



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026, AT 5:00 PM

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM, 1050 N. ORANGE ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by President Elliott, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

ROLL CALL: Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Allicia Woodhouse, Brad Wegner, Larry Hallett, City Council Rep- Doug Martyniuk, County Board Rep- Chad Cosgrove, Director- Jodi Mieden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Hallett to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same after edits, 2nd by Cosgrove.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

- 2. Consider approval of discount pool passes for the Brewer Public Library.** Motion to approve a 50% discount on pool passes for the Brewer Public Library by Lewandowski, 2nd by Woodhouse.
- 3. Consider approval of the Meal Site Rental Agreement 2027-28.** Updates made to the contract: Dates changed to January 1st, 2027 – December 31st, 2028. Start time adjusted to 7:45am to account for milk delivery. After discussion about current economy and long lines at the food pantry, a motion was made to approve the Meal Site Rental Agreement 2027-28 as presented by Wegner, 2nd by Martyniuk.
- 4. Consider approval of Junior Volleyball League Sanctioned Recreation Group for 2026.** Hornet Summer Volleyball is a current Sanctioned Recreation Group for summer women's league. They would like to offer 4th-8th grade girls the chance to participate in a Junior League. Richland Center athletes will participate in one practice per week and three Saturday tournaments, hosting one. Home tournament on April 25th plans for seven courts used. Fees charged according to the Recreation Fee Policy. Motion to approve Hornet Summer Junior League Volleyball by Hallett, 2nd by Martyniuk.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: After some questions on Utilities, motion made by Cosgrove to approve the monthly bills. 2nd by Lewandowski. Mieden will follow up for next meeting.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Mieden provided revenues for January 26-February 22, 2025 vs 2026.

RECREATION REPORT: Parks/Grounds: Public Works team has been cleaning out brush and down trees from the riverbanks near the KP/NP footbridge to Hwy 80 bridge and under. All graveled areas, including the Rotary trail, campsite roads and pads, and all walking trails will be graveled. As weather permits, they will finish the dugout project on fields 5 & 6. Meyer bathrooms were out of order for 2 weeks due to a broken check valve under the pumps causing the pump to constantly run, overheat and melt PVC piping. Wertz replaced the PVC and Wastewater Utility will fix the check valve and fix the bigger issue once it warms up. **Community Center:** Has been booked solid and our front door handle was torn off and fixed right away. **Recreation:** Jena is creating the Rec Activity guide, and we are planning new events for the year. I am working with RSD to do a Bike Bus to school on May 27th to kick off Bike Week. The RSD-RC Facility Use Agreement was approved at Council 2/3/26 and School Board 2/11/26. WPRA Conference provided good information for guiding future funding, AI for workflow, and programming. We are looking at going digital with our Activity Guides this fall and beyond. We will still send a detailed flyer out to the schools with a link to register and offer to print the camp section if requested, as well as increased social/web posting and participant emails. My plan is to use the savings to transition our Sportsman's registration software from the desktop version, that will soon be obsolete, to the Web version. Plans to transition some of the horseshoe pits to concrete cornhole and a ladder game are in the works. **Pool:** As weather permits, the concession sump project and the splash pad shade and concrete project will begin. Neuman is scheduled May 20th - 21st. Upon inspection of the river and slide pits, the plugs have come loose but are held together by a rope, so we won't require help to fish them out. Will look at new plugs for the end of season. Plans the Lazy River 50 as well as a Dive-in Movie and Luau on August 28th for passholders.

WSRC REPORT: Diamond Jo Casino trip on March 26th has 20 people registered. \$100.00 in coffee money for the month. The Gentle Chair Yoga group has about 12 people each week. It is a great way to socialize while getting some good exercise. Movie Thursdays are especially popular when TRHC Community Coffee Club is here and Our House serves breakfast. The Richland Area Senior Citizen Potluck group continues to be a good way to get more Seniors in the WSRC.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Nothing to report.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Wegner inquired about the wheelchair swing and discussed inclusive locations. Members are concerned with going digital with Activity guides and would like more information on the pros and cons. Lewandowski expressed concerns about the bridge on 2nd St needing attention. There are holes in the boards that become a safety issue, and the retaining wall could use some work. Woodhouse mentioned the need for NO SKATEBOARDS OR BIKES signage on the new cornhole project as they would resemble a skate park opportunity.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month, March 23rd, 2026, at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Hallett. 2nd by Wegner.