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TOWN OF ROME PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Sue Krueger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Chairwoman Sue Krueger, Cheryl Evenson, Tim Reppen, Sue Bultman, and Jill Reese; Also present: Public Works Director Cody Knoblock and Deputy Clerk Judy Reppen; Absent: Michael Donigain

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

Judy Reppen certified that on Friday, April 10, 2026, the agenda for the Town of Rome Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for Monday, April 20, 2026 was posted at:

<i>Rome Town Hall</i>	<i>12:38 p.m.</i>
<i>Kwik Trip, LLC</i>	<i>1:19 p.m.</i>
<i>Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank</i>	<i>1:29 p.m.</i>
<i>Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune</i>	<i>1:57 p.m.</i>

4. Approve the Agenda

Motion by Cheryl Evenson/Sue Bultman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the Parks and Recreation Committee welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Parks and Recreation Committee cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Parks and Recreation Committee may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future board agenda for discussion and action. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to submit a card to the Chair providing their name, address and topic for discussion.

The Parks and Recreation Committee will also take comment from the public on agenda items as called by the Chair, but not during Citizen Comment. Please note that once the Parks and Recreation Committee begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

No Citizen Comments

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

7. Information Updates, Meeting Recaps, Recent Correspondence, Current Events, Announcements

Cheryl Evenson said her good byes to the committee as her term has ended. Jill Reese informed the committee that Rapids Angels will be at Dyracuse on April 25th and April 26th for motorcycle races.

Chairwoman Sue Krueger stated she did a webinar on Commercial Recreation Specialists on March 31, 2026.

Committee member Tim Reppen announced that the Rome Town Annual meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

8. Discussion and possible action - Approval of the March 23, 2026 minutes

Motion by Jill Reese/Sue Bultman to approve the March 23, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried

9. Discussion and possible action – Walden Park update

Discussion regarding a community garden project. The committee will be reaching out to the Master Gardner's club in Rome to see if they are interested in managing the Walden Park project.

Tabled to next agenda.

10. Discussion and possible action – Vibrant Spaces Grant Submission

Chairwoman Sue Krueger stated she is still working on what to put in the grant.

Tabled to next agenda.

11. Discussion and possible action - Rome Town Center Shade Structures

There was discussion regarding Shade Structures for the Rome Town Center.

Motion by Cheryl Evenson/Tim Reppen to approve recommending to the Rome Town Board a request for up to \$35,000.00 for shade structures. Motion carried

12. Discussion and possible action – Update on Town of Rome Sub Committee, what projects they are working on and what discussion that they are having will be given by Michael Donigain

Committee member Michael Donigain was not present to discuss.

Tabled to next agenda.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

13. Next agenda item

- *Appointing of Officers*
- *Walden Park update*
- *Vibrant Spaces Grant Submission*
- *Update on Town of Rome Sub Committee*

14. Next meeting date and time

Monday, May 18, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Tim Reppen/Cheryl Evenson to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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