

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Technology Committee meeting on October 6, 2025

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes from 9/8/25
5. Public input
6. Dark Sky lighting in the Town
7. Correspondence
8. Future meeting date(s)
9. Adjourn

Chairman Scattergood called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. Committee members Andrew Gantman, Lester Keepper, and Jodi Bensyl were present. Dan Watts was excused. Administrator Kalms and Clerk/Treasurer Pamela Donart-Welcome were also in attendance along with four members of the public.

Scattergood moved, Keepper seconded to approve the agenda as posted. **Carried 4 - 0**

Keepper moved, Scattergood seconded to approve the 9/8/25 minutes as presented.
Carried 3 – 0. Bensyl abstained, as she did not attend that meeting.

Public input: Cathy Ward shared how the Green Tier and Destination Door County are organizations that can tie into the Dark Sky initiative when it comes to reaching more residents and visitors.

Representatives from Newport State Park including Beth Bartoli, Brian Grube, and Mark Glasser presented the history of how the Park earned it's official Dark Sky designation, ways in which the Town of Liberty Grove and the surrounding municipalities can help maintain and preserve that accomplishment, and how they can help us all educate residents, businesses, and visitors on the importance of having Dark Skies. Newport was designated Dark Sky officially in 2017 by the International Dark Sky Association after years of hard work and is currently the only Dark Sky Park in Wisconsin. They stressed the importance of maintaining the designation through regular light level testing reports, and how the official designation would be nearly impossible to regain if ever lost. They shared how other communities and Towns throughout the nation, and world have achieved & maintained their Dark Skies in affordable and economical ways.

Gantman moved, Keepper seconded to recommend to the Town Board to approve the creation of an ad-hoc committee to deal with light pollution and Dark Sky that would serve a term no longer than 24 months. **Carried 4 - 0**

Correspondence: Jodi Bensyl announced there would be a social event on Oct 9th for committee members from local municipalities who worked on the Broadband projects throughout the County.

Future Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2025 at 4:30pm.

Scattergood moved, Gantman seconded to adjourn at 5:40pm. **Carried 4 - 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Donart-Welcome, Clerk/Treasurer
Approved 2/2/26