



PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

April 07, 2025 at 4:45 PM

1260 North Road Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Board of Park Commissioners met on Monday, April 07, 2025, at the Public Works Building. Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Amanda Ketcham, Jim Kolba, Lori Hammer, Todd Galbrecht, Dan Holzberger. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke, and Mauston Pickler's representative Cyntia Macloud.

2. **Minutes:** Jim Kolba/Amanda Ketcham to approve minutes from February 03, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

3. **Review Financial Reports:** Financial statements were reviewed. Jim Kolba had a credit card question and City Administrator Daron Haugh was able to address the question.

4. **Fundraising for the Parks Department-** Representing Mauston Picklers, Cynthia Macloud, addressed the Board concerning the increased interest and participation of Pickleball. She has agreed to head up a fundraiser for Lions Park tennis/pickleball courts. The goal is \$10,000. The group has agreed to raise funds for windscreens, rolling nets and replacements, and practice board. Daron Haugh will collect the funds as they come in and will help with the fundraising ledger.

5. **Lions Park redesign of Parking Lot:** The Board and Jordan Wilke, Parks Superintendent continue to look at ways to improve the design of Lions Park parking lot. The Board suggested that the Big Dig Grant 2025 address the needs of the Parking Lot and directed Daron Haugh to focus on that need. Daron will work with landscape experts and ideas to put together a proposal.

6. **Jones Park Athletic field conversion:** Jordan Wilke updated the Board on the progress being made at Jones Park. It is quickly taking shape as the spring weather has been cooperating. The Board suggested to Jordan and crew to make changes and improvements to the south parking lot as an additional idea if time allows. Hoping that Mother Nature continues to cooperate, seeding and watering grass, fields will be ready in early Fall for some competition.

7. **Staff Report:** After thorough research, Jordan Wilke announced that the Kiwanis Club in Mauston no longer exists. With this fact in mind, and an agreement with the May family, the committee recommends that Kiwanis Park be renamed May Park, after Herbert and Elvania May, motion by Laura Taake/Dan Holzberger. Motion carried. The disk golf equipment will remain, with hopes of making continuing improvements as interest grows. Jordan also announced a parcel of land, corner of Arlington and Loomis streets, will make a great dog park/run. Laura Taake/Lori Hammer motion to approve and motion carried. Jordan voiced concern for patrons using Oak Street dog park. Patrons are reminded to read and follow the rules established at the dog park. Lastly, Daron Haugh updated the Board on the developing itinerary for the City's 4th of July 2025 celebration.
8. **Friends of Mauston Parks:** No new items generated.
9. **Adjourn:** Jim Kolba/Todd Galbrecht to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Chair

Date