PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 05, 2026 at 4:45 PM

May Park, 1050 Division Street, Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Parks Commission met on Monday, October 5, 2026, at May Park. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Julie Lynch, Lori Hammer, Dan Holzberger (via phone), and Maryann Allaby. Absent was Amanda Ketchum. Also present was Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by Lynch, seconded by Allaby, to approve the August 31, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Financial Reports:** The Board reviewed the financial reports, with Wilke providing clarification on Veterans Memorial funding.
4. **Naming of the Loomis Drive Dog Park:** Mike Taake suggested holding a public contest to name the new dog park, coordinated through City Hall.
5. **Staff Report:** Wilke reported on fall cleanup, park and shelter winterization, and preparations for the Christmas lighting event at Riverside Park. He noted improvements to Riverside Park's electrical capacity, continued weed harvesting as weather permits, and use of the archery park. He thanked Croell, Inc. for donating concrete for the archery target bases and provided an update on the ongoing Lions Park revitalization project. Holzberger inquired about park bench dedication procedures.
6. **Park Tour**
    a. May Park: The Board discussed future improvements to May Park, including its popular winter sledding area and a hiking theme highlighting nearby Mile Bluff trails. Proposed improvements included removing the existing disc golf amenities, replacing the basketball court with additional parking, and adding picnic tables, electrical outlets, lighting, trail maps, a shelter, and restrooms. The Board will continue planning improvements to the park.
    b. Murphy's Park: The tour was postponed due to time and weather conditions.
7. **Adjournment:** Motion by Lynch, seconded by Mike Taake, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Chair Date