



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – January 15, 2026

Members Present

X	Jim Wise	X	Kate Hancock - Cooke	X	Gary Lawell
X	Peter Kelly	X	Eric Maggio	X	Ted Galloway
X	Lee Hillstrom	X	Ashley Ondresky	X	Scott Weber

Staff Present

X	Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation
X	Jim Kluge, Superintendent of Recreation
X	Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks
X	Megan Thompson, Recreation Supervisor
X	Clint Williams

Others Present: Becky Heidke-Kwiatkowski, Frank Cuthbert, Gerry Andrews, Scott Becher, and Jacy Park

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Commissioner Ondresky at 4:30 P.M.

Appearances:

Mr. Becher commended Mayor Lang for her ability to bring in additional donations for City projects.

Mr. Cuthbert indicated that Volunteer Days have been set up for spring as follows:

Carpenter Preserve	April 18	Tree Planting
Doty Park	May 9	Bed Planting Along the Shoreline
Carpenter Preserve	May 16	Sign Installation
Carpenter Preserve	June 29	Buckthorn Removal

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Lawell to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025, Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

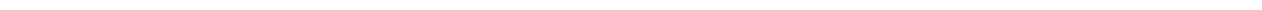
Bill Vouchers

Commissioner Ondresky reviewed the vouchers for December and found them to be in order.

Mission Action Report

The report was distributed earlier. The following items were discussed:

- Commissioner Lawell inquired about summer positions. Recreation Supervisor Thompson indicated that she had more applicants than positions, while Superintendent of Recreation Kluge reported that he needs more for the pool, but additional interviews are coming up.



- Commissioner Kelly asked about the open pickleball program. Kluge reported that 6-10 individuals have been showing up to play at the Boys & Girls Club on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Commissioner Ondresky asked what concerns the Wisconsin Historical Society has regarding the materials to be used in the renovation of the lighthouse. Director Kading indicated they had 3 main concerns: roofing materials, gable ends, and post materials. The preference is to use materials that have been historically used versus introducing new materials.
- Commissioner Galloway indicated that he may know of someone who would be willing to help develop the donor board at Kimberly Point Lighthouse. Director Kading requested that contact information be sent to the department.
- Commissioner Lawell inquired about the ice rinks. Superintendent of Parks Fink stated that focus would shift to maintaining the Washington Park rink, weather permitting, over the next couple of weeks.
- Commissioner Ondresky asked for clarification on the port-a-potty being removed at Arrowhead. Kading reported that unfortunately, due to repeated vandalism, the vendor has made the decision to remove it and will be charging the City. Staff will reevaluate in spring.
- Commissioner Galloway asked about the Sponsorship Program. Kluge reported that letters have been sent out to businesses throughout Neenah. Approximately \$5,000 is donated annually towards recreation programming.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Accept/Recommend Award for Mini Excavator

Parks Supervisor Williams provided a brief overview of the mini excavator. This will be a versatile piece of equipment that can be used not only throughout the park system but also throughout the city. Parts for the recommended Bobcat are readily available.

Fink further emphasized the flexibility the mini excavator will give the department with the different types of work that are done by staff.

Action: MSC Galloway/Kelly to accept and recommend to Council the purchase of Bobcat E35 from Bobcat Plus in the amount of \$93,078.94. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #2: Doty Cabin Accession/Deaccession

Kading provided a brief overview of the process and items to be deaccessioned.

Actions:

- MSC Galloway/Lawell to grant permission to staff to deaccession and dispose of items as listed per policy. All voting aye.
- MSC Hillstrom/Lawell to grant permission to staff to deaccession items listed and move into the educational category. All voting aye.

Id #	Description	The Why
DC1991-532	Oshkosh Northwestern "White House"	Articles can be found on-line; ability to preserve
DC1991-534	"Neenah in the Nineties"	
DC1991-535	Oshkosh Northwestern 3/2/1944 "History Reveals Menasha has lost Railroad Prominence"	
DC1991-536	Twin City News-Record, 8/22/1959; "Author and Traveler Tells Dramatic Tale"	
DC1995-226	Daily Citizen, 7/2/1863 – Vicksburg, Mississippi	
DC1991-531	Milwaukee Sentinel, 2/14/1951 Details the purchase of Neenah by Harrison Reed	Lost in Inventory
DC1991-533	Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, 7/23/1975 Doty Cabin Hints at Elegance Treasured in Pioneer Age"	Lost in Inventory
DC1991-539	8/17/1946 "Neenah's History is Enriched by Jaeck Gifts"	Lost in Inventory
DC1993-820	4/2/1955 "History of the Town of Menasha"	Lost in Inventory
DC1991-281	Oshkosh Centennial Edition, 6/29/1993	Not Local Newspaper and/or not related to the museum
DC1991-473	Post Crescent View Magazine, 8/6/1972	
DC1991-537	Chicago Tribune, 12/11/1896	
DC1993-823	Oshkosh Free Press, 7/26/1938	
DC1991-538A	Freedom Newspaper. The Giant of the Orient. 9/25/1899	Foreign Newspaper /Not related to museum
DC1991-538B	Freedom Newspaper. The Giant of the Orient. 10/1899	
DC1991-538C	Freedom Newspaper. The Giant of the Orient. 10/11/1899	
DC1991-540	The American Newspaper. 1/9/1900	
DC1994-291	Deer Head	Hazardous Waste
DC1991-476	Scrapbook with newspaper clippings	Information can be found online
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DC1996-98	Pages of a book-5th grader reader,	Not complete, poor quality
DC1993-825	Copy of Letter from James Doty to Joshua Hathway, 2/7/1840	Allow docents, employees and public to handle objects w/o needing gloves, no longer need accession number
DC1993-827	Copy of Letter from James Doty to Hon. Vanderpoel	
DC1993-847A,B	Quit Claim Deed between Mr./Mrs. Doty and Charles Doty	
DC1993-848A	Copy of James Doty, Notary Public of Brown Cty, 11/8/1836	
DC1993-848B	Copy of James Doty, Judge of MI Territory, 2/25/1823	
DC1993-849	Copy of Lake Winnebago map	
DC1993-850	Copy of Charles Doty to WI Militia, 11/18/1842	
DC1993-851A,B	Copy of Plat Map of Doty Island	
DC1993-852A	Copy of letter regarding cruise of the Julia sailing ship	
DC1993-852B	Copy of Log Book of cruise on sailing ship Julia	
DC1993-853A	Copy of letter to Doty from ?? (2 copies)	
DC1993-853B	Copy of letter from Gov Doty to ??? And signed by many citizens	
DC1993-888	Copy of Pres. Lincoln's appt of James Doty as Governor of Utah.	
DC1993-846	Pack of Grand Loggery Postcards	

BUSINESS ITEM #3: 2026 CIP Review

The status of the CIP was reviewed.

BUSINESS ITEM #4: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

- Arrowhead Update – Commissioners requested that the information from the Council meeting be provided in the February packet, which does not require a presentation.
- Appoint Nomination Committee
- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke reported that she is attempting to walk through Wilderness Park with a wetland specialist.

Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke had nothing to report.

Harbor Committee: Galloway had nothing to report.

CORP Task Force: Proposals are due January 22.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP