



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 09, 2026 at 4:45 PM
1260 North Road Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Parks Commission met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Public Works Building. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m. Members present were Dan Holzberger, Mike Taake, Amanda Ketcham, and Mary Ann Allaby. Also present were Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke and City Administrator Daron Haugh, Ariel Walkington representing Mauston Youth Soccer, and Char Gyllin, President of Mauston Youth Football. Absent were Laura Taake, Todd Galbrecht, and Lori Hammer.
2. **Discussion and Action Regarding Minutes:** Motion by Ketcham, seconded by Allaby, to approve the February 2, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Review Financial Reports:** The February financial reports were reviewed with no questions or concerns raised.
4. **Discussion Regarding Jones Park Youth Group:** Wilke reported that the fields at Jones Park are progressing well. TruGreen will complete three (3) fertilizer and weed control applications, and a water wheel will be used to assist with irrigation of the park. Walkington reported that the youth soccer season is expected to begin April 14 and run for approximately eight weeks. Fall soccer will consist of travel teams only, and scheduling coordination with youth football will be revisited in the fall.

Gyllin reported that youth tackle football is expected to begin the first week of August and run through October, utilizing the high school field. Flag football is scheduled to begin September 1 from 5:30–6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for approximately ten (10) weeks.

Wilke noted that parking will be available on the south end of the park, as well as street parking around the park. Bathrooms at all parks will be opened once the threat of freezing temperatures has passed. There was discussion regarding adding additional portable restrooms during sporting events. Wilke also reported that nine (9) trees will be planted this year around Jones Park.
5. **School Making Reservations for Boys Tennis during Summer:** Items 5 and 6 were discussed together. Haugh discussed requested tennis court reservations for June 9, June 16, June 23, July 7, and July 14. This item was discussed in conjunction with Item 6 regarding the Summer Serving Academy request. Motion by Holzberger, seconded by Ketcham, to approve the school reservations. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Summer Serving Academy: June 9, 16, 23 from 11-12 and July 7, 14 from 11-12 at Lions Park: See discussion under Item 5.

7. Staff Report

- a. Current Parks & Recreation 5-Year Comprehensive Plan: Haugh reported that the current Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan expires in 2026. The City will begin working to update and revise the plan, including meetings to evaluate opportunities and priorities for the next five years. This plan will be brought to the Board of Parks Commission for review. Haugh also noted that the Big Dig Grant opportunity may be revisited in 2027 as part of future park improvement planning.

8. Adjourn: Motion by Holzberger, seconded by Ketcham to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Chair

Date