



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – February 19, 2026

Members Present

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| X | Jim Wise | | 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
, Superintendent of Recreation
Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks
X Megan Thompson, Recreation Supervisor

Others Present: Kristine Butteris (new Superintendent of Recreation), Frank Cuthbert, Jacy Park, Becky Heidke-Kwiatkowski

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Commissioner Ondresky at 4:31 P.M.

Correspondence

None

Appearances

Director Kading introduced Kristine Butteris to the Commission as our new Superintendent of Recreation.

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Galloway to approve the minutes of the January 15 Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

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

Financial Report

The 2025 unaudited 4th quarter and final financial records were reviewed.

MSC Hillstrom/Lawell to accept and place on file the 2025 unaudited financial report. All voting aye.

Mission Action Report

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

Director Kading reviewed the Log Your Loops program that the City will help facilitate in 2026 in cooperation with Fox Crossing and Menasha. FNI was thanked for sponsoring the program for the last 7 years, and ThedaCare was thanked for their ongoing financial support.

Commissioner Ondresky inquired about attendance at the recent conference. Kading indicated that he attended several sessions on leadership, while Butteris said she attended a session on aquatics and the shift away from stroke development to safety around the water.

Commissioner Lawell commended Superintendent Fink and the park crew for their dedication and commitment to keeping the ice rinks up and running throughout the inconsistent weather and further recognized the staff for the tremendous Summer Activity Guide that arrived in the mail today (lots of great programs, attractive marketing piece).

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Doty Cabin - Accession/Deaccession

Director Kading reviewed the list of items, noting that most were broken and in very poor condition. It was noted that for items that are in poor condition but may be useful to other organizations, every attempt will be made to find a good home.

Action: MSP Galloway/Kelly to approve deaccessions found on the attached form. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #2: Recommend Firm to Conduct Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

Director Kading reviewed the Request for Proposals and selection process, indicating that after conducting interviews, the Task Force felt that Graef was the best fit for the Parks & Recreation Department. Commissioners Ondresky, Maggio, and Wise affirmed that this was the impression.

Action: MSC Galloway/Lawell to accept and recommend the CORP Task Force's recommendation to hire GRAEF, Milwaukee, WI, to help the City conduct a CORP in the amount of \$30,100.

BUSINESS ITEM #3: Arrowhead Discussion

The presentation given to the Council was reviewed. The Commission asked for an updated presentation in March.

Action: None

BUSINESS ITEM #4: Appoint Nomination Committee

Commissioners Lawell and Wise indicated a willingness to serve on the Nomination Committee.

Action: MSC Galloway/Hillstrom to appoint Commissioners Lawell and Wise to the Nomination Committee. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM #5: 2026 CIP Review

The 2026 CIP progress was reviewed.

Commissioner Galloway inquired about the status of the “T” pier at Shattuck and suggested that patching was needed at Rec Park even though the City will be addressing in 2027.

BUSINESS ITEM #6: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding – Director Kading issued a call for action regarding the lack of action at the state assembly and senator level to come to an agreement to fund the stewardship program. Commissioners were asked to contact their state representative and senator.

LIAISON REPORTS

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke: There was nothing to report.

Harbor Committee: Galloway reported that the individual who has historically cut weeds in the harbor may not be able to complete these duties in 2026. The backup plan will be to ask the company who cuts weeds on Little Lake Butte des Morts to complete these duties.

CORP Task Force: See Business Item #2.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP

Motion to grant permission to staff to deaccession / dispose of items identified below per policy.

| Id # | Description | The Why |
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| DC1993-1094 | Milk Glass Lion | We only have the cover, there is no bottom. |
| DC1995-206 | Mexican Clay Piggy Bank | ***Object is in poor condition. Ear is broken off the pig. Origin of the object is unknown. |
| DC1995-213 | Glass Paper Weight with a Picture of a Train | ***Object is in poor condition. Paint coming off. |
| DC1994-168 | Blue Figurine of Man Holding a Ball | ***Object is in poor condition. Shattered/chipped. |
| DC1995-124 | Shell from Havana in an Envelope 3/18/1912 | ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. Shell and story is not local. NOTE: Object was part of the Clarence Olen Collection. |
| DC1991-507 | Black, Velvet-Lined Eye Glass Case | Inventory states glasses inside case were broken. There were no glasses found. |
| DC1995-209 | Hollow Coconut Shell with Holes | ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. Coconut shell not local. Unknown origin. No historical significance. |
| DC1993-752 | Folding ANSCO Camera from 1940's or 1950's | ***Object does not fit the mission or scope of Core Collection. ***Object is in poor condition. Camera is broken and not salvageable or saleable. |
| DC1994-329 A&B | 2 Woven Straw Handles or Ropes | ***Object is in poor condition. Mildew. |
| DC1991-431 | 1873-1973 Twin Cities Centennial Plate | ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. |
| DC1999-8 | Rusty Metal Lock | ***Object is in poor condition. Completely corroded. Not functional. No historical significance. Unknown origin. |

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| DC1993-974 | Brass Kettle with Handle | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked. |
| DC1996-70 | Metal Bar for Scale with 3 Hooks | Part of a scale. We have a full scale in good condition already in the Core Collection. |
| DC1996-69 | Metal Rod | Part of a scale. We have a full scale in good condition already in the Core Collection. |
| DC1996-39 | Metal Bar with Two Adjustable Pins | Part of a scale. We have a full scale in good condition already in the Core Collection. |
| DC1996-71 A&B | Metal Parts with Screw Ends | Unknown parts. |
| DC1994-78 | Glass Christmas Candle Holder | ***Object is in poor condition. Design worn off the outside of the object. |
| DC1993-757 A&B | 2 Clear Glass Broken Bases | ***Object is in poor condition. |
| DC1991-625 | Thin Glass Lamp Chimney | ***Object is in poor condition. Shattered and completely unsalvageable. |
| DC1992-640 | Clear Glass Creamer | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked/missing pieces. |
| DC1992-641 | Clear Glass Container | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked/missing pieces. |
| DC1991-542 | Blue & White Stoneware Plate | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked. ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. Too late for Doty's. |
| DC1991-434 | "Neenah" Cream Pitcher from 1900-1930 | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked/shattered. |
| DC1994-23 | Blue & White Bowl | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked and glued. |
| DC1994-16 | English Pottery Blue & White Sauce Dish from 1900 | ***Object is in poor condition. Chipped. |
| DC1994-173 | Blue Wedgewood Jasperware Teapot | ***Object is in poor condition. Cracked in pieces and glued. |
| DC1995-126 | Buffalo Head Dress- Black Fur Cap with Horns, Feathers, and Ribbons | ***Object is a fake/forgery ***Object condition is poor. |

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| | | Deaccession due to recommendation from the Oneida Nation Museum. Not appropriate examples of Native American object. Rhinestones and ribbons are not authentic. |
| DC1995-125 | Large Plains Native American Drum with Painted Designs | ***Object is fake/forgery ***Object condition is poor. Drum is molting. The fur is falling off. Deaccession due to recommendation from the Oneida Nation Museum. Not appropriate example of Native American Object. |
| DC1995-72 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 4, No. 1, Oct. 1904 | DC1995-72 - DC1995-97 ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use these books. NOTE: Part of the Clarence Olen Collection. |
| DC1995-73 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 4, No. 2, Jan. 1905 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-74 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 4, No. 3 & 4, Apr.-Aug. 1905 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-75 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 5, No. 1, Oct. 1905 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-76 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 5, No. 2, 1906 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-77 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 8, No. 1, Jan.-Mar. 1909 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-78 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 8, No. 4, Oct.-Dec. 1909 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-79 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 18, No. 4, 1919 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-80 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 19, No. 1, Jan. 1920 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-81 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 19, No. 2, Apr. 1920 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-82 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 19, No. 3, Aug. 1920 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-83 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 20, No. 1, Feb. 1921 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-84 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 20, No. 2, Apr. 1921 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-85 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 20, No. 3, Jul. 1921 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-86 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 20, No. 4, Oct. 1921 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-87 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 1, No. 1, New Series, Jan. 1922 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-88 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 1, No. 2, New Series, Apr. 1922 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-89 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 1, No. 3, New Series, Aug. 1922 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-90 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 1, No. 4, New Series, Dec. 1922 | ^ See DC1995-72 |

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| DC1995-91 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 2, No. 1, New Series, Jan. 1923 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-92 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 2, No. 2, New Series, Apr. 1923 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-93 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 2, No. 3, New Series, Jul. 1923 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-94 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 2, No. 4, New Series, Oct. 1923 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-95 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 3, No. 1, New Series, Jan. 1924 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-96 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 3, No. 3, New Series, Jul. 1924 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1995-97 | Book "Wisconsin Archaeologist" Vol. 3, No. 4, New Series, Sep. 1924 | ^ See DC1995-72 |
| DC1993-1108 | Book "The Body in Health" by M.V. O'Shea & J.H. Kellogg 1920 | ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use this book. |
| DC1996-84 | Book "The Theory and Practice of Midwifing" from 1783 | ***Object condition is poor. Cover is brittle, mold/mildewed. |
| DC1996-86 | Book "A History of the Nineteenth Century Year by Year" Vol. 1 of 3 from 1902 | DC1996-86, 81, & 91 ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use these books. |
| DC1996-81 | Book "A History of the Nineteenth Century Year by Year" Vol. 2 of 3 from 1902 | ^ See DC1996-86 |
| DC1996-91 | Book "A History of the Nineteenth Century Year by Year" Vol. 3 of 3 from 1902 | ^ See DC1996-86 |
| DC1995-70 | Book "Bulletin of the Public Museum of the City of Milwaukee" Vol. 10, No. 1, May 29, 1929 | ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. Not local (Milwaukee). |
| DC1996-80 | Book "A Short History of Ancient Europe" from 1934 | ***Object does not fit mission or scope (European history). ***Object condition is poor. Binder missing, torn pages, significant writing in the book. |
| DC1996-87 | Book "History Book with NO NAME FOUND" Covers history from 400 B.C. – 1400 A.D. | ***Object does not fit the mission or scope (not local). ***Object condition is poor. |
| DC1995-68 | Book "Eleventh Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute 1889-90" by J.W. Powell | DC1995-68, 66, 67, & 69 |

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| | director. Dark brown hard cover bound volume with gold Indian bust on the cover. Fragile. | ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use these books. |
| DC1995-66 | Book "Eighth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology (Comparative and Analytical Study of Cultures)1886-1887". Dark brown hard cover volume with gold Indian bust on cover. Fragile. | ^ See DC1995-68 |
| DC1995-67 | Book "Tenth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology (Comparative and Analytical Study of Cultures) to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute 1888-1889" by J.W. Powell director. Dark brown hard cover bound volume with gold Indian bust on cover. Fragile. | ^ See DC1995-68 |
| DC1995-69 | Book "Thirteenth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology (Comparative and Analytical Study of Cultures) to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute 1891-1892" by J.W. Powell director. Dark brown hard cover bound volume with gold Indian bust on cover. Fragile. | ^ See DC1995-68 |
| DC1995-63 | Book "Collections of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin" Vol. XVI-The French Regime in Wisconsin 1634-1727. Printed in 1902 | ***Object condition is poor. Binding is broken. |
| DC1995-60 | Book "History of the United States" from 1895 | ***Object condition is poor. Binding and cover are falling off. ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use these books. |
| DC1993-1083 | Book "Barnes's Complete Geography" by James Monlietto 1885 | ***Object condition is poor. Binder and cover are falling off. ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use these books. |
| DC1991-514 | Book "Atlas-Population of Major Cities 1890 & 1900" maps by Rand McNally | ***Object condition is poor. Binder and cover are falling off. Cover has been replaced |

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| | | with brown wrap/crayon used to write "Atlis" on the cover. ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We prefer to maintain Core Collection objects significant to Doty Family, early Neenah pioneers and the current Native American collection. Also, we have no plans to display/use these books. |
| DC1996-92 | "Blue Book Wisconsin 1929" published by Democrat Printing Company – Madison, WI | ***Object does not fit mission or scope. |
| DC1996-93 | "Blue Book Wisconsin 1931" published by Democrat Printing Company – Madison, WI | ***Object does not fit mission or scope. |
| DC1991-518 | Book "1920 Automobile Engineering" Vol. 3, Sept. 5 1920 | ***Object does not fit mission or scope. |
| DC1996-89 | Book "McLaughlin and Old Oregon" published in 1903 by A.C. McClurg & Co. in Chicago | ***Object does not fit mission or scope. |
| DC1993-1086 | Book "Short Sketches of Wisconsin Men" 1898- featuring Samuel A. Cook | ***Object care and preservation cannot be maintained. We will donate to the Neenah Historical Society (if they want it). |
| DC1991-400 | Prayer Book from England dated 1832 | ***Object does not fit mission or scope. |
| DC1991-396 | "Browning Book of Poems" by Elizabeth B. Browning from 1870-1880? | ***Object condition is poor. Cover is brittle and pieces are missing. |
| DC1995-65 | Book of Maps of Upper Michigan | ***Object does not fit mission or scope. |
| DC1991-519 | Souvenir miniature photos of Oshkosh. Made for John M. Horn-Books, Stationery and News. Oshkosh, WI Copyright 1905 | ***Object is in poor condition. ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. Not local (Oshkosh). |
| DC1993-803 | BIALMEROG Book. 1881 publishing in Decorah, IA. One metal fastener (one broken). Brown leather cover. Embossed. | ***Object is in poor condition. ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. In German. Not local. |
| DC1993-808 | German bible book. Brown leather cover. Copyright 1853. Cover taped. Book contains pressed flowers, a needle, green thread, and a frayed ribbon bookmark. | ***Object is in poor condition. ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. German Bible. |
| DC1993-810 | 1865 German math book. Published 1862 | ***Object is in poor condition. |

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| | | We already have English, local arithmetic books in good condition. |
| DC1993-800 | Hymn book. Methodist hymns- 714 pages and supplement. Hymns for Sunday School, Youth & Children- 49 pages. Red cover almost off. | ***Object is in poor condition. |
| DC1995-53 | Plat Book. Winnebago County WI. 1909. Bound. Red hard cover. Cover and binding is loose. | ***Object is in poor condition. We have maps in good condition. ***Object does not fit the mission or scope. Outside the timeline of Gov. Doty. |