



PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

November 04, 2024 at 4:45 PM

1260 North Road Mauston, WI

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** Call to Order/Roll Call: The Board of Park Commissioners met on Monday, November 04, 2024, at the Public Works Building. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:47 PM. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Amanda Ketcham, Dan Holzberger, Todd Galbrecht. Members absent Jim Kolba and Lori Hammer. City Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke, City Council member Donna McGinley were also present.
- 2. Minutes:** Dan Holzberger/Amanda Ketcham to approve minutes from the October 7, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.
- 3. Review Financial Reports:** Financial reports were viewed, reviewed, and generated no questions or concerns.
- 4. Farmers Market 2025:** The Park Board recognizes the great success of the farmers' market this past season. The new location at Riverside Park is a step forward and will continue at the same site for 2025. The Park Board recommends that the city enforce the stated policy for park usage for 2025.
- 5. Jones Park Reconstruction:** Daron Haugh recommended the new committee come up with a "Vision and Goal Plan" for changes to Jones' Park. Volunteers for said committee include Keith Ketcham, Amanda Ketcham, Dan Holzberger, Mike Taake, and Rob Nelson. The planning phase will begin Monday, November 11, 2024, at 4:30 at Jones' Park. The initial idea is to reconstruct the t-ball and baseball diamonds into a football and soccer field. Veteran's Park will take on the displaced t-ball and youth baseball events.
- 6. Staff Report:** Jordan Wilke and the staff are preparing the City Parks for the long, dark Wisconsin winter. All bathrooms will be closed and picnic shelters will be cleaned and shuttered. Tennis and pickleball nets will be stored for the winter. Pickleball will now be held at Gordon Olson Middle School gym. Pickleball will be played every Wednesday night from 5:30 - 7:30. The Park Board would like to thank the School District of Mauston for opening up the gym for community recreation. Lastly, Jordan and staff will continue to trim trees and beautify Mauston parks as weather and time permits.
- 7. Friends of Mauston Parks:** No new items were generated.

8. **Adjourn:** Amanda Ketcham/Laura Taake to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Chair

Date