

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – November 20, 2025

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
	Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks
X	Megan Thompson, Recreation Supervisor

Others Present: Frank Cuthbert, Flo Bruno, Cari Lendrum, Sandy Joch, Jon Joch, Bill & Jann McBride, Mayor Lang, Bethanie Gengler, Jacy Park, and Becky Heidke-Kwiatkowski

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

Commendations of former Doty Cabin Docents Sandy Joch and Jann & Bill McBride were given to recognize the years of dedication serving the Doty Cabin.

Correspondence

None

Appearances

Flo Bruno thanked Frank Cuthbert for organizing the installation of the statue at Doty Park. Ms. Bruno distributed a photo of the statue.

Minutes

MSC Lawell/Hillstrom to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2025 Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

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

Mission Action Report

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

- Commissioner Kelly asked when the Doty Park project is expected to be completed. Director Kading indicated that, weather permitting, the hope is the wrap up by November 26. Final tasks include completing the south stone rip-rap and seat wall, removing the causeway, installing the north fishing pad and future planting bed, and completing site restoration.
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- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke expressed concern over the condition of Douglas Park. Director Kading stated that the pond has been dormant seeded and that vegetation growth will not be seen until spring 2026.
- Commissioner Kelly inquired about the pickleball programming that is occurring at the Boys & Girls Club. Superintendent Kluge stated that the program started in fall and is held on Mondays/Wednesdays of each week. The current session goes through Christmas, and the next session will go from January through March.
- Commissioner Lawell asked about the Lighthouse fundraising effort. Director Kading informed the Commission that to date, \$185,000 of the \$280,000 has been raised.
- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke asked how the closing of the Menasha Pool might impact us. Director Kading indicated that staff have met with Menasha representatives to come up with some creative ways of being able to offer services.
- Superintendent Kluge requested volunteer Commission pancake flippers for the Breakfast with the Grinch scheduled for December 6. Commission members are asked to arrive by 8:00 A.M.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

BUSINESS ITEM #1: Approve Facility Use Agreement – Neenah Baseball Inc.

Agreement was reviewed.

Action: MSC Lawell/Galloway to accept and approve the Facility Use Agreement with Neenah Baseball Inc. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #2: Approve Facility Use Agreement – Fox Valley Sailing School

Agreement was reviewed.

Action: MSC Galloway/Hillstrom to accept and approve the Facility Use Agreement with Fox Valley Sailing School. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #3: Doty Cabin Report Presentation – Collection Policy

Ms. Park and Ms. Heidke-Kwiatkowski gave a presentation on the proposed Doty Cabin Collection Policy. The presentation was very interactive with many questions and clarifications.

Action: No action was required.

BUSINESS ITEM #4: Adopt Doty Cabin Collection Policy

Action: MSC Galloway/Lawell to accept and adopt the Doty Cabin Collection Policy as revised. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #5: 2025 CIP Review

The 2025 CIP was reviewed.

Action: No action was required.

BUSINESS ITEM #6: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Appoint Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Task Force – December

Facility Use Agreement – Neenah-Nodaway Yacht Club – December

Doty Park Conceptual Play Area – December

Wilderness Park – Suggested to take up during CORP process

Rec Assets – China, pictures, and chandeliers

Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke had nothing to report.

Harbor Committee: Galloway had nothing to report.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP