



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 06, 2026 at 4:45 PM

Lions Park Pavilion, Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Board of Parks Commission met on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Lions Park. Chair Mike Taake called the meeting to order at 4:51 p.m. Members present were Mike Taake, Laura Taake, Julie Lynch, and Mary Ann Allaby. Members absent were Amanda Ketcham, Dan Holzberger, and Lori Hammer. Also present was Park Superintendent Jordan Wilke.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Lynch, to approve the June 1, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Financial Reports:** The June 2026 financial reports were reviewed. No questions or concerns were raised.
4. **Staff Report:** Wilke reported that the Parks Department is fully staffed, allowing crews to focus on long-term maintenance projects. He also noted that the Living Food Pantry is producing fruit again this season.
5. **Park Tour**
 - a. **Lions Park:** The Board toured Lions Park and reviewed several maintenance and improvement projects. Wilke reported that repairs to a splash pad valve are pending and that recent improvements include mulch and landscaping around the flagpole and signage. Playground equipment continues to be inspected regularly for maintenance needs. Discussion included parking lot congestion, increasing pickleball participation, replacement of the baseball hitting wall under warranty, relocation of a bicycle rack, homelessness concerns within City parks, and continued use of security cameras to monitor park activity.
 - b. **Jones Park:** The Board toured Jones Park and reviewed ongoing improvements. Wilke reported that the newly established athletic field is in its first growing season and continues to receive treatment through the City's weed and feed program. The Board discussed potential future improvements, including repainting the basketball courts, restroom upgrades, landscaping, picnic table maintenance, and removal of unused light fixtures. Wilke also reported that he is working with the Mauston High School Technical Education Department regarding a potential pavilion improvement project. The Board agreed to tour Veterans Park and Mays Park during its August 3, 2026, meeting.
6. **Adjourn:** Motion by Laura Taake, seconded by Allaby, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Chair

Date