recommendations in the future. See the full report below for additional details: [Western Wisconsin Regional Outdoor Recreation Plan](#)**
 - c. Discuss/Approve Village Park Board New and Reappointments to the Parks Board, terms and positions – **The Village Board approved the appointment of Ms. Schley to a two-year term and Mr. Lemanski and Ms. Berg to three-year terms at its May meeting. The Village Board also approved a three-year term extension for Jayson Scholtz. A motion was made by Cathy to appoint Ms. Normand as President of the Village Parks and Tourism Board and Jayson Scholtz as Vice President for one-year terms ending April 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berg and carried, with Ms. Normand abstaining from the vote.**

- d. Discuss/Approve Summer Parks Employees – No updates... all staff has been hired for the summer that is needed.
- e. Discuss/Review/Approve Signage Contract – Move to June's Meeting as we have not heard back from the attorney yet.
- f. Discuss/Approve CVTC Partnership opportunity by Renee Normand – Ms. Schley provided an update on the Landscape, Plant, and Turf Management program at CVTC. Renee and Alisa shared an overview of Alisa's discussions with the program's Dean and Instructor regarding a potential partnership with the Village. Ms. Schley will continue discussions with CVTC to explore partnership opportunities and potential training projects for the soccer park, as well as determine an anticipated timeline for implementation.
- g. Discuss/Approve on Increased Ball Field Funding, Including Allocation to Support Batting Cages in Alignment with Updated Field Usage Fees – No further updates currently.
- h. Discuss/Approve Zimmerman Hose Fittings for The Weed Harvester – Work has been completed.
- i. Discuss/Recommend/Approve Website Updates Presented by Renee Normand – Move to June meeting, no updates at this time.
- j. Discuss/Approve Soccer Field recommendations based on Soil Test Results – Based on the findings, they have made the appropriate applications and no further applications are being made at this time. Will review again in the fall.
- k. Discuss/Recommend/Approve cleaning of Soccer Fields Lot Line by Renee Normand – Renee presented photographs of items located on the soccer fields property that have been placed there by neighboring property owners and need to be removed. The Village will send letters to the affected property owners outlining a timeline for the removal of these items. Pat Spilde reported that she had spoken with several of the neighboring property owners. One property owner is currently out of state but indicated that the items will be removed as soon as possible upon their return.
- l. Discuss/Recommend/Approve lights on Sipple Field by Kent Stelter – Mark reported that the Village Board approved up to \$13,000 for the Soccer Park lighting repairs to be completed by Roshell Electric. Kent stated that he spoke with Roshell on 5/26/26 and the necessary parts have been ordered. Once the parts are received, Roshell Electric will begin with the repairs.
- m. Discuss/Approve- Chippewa Strikers Shed Placement – Previously discussed and approved in Public Comments

6. Old Business:

- a. Update on the Crow's Nest on Sipple Field – Cory Weathers will be repairing the railings at the Crow's Nest. He was on-site last week to take measurements in preparation for the work. The remaining improvements to the Crow's Nest have been completed. The project exceeded the original estimate by approximately \$500 due to the addition of two exterior lights and one exterior GFCI electrical outlet. The Parks budget contributed \$5,000 toward the project, and the Chi-Hi Booster Club generously donated \$4,500. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Chi-Hi Booster Club for its generous contribution and support of the project.
- b. Update on Tot Lot Playground Equipment, presented by Renee Normand – Cathy will email the Village office to request clarification on the current policy regarding neighboring property owners who have voluntarily mowed and maintained the Village's tot lots for many years.
- c. Update on lights at Sipple Field – Previously discussed.
- d. Update on Hallie Girls Softball Contract – No update currently. Cathy will reach out again.
- e. Update on Chippewa Strikers Contract – Still in negotiations. Will provide further update at June meeting.

7. Review of Disbursements and Profit & Loss:

8. Standing Agenda Items:

- a. Discuss/Approve Park Rental Agreements – **A motion to approved Strikers Soccer tournament on October 9th-11th, 2026, contingent upon all required payments and deposits having been received, was made by Cathy and seconded by Jayson. The motion carried.**
 - b. Peace Memorial Park Update – **N/A**
 - c. Capital Outlay Projects – **N/A**
 - d. Lake Association – **Previously discussed**
 - e. Pickleball Courts Update – **No updates currently**
 - f. Bike/Ped Update – **No further updates currently**
 - g. Lake Hallie Outdoor Recreation Plan Update – **Previously discussed**
 - h. Hallie Boys Baseball – **The scoreboard at Hallie Field malfunctioned during the most recent tournament. Daktronics was able to repair the scoreboard and restore it to operation the same day. An invoice in the amount of \$575 will be submitted to the Village for the repair.**
 - i. Hallie Girls Softball – **The installation and setup of the controllers for the Veterans and Memorial Field scoreboards have been completed, allowing the scoreboards to be operated using cell phones.**
 - j. Chippewa Strikers/Soccer Complex – **The sod for the soccer fields at Hallie Park has been provided and installed through a donation by Ryan and Renee Normand. The Board extended its appreciation to the Normand family for their contribution to the project.**
- 9. Adjournment – Next meeting will be June 22nd, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm.**

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Posted by Deputy Treasurer