



## PARKS COMMITTEE AGENDA

July 20, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

**All Agenda Items Listed Are for Discussion and Possible Action**

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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please be advised per State Statute Section 19.84(2), information will be received from the public. It is the policy of this Village that Public Comment will take no longer than 15 minutes with a three-minute time period, per person, with time extension per the Chief Presiding Officer's discretion. Be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- C. June 29, 2026 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- D. Buska Park Renovation Project Update
- E. Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Fund Grant
- F. Post Village Parks Tour Discussion
- G. August 21, 2026 Concert at Towering Pine Fundraiser Event
- H. September 12, 2026 Buska Park 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser Event
- I. Creating a "Friends of the Kronenwetter Parks" Support Group

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

***NOTE: Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting or hearing should be made at least 24 hours in advance to the Village Clerk's office at (715) 693-4200 during business hours.***

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# PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 29, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Clerk Jennifer Poyer called the June 29, 2026 Parks Committee Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance were invited to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### B. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Trustee Aaron Myszka, Trustee Dan Lesniak, Patty Tikalsky, Elizabeth Vedvik, Teresa Holewinski, Tim Strachota

**ABSENT:** Doris Brockman (excused)

**STAFF:** Clerk Jennifer Poyer

## 2. SELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Patty Tikalsky nominated Trustee Aaron Myszka as chairperson of the Parks Committee. Upon voice vote, Myszka was elected chairperson. 6:0. Myszka assumed the chair and continued presiding over the meeting.

## 3. SELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Patty Tikalsky nominated Trustee Dan Lesniak as vice-chairperson of the Parks Committee. Upon roll call vote, Lesniak was elected vice-chairperson. 6:0.

## 4. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Trustee Myszka thanked the members for their willingness to serve. He said their different backgrounds and perspectives will help them make thoughtful decisions and share ideas. He said he hopes they can work collaboratively.

## 5. COMMITTEE DUTIES

### C. Parks Committee Responsibilities and Duties

Clerk Poyer presented and reviewed the committee's responsibilities and duties.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### D. Kronenwetter 2026-2030 Outdoor Recreation Plan

The committee members discussed the 2026-2030 Outdoor Recreation Plan. They said they would use it as a guide for their recommendations. They discussed the survey included in the plan and the recent survey given during community events. They said they should look at all parks and what they all need and add variety as much as possible.

### E. Buska Park Fundraiser - July 17, 2026 Movie Under the Stars Event

The committee discussed possible fundraising ideas in conjunction with the community event including a jewelry sale; bake sale; pocket change collection; and "fill the pool" event. They discussed the possibilities of raffles, etc.

### F. Fundraising Ideas

Committee members brainstormed fundraising ideas including a 5k Run/Walk; concert at Towering Pines Park; block party; beer tent; carnival; tug of war; and more.

**G. Future Parks Tour**

*The committee scheduled a parks tour for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 4 p.m. If it rains the meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 4 p.m.*

**H. Set Meeting Dates and Times**

*The committee set the meetings for 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the upcoming months. The committee will not meet on July 6 due to the park tour on July 8, 2026.*

**8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

*Buska Night on July 17, 2026*

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Lesniak/Strachota to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.*

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### **Report to Parks Committee**

**Item Name:** Buska Park Renovation Project Update

**Meeting Date:** July 20, 2026

**Referring Body:**

**Committee Contact:**

**Staff Contact:** Greg Ulman

**Report Prepared by:** Greg Ulman

**AGENDA ITEM:** Buska Park Renovation Project Update

**OBJECTIVE(S):** To talk about the project

- I have submitted 3 grants thus far with the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, two of which have a deadline submission in August, and the other we were awarded \$5,000. I am looking for more grant opportunities that fit our need.
- I have a call into Wausau Tile for fundraising bricks which we can use as a path or a border around the park. The bricks would have donor names on it. Any other ideas for recognizing donors is appreciated.



### **Report to Parks Committee**

**Item Name:** Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Grant

**Meeting Date:** July 20, 2026

**Referring Body:**

**Committee Contact:**

**Staff Contact:** Greg Ulman

**Report Prepared by:** Greg Ulman

**AGENDA ITEM:** Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Grant

**OBJECTIVE(S):** To have the Village match the \$5,000 Grant

The Village of Kronenwetter was granted a \$5,000 grant titled, Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Grant. At the meeting which I attended on July 7, 2026, the committee who awarded the grant said, “if awarded the grant we would like to see the Village of Kronenwetter match the \$5,000.” After which the grant was unanimously awarded to our Buska Park project.

I am asking the Parks Committee to make a recommendation to the Village Board to match the \$5,000 grant we were awarded.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Make a recommendation to the Village Board to match the \$5,000 grant we were awarded.

Greg Ulman

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**From:** Community Foundation <administrator@grantinterface.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2026 1:51 PM  
**To:** Greg Ulman  
**Subject:** [External] WMCPRF Grant Decision  
**Attachments:** WMCPR\_Logo.png

Dear Greg,

We are pleased to share that your application for the **Wausau & Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation Fund Grants 2026** has been approved. Congratulations on being selected for funding. We appreciate the impact of your work and are proud to support your efforts in the community.

**Grant Award Details:**

- › Project/Initiative Funded: **Buska Park Playground Renovation**
- › Grant Amount: **\$5,000.00**
- › Next Steps:
  - Please log back into the [Grant Management Portal](#) to complete your grant agreement by the end of the month. *We do not process payment until this agreement is signed and you are ready to move forward with your project/program.*
  - We will initiate grant payment on the requested date listed on your grant agreement.

Several important items we ask of you to be compliant with receipt of the grant:

- The Wausau Marathon County Parks & Recreation Foundation requires public recognition of the grant. Our logo is attached, please use it in any publications that are appropriate to acknowledge the grant. Other file formats are available upon request;
- Remember to go back to the [Grant Management Portal](#) to complete the final report within 60 days of project completion.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to me.

We look forward to partnering with you and seeing the positive impact of your work.

Cheers,

**Jamie Polley** | *Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director*



# Parks Committee Parks Tour

Greg Ulman – DPW – Parks

- Municipal Park – End of Silver Maple Dr (by M&J Marine)
  - Infrastructure-
  - Playground Equipment-
  - Can Space be Used Differently-
  - Top Priority-
- Towering Pines Park – 2355 Tower Rd
  - Infrastructure-
  - Playground Equipment-
  - Can Space be Used Differently-
  - Top Priority-

- Buska Park – 2390 Terrebonne Dr
  - Infrastructure-
  - Playground Equipment-
  - Can Space be Used Differently-
  - Top Priority-
- Friendship Park – 2350 Sunny Meadow Dr
  - Infrastructure-
  - Playground Equipment-
  - Can Space be Used Differently-
  - Top Priority-

- Seville Park – 2200 Glendalen Rd
  - Infrastructure-
  - Playground Equipment-
  - Can Space be Used Differently-
  - Top Priority-



# REPORT TO PARKS COMMITTEE

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**ITEM NAME:** **August 21, 2026 Concert at Towering Pine Fundraiser Event**

**MEETING DATE:** **July 20, 2026**

**PRESENTING COMMITTEE:** **Parks Committee**

**COMMITTEE CONTACT:** **Aaron Myszka**

**STAFF CONTACT:** **Jennifer Poyer**

**PREPARED BY:** **Patty Tikalsky**

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**ISSUE:** Sponsorship of Concert in the Park Fundraiser

**OBJECTIVES:** \$2000.00

**ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** The Parks fundraiser will be held at Tower Park on August 21, 2026. Living River Quartet has been secured and funded through donations. We would also like to offer children's activities from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., including a bounce house, face painting, a petting zoo, and free hot dogs and hamburgers. We will work with the Fire Department to help make the event successful.

**PROPOSAL:** \$2000.00 Sponsorship from Kronenwetter Village Board

**ADVANTAGES:** Activities would attract families and more people, free-will donations would be requested, and higher attendance would increase fundraising exposure.

**DISADVANTAGES:** No sponsorship limited activities to attract families.

**ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS** (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

**TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:**

**FUNDING SOURCE(s) – Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$ Remaining CFY**  
 Account Number:  
 Description:

Budgeted Amount:  
Spent to Date:  
Percentage Used:  
Remaining:

**ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):**

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|  | <h2>REPORT TO PARKS COMMITTEE</h2> |
| <b>ITEM NAME:</b>                                                                 | Buska Park 5K Run/Walk             |
| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>                                                              | 7/20/26                            |
| <b>PRESENTING COMMITTEE:</b>                                                      | Parks Committee                    |
| <b>COMMITTEE CONTACT:</b>                                                         | Aaron Myszka                       |
| <b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>                                                             | Jennifer Poyer                     |
| <b>PREPARED BY:</b>                                                               | Aaron Myszka                       |
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**ISSUE:** Buska Park 5K Run/Walk Event

**OBJECTIVES:** Create a 5K Run/Walk event to fundraise for our Buska Park Project

**ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

**PROPOSAL:** Create a 5K Run/Walk event to fundraise for our Buska Park Project

**ADVANTAGES:** By Approving this village event, it gives straff direction to move forward and assist with the event.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

**ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Recommend the committee Approve as a village event so it can go to the Village board for final approval.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

**TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:** September 2026

**FUNDING SOURCE(s) – Must include Account Number/Description/Budgeted Amt CFY/% Used CFY/\$**

Remaining CFY

Account Number:

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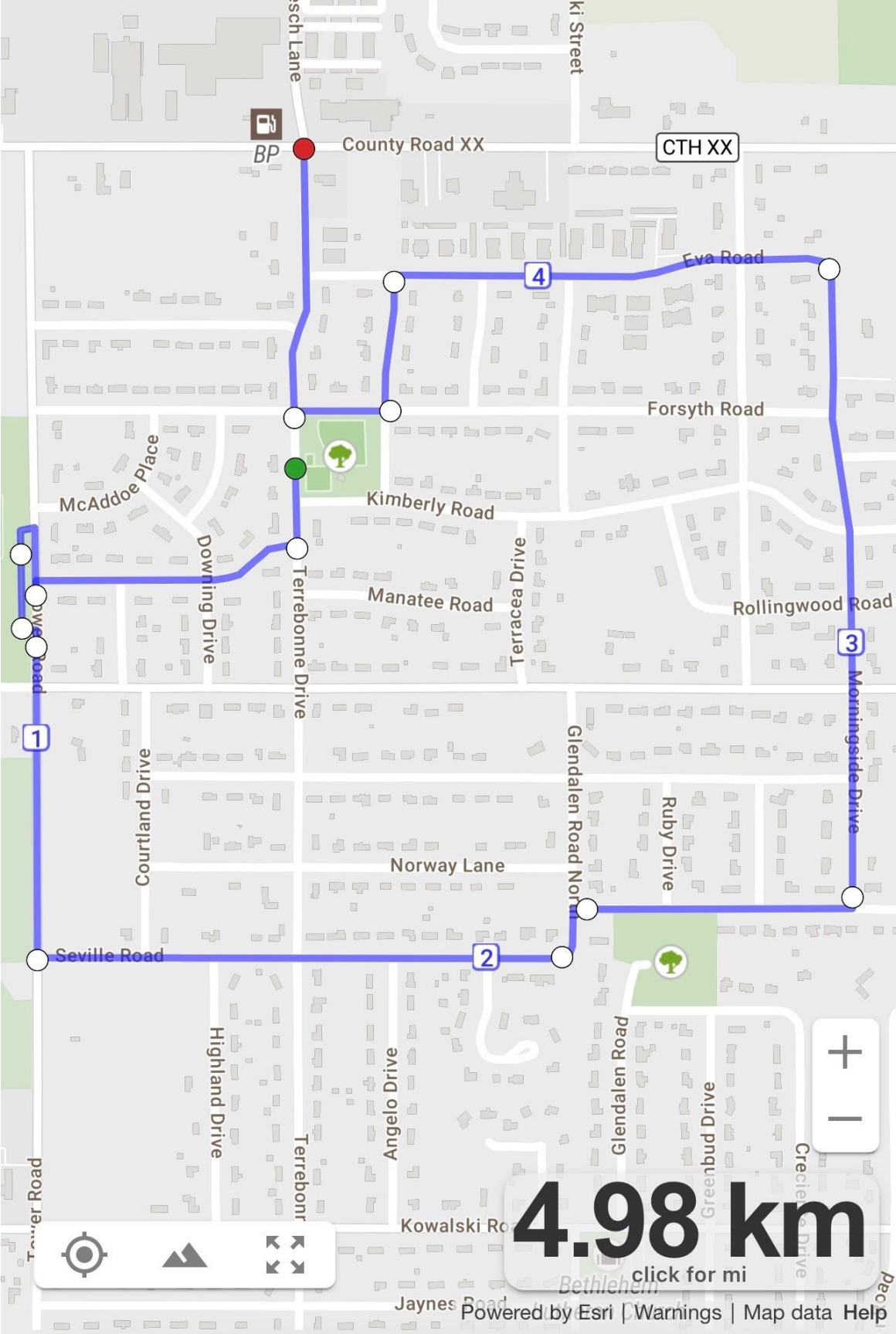
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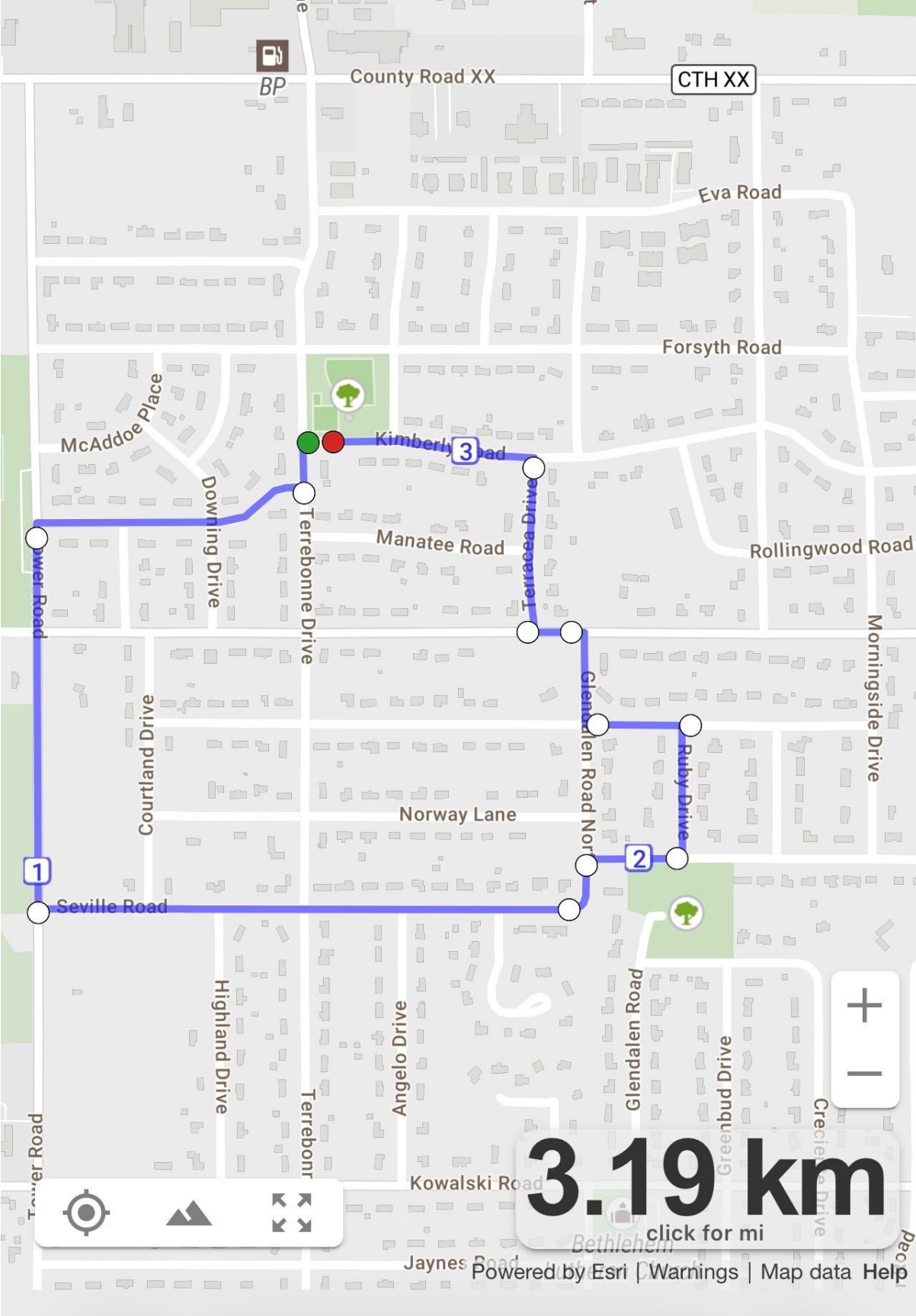
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Remaining:

**ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):**







# REPORT TO VILLAGE BOARD

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| <b>ITEM NAME:</b>            | Creating a "Friends of the Kronenwetter Parks" Support Group |
| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>         | July 20, 2026                                                |
| <b>PRESENTING COMMITTEE:</b> | Parks Committee                                              |
| <b>COMMITTEE CONTACT:</b>    | Trustee Aaron Myszka                                         |
| <b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>        | Jennifer Poyer                                               |
| <b>PREPARED BY:</b>          | Jennifer Poyer                                               |

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**ISSUE:** The Parks Committee is asked to consider supporting the creation of a "Friends of the Kronenwetter Parks" group, organized as a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation. The group would operate independently of Village government, raise funds for park improvements and programming (including through licensed raffles), and provide ongoing volunteer stewardship and monitoring of park conditions between regular Village maintenance cycles.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Create a dedicated volunteer and fundraising organization to support park improvements beyond what the tax-levy parks budget can cover in a given year.
- Enable the group to legally conduct raffles in Wisconsin as a fundraising tool, which requires organizing as an eligible nonprofit and obtaining a state raffle license.
- Establish an ongoing volunteer presence that helps identify maintenance needs, safety concerns, and improvement opportunities in the parks throughout the year.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

Many Wisconsin municipalities have an independent "Friends of the Parks" or similar nonprofit support group that works alongside, but separately from, the municipal parks department. These groups typically organize as Wisconsin nonstock nonprofit corporations under Wis. Stat. Ch. 181 and often pursue federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, which allows them to accept tax-deductible donations and apply for grants that are only open to nonprofit applicants.

## **Raffle Licensing Requirements**

Under Wis. Stat. Ch. 563 and related administrative rules, raffles are a regulated form of gambling in Wisconsin, and a license from the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Office of Charitable Gaming is required before any raffle may be conducted. To qualify for a license, an organization generally must be a local religious, charitable, service, fraternal, or veterans organization (or another organization to which contributions are tax-deductible) that has been in existence for at least one year immediately before applying, or that is chartered by a state or national organization that has itself been in existence for at least three years. License fees are modest (in the range of \$25 per license class), each license is valid for one year, and the state's review process typically takes four to six weeks. This one-year existence requirement is an important timing factor for the Committee to consider.

## **PROPOSAL:**

Staff recommends the Committee support formation of the Friends of the Kronenwetter Parks group.

## **ADVANTAGES:**

**DISADVANTAGES/CONSIDERATIONS:**

**ITEMIZE ALL ANTICIPATED COSTS (Direct or Indirect, Start-Up/One-Time, Capital, Ongoing & Annual, Debt Service, etc.):**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

**TIMING REQUIREMENTS/CONSTRAINTS:**

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**CFY/\$ Remaining CFY**

Account Number:

Description:

Budgeted Amount:

Spent to Date:

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**ATTACHMENTS (describe briefly):**