



BOARD OF PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

August 04, 2025 at 4:45 PM
1260 North Road Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Park Commissioners met on Monday, August 4, 2025, at the Public Works building. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Lori Hammer, Dan Holzberger, Todd Galbrecht, and Maryann Allaby. Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke was also present.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by Holzberger, seconded by L. Taake, to approve the minutes from July 7, 2025. Motion passed by voice vote.
3. **Financial Reports:** The financial reports were reviewed. No concerns or questions were raised.
4. **Park Board Recognition – Jim Kolba:** Motion by L. Taake, seconded by Allaby, to recognize Jim Kolba's many years of service by planting a tribute tree and providing recognition at the upcoming City Council meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. The tree will be planted in the spring of 2026. Jim Kolba will select the species of tree and the planting site.
5. **Pickleball/Tennis Courts Fundraiser:** Wilke reported that the fundraiser project is complete, with thanks to the efforts of Cynthia Macleod. A formal thank you and dedication ceremony will take place in September. The final amounts raised, expenditures, and balanced budget will be finalized at the next meeting.
6. **Mauston State Street Lounge (Vibrant Spaces):** Wilke stated that the outdoor lounge is ready for use. The grass is growing well, tables have been set up, and signage, timed lighting, plantings, and trash receptacles are all in place and ready to be enjoyed.
7. **Staff Report:** Wilke reported that Jones Park is progressing on schedule. The newly established multipurpose green space/sports field has been seeded and is being watered and monitored. New fencing will be installed within the next three weeks. The field will winterize and be fully functional by spring 2026. Holzberger discussed plans to improve the green space at Lions Park for flag football. The Big Dig Grant announcement is expected soon. Holzberger also announced plans for a youth baseball tournament during the Fourth of July 2026 event at Veterans Memorial Park ball diamonds, including use of the concession stand. Concerns were raised about the condition in which the concession stand was left after use by the summer school recreation program's baseball tournament.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by M. Taake, seconded by Hammer, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Chair

Date