

Town of River Falls
Parks and Recreation Committee
October 23, 2025

Present: Garrett Gill, Brad LaBadie, Greg Elliott, Susan Buschard, Mary Foster

Guest: Joan Molloy

Garrett called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes: Brad/Greg moved to approve the 9/25/25 meeting minutes. MC

Old Business:

1. Status of Parks Report:
 - a. Halvorson Park: Garrett and Rita fixed the kiosk recently. Lions Club and Parks Committee members worked on 10/18/25 to clear trail. Garrett discussed the bridge project with Vince Seidel (from Lions Club) and Vince suggested getting permission to come through the Moody property to work on the east side.
 - b. Birchcliff Park: We are done working up there this year. It was suggested that we consider putting benches up there someday.
 - c. South Valley Park: Garrett will mow it one last time this year. Would like an intern for mowing next year.
 - d. South Ridge Park: Workday 10/27/25 at 10:00 a.m.
 - e. Hillwood Park: Workday 11/11/25 at 10:00 a.m.
 - f. Anderson Park: Sue reported that someone has been mowing it. Probably a neighbor.
 - g. Rocky Branch Park: Was mowed, brush-hogged, and trimmed.
2. Impact Fee Report: Parks got eliminated from the Impact Fee Study.

New Business:

1. The beaver dam at Halvorson Park was discussed. It is located on the new 5-acre piece and Parks Committee members agree that it should be left intact.

MOTION: Mary/Greg moved to have the Parks Chair (Garrett Gill) contact Vince Seidel of the Lions Club and tell them we want the beaver dam left intact. MC

2. Garrett suggested that we research using the New Richmond Corrections crew to do more parks work in 2026.
3. No meetings in November or December.

Greg/Sue moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. MC

Minutes submitted by Mary Foster