



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – September 18, 2025

Members Present

	Jim Wise	X	Kate Hancock-Cooke	X	Gary Lawell
	Peter Kelly		Eric Maggio		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: Jacy & David Park, Becky Heidke Kwiatkowski, Dave Sebora, Cari Lendrum, and Frank Cuthbert

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

Correspondence

None

Appearances

Mr. Sebora inquired about Wilderness Park and whether there was a management plan.

Minutes

MSC Hillstrom/Weber to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025 Commission Meeting. All voting aye.

Bill Vouchers

Commissioner Ondresky 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:

Commissioner Lawell inquired about the construction going on at Southview. New batting cages are being put in.

Commissioner Ondresky commented that there were 40 kayak rentals in 2024 and 48 in 2025 during the month of August.

Commissioner Ondresky asked about the indoor pickleball program found in the rec guide. Superintendent Kluge indicated that this program was made possible through the Boys & Girls Club cooperative. The facility has been available during slow times. Indoor Pickleball felt like a great first program for both parties. Additional programming may be held at the Boys & Girls Club in the future.

Commissioner Hillstrom shared that Festival Foods, Wisconsin-based grocer, has been sold to an out-of-state grocer and is wondering what impact this may have on the City's fireworks. Director Kading is aware of the sale but has not heard anything and will continue to monitor.

Director Kading recognized Superintendent Kluge for his role in the Riverside Players' successful presentation of *Chicago*. All shows were sold out.

BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1: Doty Cabin Report and Presentation

Jacy Park (2025 Docent) and Becky Heidke Kwiatkowski (Doty Cabin friend) made a presentation to the Commission pertaining to the Doty Cabin inventory that has been completed this summer. 2,040 objects were found in the collection. These items were found in the Cabin, City Hall storage, and the Parks & Recreation Office with 146 items being identified as lost. Moving forward, the Commission will need to read the Collection Policy (to be sent out electronically) and be prepared to ratify the policy. The Commission will also review the 1995 Conservation Assessment and current gaps at Doty Cabin. Lastly, the Commission, per policy, will need to accession and deaccession objects based on recommendations from staff.

The 2026 Doty Cabin theme will be "We the People," which is the theme of museums throughout the country and aligns with the 250th Celebration of the United States of America.

Action: No action required. Homework: Please review the Collection Policy.

BUSINESS ITEM #2: 2025 CIP Review

The 2025 CIP Status was reviewed.

Action: None

BUSINESS ITEM #3: Announcements and Future Agenda Items

October 16 Commission Meeting will be at City Hall
Wilderness Park

Liaison Reports

Plans Commission: Hancock-Cooke had no report.

Harbor Committee: Director Kading reported that the fall Harbor Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 13 at 4:00 P.M. at City Hall.

MSC Hillstrom/Hancock-Cooke to adjourn at 5:22 P.M.

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP