



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – July 17, 2025

Members Present

X	Jim Wise	X	Kate Hancock-Cooke	X	Gary Lawell
X	Peter Kelly (arrived 4:40)	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

Others Present: Mayor Lang, Jane Ballman, Danielle Johnson, and Frank Cuthbert

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

Correspondence

None

Appearances

Ms. Ballman requested that the Commission consider not placing the sheep/goats at Carpenter Preserve due to smell, ineffectiveness, and a fawn being spotted in the field.

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Wise to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2025 Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

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

Financial Report

The 2nd quarter financial report was reviewed.

Action: MSC Hillstrom/Lawell to accept and place on file the 2025 2nd quarter financial report.

Mission Action Report

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

- Commissioner Ondresky asked how the registration numbers for Filthy Fun compare to the previous year. Superintendent Kluge indicated that registration numbers were down from last year even though we added a category and additional obstacles.
 - Commissioner Lawell stated that he is perplexed by the kayak rental numbers being only at Doty and none at Little Lake. Commissioner Galloway responded that he is not surprised based upon water flow, access to the lake, and poor water quality. He further
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challenged staff to consider a history program whereby one kayaks the lake while reviewing the history of the mills along the lake.

- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke asked how Captain Max's sailing business is doing. Commissioner Ondresky commented that she has seen the boat going out for sunset tours. Director Kading indicated that he had spoken to Max at CommunityFest, and he indicated business has been slow going and that he needs to focus on marketing. He is confident that business will pick up.
- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke asked if volunteers were needed for the Kids Triathlon. Superintendent Kluge responded that volunteers are needed for the August 2 event. Please let us know and plan to arrive around 7:00 A.M. The event is generally completed by 10:00 A.M.
- Commissioner Lawell shared that the swing benches in Herb & Dolly Smith Park are inaccessible due to overgrowth. Superintendent Fink noted that this issue is on the list of things to do.
- Commissioner Lawell inquired about the September Riverside Players show. Kluge responded that it seemed August was getting clustered with other musicals, and leadership felt that this might be a way to rebrand the Players. It might also be a cooler time of year to host the musical.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Fish Cleaning Station Discussion

Information from the meeting notes was reviewed. Commissioners commented that the Rec Park Boat Launch serves mostly residents and is not considered a regional facility. Given the overall cost of the infrastructure and maintenance, the Commission decided that this would not be pursued any further.

Action: No action taken.

BUSINESS ITEM #2: Accept/Recommend ECS Soil Boring Proposal – Kimberly Point Shoreline

Director Kading reviewed the purpose of conducting soil borings for the Kimberly Point shoreline restoration project. Conducting these borings this fall will provide adequate timing for the design and engineering team to complete the planning process in 2026 for WI-DNR review and permitting in 2026, allowing for a fall 2027 construction.

Action: MSC Galloway/Kelly to accept and recommend the hiring of ECS to conduct 13 soil borings along the Kimberly Point shoreline in the amount of \$28,400. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #3: Kimberly Point Lighthouse Concept Plan

The conceptual drawings of the Kimberly Point Lighthouse renovations were reviewed. It was noted that the director will be meeting with the architect the following morning to confirm the scope of the work to be completed. Further noted was that Thursday, August 7 is National Lighthouse Day.

Commissioner Galloway suggested the need for mechanical ventilation to provide continuous flow, which should reduce exterior paint delamination.

Action: No further action needed.

BUSINESS ITEM #4: The Green Play Equipment Award

The RFP process was reviewed. Five vendors submitted nine proposals to provide/install play equipment and surfacing at The Green. Staff first ranked the play equipment, and then the Operation Recreation kids voted for the top choice out of the top three.

Commissioner Lawell inquired about the location of the play equipment. Superintendent Fink indicated that the exact spot has not been selected.

Action: Galloway/Kelly motioned to accept Option #2 from Lee Recreation in the amount of \$187,276. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #5: 2025 CIP Update

Director Kading reviewed the status.

BUSINESS ITEM #6: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

- People have observed the Davy Crockett statue being a selfie location.
- Use of UW-Fox is being sorted out.
- Location of August Commission Meeting is Southview Park.
- Location of September Commission Meeting is Whiting Boathouse.

Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke: Nothing to report.

Harbor Committee: Galloway reported that harbor weed cutting will begin on Monday, July 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP