



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – August 21, 2025

Members Present

	Jim Wise	X	Kate Hancock - Cooke		Gary Lawell
	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: Kara Palasz, Gerry Andrews, James Vigil, Carolynne Vigil, Roxie Emunson, Frank Cuthbert, Mary Helen Casper, Peter Casper, Suzy Betker, Scott Woolf, and Vanessa Beilfuss

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

Correspondence

None

Appearances

Mr. Vigil expressed his appreciation for the sheep at Carpenter Preserve, noting that this is the least invasive way to deal with invasive species. He also acknowledges that this will take time.

Ms. Palasz is concerned about the condition of Douglas Park. She stated that kids played on the equipment prior to it being removed, and the pavilion still was of use. She feels that her property is of less value.

At the close of appearances, the Commission decided to permit responses:

Director Kading stated that the City had a need for a stormwater pond to address neighborhood flooding issues, and the Commission worked with the stormwater utility to help stormwater relief in the area. Parks & Recreation staff evaluated the equipment based upon age, accessibility, and ability to purchase replacement parts. Finding that the equipment was 20+ years old and did not meet current ADA and safety standards, staff recommended removal. The future of the site is yet to be determined. Several ideas have been developed, but no decisions have been made.

Commissioner Galloway stated for the record that he abstained from votes related to Douglas Park due to his direct connection to the Galloway Company. He further encouraged residents to find out more information from the department or attend Commission meetings prior to posting inaccurate information. He reiterated that he and the company are committed to the Neenah community and want to help facilitate community engagement and cooperation.

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Galloway to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025 Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

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

Mission Action Report

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

Director Kading gave a brief overview of the Mission/Action Report.

Commissioner Galloway complimented staff on the roll out of the Kimberly Point Lighthouse fundraising effort. He has individuals throughout the community talking about the effort and is confident that we will reach our goal.

Recreation Supervisor Thompson stated that the summer has gone well and that programs end tomorrow (Friday, August 22), and the pool closes the next day.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Proposed 2026 Operational/Maintenance and CIP Budgets

Director Kading reviewed the proposed budgets.

Action: MSC Galloway/Hillstrom to accept and recommend the proposed 2026 Operational/Maintenance and CIP Budgets. All voting aye.

BUSINESS ITEM # 2: 2025 CIP Review

Report was reviewed.

BUSINESS ITEM # 3: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

Doty Cabin – End of Year Report and Presentation

Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke reported that school play equipment at the former Shattuck Middle School site was approved.

Harbor Committee: Galloway stated buoy placement seems to be off and should be looked into.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:12 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP