Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM

161 North Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Chairperson Adam Carthew called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

The following members were present: Ryan Rostad, Louise Voss, Adam Carthew, Kristen Hart, and Lisa Lawson. Ellen Agnew and Michelle Hoppe-Miller were absent.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Rostad, seconded by Lawson to approve the agenda. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of September 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes
Motion by Rostad, seconded by Hart. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Lawson made a comment that the card show was liked and asked when the next card show will be. Kaminski stated that the card show went well with about half of the dealers that attended the previous card show. Kaminski noted that a future card show will be scheduled with advanced notice to dealers and public.

New Business

2. Introduction of Rachel Kaminski, Recreation Director
Amundson provided a background on Kaminski. 11.5 years as City of Waupun Recreation Director. First 3 years as a YMCA Dodge County employee with a contract with the City of Waupun. Last 8.5 years as an employee of the City of Waupun. Graduate of UW-La Crosse with a degree in Recreation Management. Resides in Randolph. From Fall River. Children go to school in the Columbus School District.

3. Discussion Regarding Facility Rental Rates
Amundson presented as discussion only and provided rates on similar size communities and their facilities. Amundson also provided data about the current rental use of Columbus facilities Amundson noted that the smaller indoor spaces are underutilized, specifically the 161 Building and Rest Haven shelter. Local wedding venues were also shared that share similarities to the Fireman's Park Pavilion with the understanding that the Fireman's Park Pavilion needs to have more of a presence in online marketing. Amundson noted the vast differences in rental rates within the Columbus facilities and other community facilities. Ultimately, the rental fees could be adjusted and need to be made consistent across the board on payment of rental fees and rental process. Increased marketing could increase rental use of Columbus facilities. Committee discussion about eliminating park shelter deposits, non-profit reduced rate percentage, increase in Pavilion rate due to possible HVAC installation, standard fees for all outdoor open shelters, simplifying indoor

spaces rates based on capacity and amenities, increasing use of facility availability calendar online, and negotiating with long-term renters. A recommendation of facility rental rate adjustments will be on a future Committee agenda.

4. Discussion Regarding Recreation Programming & Recreation Board Priorities
   Amundson asked the Committee about what areas they would like to prioritize. Amundson noted areas of priorities including agreements with youth sports and Community Center after afterschool and evening programs. Committee discussion about afterschool and evening programs included sports talk nights, trading card nights, plant bingo, art classes, fitness classes, board game/ video game nights, dance nights that do not conflict with programs at the library

Director Report

Kaminski shared how her first two weeks in the position have been. She is very thankful for the help and support from City staff and recreation participants that have helped her understand how processes and programs have operated in the past. Kaminski asked the Committee what they would like to see in future Director Reports. Committee discussion on reporting current and future program planning, program statistics, and areas where help is needed.

Adjourn

Motion by Lawson, seconded by Hart to adjourn at 7:48pm. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.