



Town of Rome
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MINUTES
TOWN OF ROME PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

4:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Reppen at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present: Cyndee Lewis, Lori Fatla, Jill Reese and Tim Reppen

Committee members absent/excused: Sue Bultman and Michael Donigain

Also present: Director of Public Works, Cody Knoblock and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Taylor Owczynsky

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

Taylor Owczynsky certified that on Friday, July 17, 2026, the agenda for the Town of Rome Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for Monday, July 20, 2026 was posted at the following locations:

<i>Posted at the Rome Town Hall</i>	<i>3:40 p.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC</i>	<i>3:55 p.m.</i>
<i>Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank</i>	<i>4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune</i>	<i>11:46 a.m.</i>

4. Approve Agenda

Motion by Lewis/Reese 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 Commission cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Commission may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future Parks and Recreation 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 Commission 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 Commission begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

No Citizen Comments Received.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 7. Discussion and possible action** – Approval of the Monday, June 15, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion by Lewis/Reese to approve the June 15, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action – Vibrant Spaces Grant

No update at this time.

9. Discussion and possible action – Shade Structures in the Rome Town Center

Discussion on the shade structures that have been proposed in the Rome Town Center. Knoblock reached out to developer that designed the structure by the splash pad and has been unable to reach them. He attempted to contact the installation company and it seems they cannot be located and is unsure if they are still in business.

Discussion regarding shade structures for by bandshell. Discussion regarding the current capital outlay for the budget; \$53,819.40. Agenda item to come back next month with more quotes.

10. Discussion and possible action – Walden Park Update

Dave Trudeau from 14-mile Watershed Alliance emailed in an update prior to the meeting. The update was distributed to the committee members and Chairman Reppen read in the email for the record. Further update to come next month from Trudeau.

11. Discussion and possible action – Outdoor Learning Equipment at Walden Park

Discussion on potential outdoor learning equipment at Walden Park. Discussion to get a cost for a fish interpretative sign.

12. Discussion and possible action – Consideration of participation in the Monarch City, USA program

Discussion regarding Monarch City, USA program. The Town became a member of this program in July of 2017. Discussion on possible ways to promote this more in the community.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

13. Next agenda items

**Vibrant Spaces Grant*

**Shade Structures in the Rome Town Center*

**Outdoor Learning Equipment at Walden Park*

**Walden Park Update*

** Monarch City, USA program*

14. Next meeting date and time

August 17, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lewis/Reese to adjourn at 4:35pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Owczynsky

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Deputy Clerk/Treasurer