Town of Rome
Nekoosa, WI 54457
www.romewi.gov

TOWN OF ROME PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Tim Reppen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

   Present: Chair Tim Reppen, Cyndee Lewis, Lori Fatla and Michael Donigain; also present: Clerk Wendy Newsom and Director of Public Works Cody Knoblock

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Wendy Newsom certified that on, Friday, October 16, 2026, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Parks and Recreation meeting for Monday, October 19, 2026 was posted at:

Posted at the Rome Town Hall	*9:50 a.m.*
Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC	*9:58 a.m.*
Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*10:05 a.m.*
Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune	*9:42 a.m.*

4. Approve the Agenda

   Motion by Lewis/Donigain to approve the agenda. 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 Committee cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Committee may refer the item to staff, a standing Committee or a future Committee 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 Committee Chair providing their name, address and topic for discussion

   The 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 Committee begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

   No citizen comments.

DRAFT

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

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

   Nothing to share

8. Discussion-only items not needing (or contemplating) action

   No items

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the September 21, 2026 meeting minutes

   Motion by Lewis/Donigain to approve the September 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action – Update on Vibrant Spaces Grant

    No update.

11. Discussion and possible action – Possible purchase of an information board for Walden Park

    Chair Reppen stated that in the packet there is a picture of a sign that he is wondering if it could be put together and have made.

    The Director of Public Works was asked to get a price to have the board made.

12. Discussion and possible action – Possible purchase of a shelter at Walden Park

    Chair Reppen stated that the packet has a picture of a shelter and was wanting to know the committees thoughts on the shelter.

    Discussion was had regarding the type of shelter and the costs involved.

    Motion by Donigain/Fatla to move forward with getting the costs for a shelter at Walden Park with picnic tables and to look into getting a grant to fund it. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action – Possible purchase of outdoor learning equipment at Walden Park

    Chairman Reppen stated that he has not gotten information on this yet and wants to know what the committee members think.

    Tabled until the spring.

14. Discussion and possible action – Options for an outdoor recreation area in the Rome Town Center

    Chairman Reppen stated that this was sent to them by the Town Board to look into a Golf Course in the Rome Town Center.

Cyndee Lewis provided the background on this item.

Motion by Lewis/Fatla to table this item until more information is available. Motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action – Update on purchase of shade structures in the Rome Town Center

Chairman Reppen asked the Director of Public Works Knoblock if he researched this and he stated that there is room to put two maybe three shelters out there.

Motion by Donigain/Fatla to table this item until after the first of the year. Motion carried.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

16. Next agenda items

- *Information on the cost of the boards*
- *Prices for shelter at Walden Park*
- *Consideration of an Ice Rink in the Rome Town Center*

17. Next meeting date and time

November 16, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Donigain/Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Newsom
Wendy Newsom
Clerk

DRAFT

Have a great day!

Jill

On 2026-11-02 6:48 pm, Marcus Wilcox wrote:

> Hi Jill,
>
> It's a new school year, and I'd like to put the Town of Rome game tables back on the board—chess pun intended!
>
> We left this at the concepts-and-pricing stage, and I'd like to give it a fresh start with this year's students. Thank you for your patience while this sat longer than it should have.
>
> I'm copying Croix Scholl and Nolan Manteufel, our Nekoosa Manufacturing student leads. They help coordinate project requests, student responsibilities and follow-through across Tech Ed. I'll oversee the project, client decisions and final approvals.
>
> Is the Town still interested in game-top picnic tables for the park? Our earlier discussion was for 2–4 tables with chess and possibly backgammon, with wheelchair accessibility in mind. We'd love to hear what has changed—your current wish list, budget range, committee or Town Board approval needs, and a useful target date.
>
> Once we reconnect on those details, we can have students develop fresh options, drawings and updated estimates for you to review. Croix and Nolan can help gather the requirements and coordinate the student planning.
>
> Would a quick call be a good place to restart, or would you prefer to send your current thoughts by email? Let's see what this year's crew can bring to the table!
>
> Thank You,
> Marcus Wilcox
> Career, Technology & Engineering Education
> Nekoosa High School