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TOWN OF ROME PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Sue Bultman, Jill Reese and Tim Reppen
   Committee members absent/excused: Michael Donigain
   Also present: Director of Public Works, Cody Knoblock and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Taylor Owczynsky

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Owczynsky certified that on Thursday, September 17, 2026, the agenda for the Town of Rome Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for Monday, September 21, 2026 was posted at the following locations:

Posted at the Rome Town Hall	*2:16 p.m.*
Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC	*2:22 p.m.*
Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*2:29 p.m.*
Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune	*2:04 p.m.*

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

7. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the Monday, July 20, 2026 meeting minutes

   Motion by Lewis/Bultman to approve the July 20, 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. Discussion to measure the area for the shade structures and

10. Discussion and possible action – Walden Park Update

    Dave Trudeau from 14-mile Watershed Alliance gave an update of the current status of the grants for Walden Park.

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

    Discussion on potential outdoor learning equipment at Walden Park.

12. Discussion and possible action – 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

    October 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Owczynsky
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Deputy Clerk/Treasurer


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