



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – June 19, 2025

Members Present

X	Jim Wise	X	Kate Hancock-Cooke (via phone)	Gary Lawell
X	Peter Kelly	X	Eric Maggio	X Ted Galloway
X	Lee Hillstrom		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: Frank Cuthbert, Bernie Meyer, Roy Nation, Diane Nation, Scott Becher, Mark Ellis, Jane Ballman, Ron Klatt, Flo Bruno, Cari Lendrum, Tami Erickson, Jane Lang

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

Correspondence

None.

Appearances

- S. Becher supports the proposed sculpture at Riverside Park.
- M. Ellis requested consideration to place a fish cleaning station at Rec. Park, supports the statue idea at Riverside Park, and is not sure who needs to be involved in the possible move of the founder statue currently at Doty Park to Nicolet Blvd.
- F. Bruno shared the plaque to be placed with the statue at Doty Park.
- T. Erickson expressed support for placing the Davy Crocket monument at Riverside Park and indicated that a list of the monuments and public art is listed on the City's website.
- B. Meyer expressed concern regarding the proposed location of the NW parking lot found in the 2025 Carpenter Preserve Re-Master Plan. Ms. Meyer further indicated that she was told that this is a sensitive area.
- F. Cuthbert supports the proposed NW Parking lot location, as he has found the area around the current gravel lot to be very saturated.
- J. Ballman stated that she does not believe this is the right location, as it is right behind people's houses.

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Weber to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025 Commission Meeting. By voice, all voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

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

Mission Action Report

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

- Superintendent Kluge noted that all rec programs are off and running.
- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke inquired about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Filthy Fun Run is on July 12, and the Kids Triathlon is on August 2. Rec staff are seeking help.
- Commissioner Galloway noted that the Shattuck Park Flag Rededication Ceremony was a success and thanked all involved, further noted that FNI has recently gone through a rebranding.
- Commissioner Kelly would like to see a continuous update for Arrowhead (will be provided in the monthly Mission Action Report). He asked if there is any further consideration renaming Arrowhead.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Riverside Park Statue Placement

After clarification regarding placement, site specifics, and discussion, the Commission motion to accept the gift and placement of the Davy Crocket monument in Riverside Park.

Action: MSC Hillstrom/Galloway to accept the gift of the Davy Crocket monument and placement at the southeast corner of Riverside Park. By voice vote, motion carried 6-1.

BUSINESS ITEM #2: Carpenter Preserve - NW Parking Lot Placement

Director Kading reviewed the information found in the notes clarifying that the 2025 Plan is a master plan, and any item in the plan can be added, deleted, and/or adjusted as implementation takes place. The purpose of the location as found in the master plan is to serve as a trail head for the future north/south trail, which is proposed to align west of the creek and will link to future trail connections. Finally, the 2024 wetland delineation indicates this area is not sensitive and that the current gravel lot is located within the identified wetland delineation area.

Commissioner Galloway requested clarification on when the delineation was completed and noted that this is what impacted the change.

Commissioner Weber further noted that this is a master plan, and changes are to be expected as we move through the implementation process.

Commissioner Hancock-Cooke asked for further clarification.

Given that no change was made to the master plan, no motion was required.

BUSINESS ITEM #3: Douglas Park – Play Equipment/Pavilion

Superintendent Fink reviewed the information found in his May 15 email and further recommended the removal of the play equipment and pavilion.

Action: MSC Weber/Kelly to accept removal of the play equipment and pavilion at Douglas Park as time permits. Motion carried by voice vote 6 – 0 with 1 abstention.

BUSINESS ITEM #4: 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Superintendent Fink noted that the UV system has failed at the pool and needs to be updated and will be scheduled with the other repairs in 2028. Until then, he believes he can make it work.

Commissioner Galloway indicated that he would be willing to allow his engineers' expertise to help make a recommendation specifically regarding pool heating.

Action: MSC Kelly/Galloway to accept and recommend the 5-Year CIP as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

BUSINESS ITEM #5: 2025 CIP Update

Reviewed

BUSINESS ITEM #6: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Future Commission Meeting Locations

August – Southview Park

September – Doty Park/WBH

Fish Cleaning Station at Rec Park

Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Commissioner Hancock-Cooke reported.

- County voted to allow UTV/ATV on county roads.
- County voted to make the Parks Committee a Commission.

Harbor Committee: Commissioner Galloway had no report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP