



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 5:00pm by Vice President Elliott, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

ROLL CALL: Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Larry Hallett, Alicia Woodhouse, Evan Ewing, City Council Rep- Brad Wegner, City Council Rep- Chris Jarvis, Director- Jodi Mieden. Absent: Kathryn Lewandowski, County Rep- Duane McElvain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Elliott to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same, 2nd by Ewing. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Consider approval of a 2-year Special Event Parklands Use Agreement with Rotary Foundation for the Rotary Lights in the Park. Keith Behling presented a well detailed timeline for the Rotary Lights in the Park and the 2-year contract. Motion by Wegner to approve the 2-year Special Event Parklands Use Agreement. 2nd by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider approval of placing a Story Walk entrance sign in Krouskop Park. A request by the Brewer Public Library Director was emailed to discuss the possibility of adding a sign at the entrance of the Story Walk to attract more visitors. Pilla was thinking something along the lines of 5-6 feet high x 3-4 feet wide. Pilla plans to propose the concept to the Brewer Public Library Foundation at their meeting in October. Color scheme will follow the City of Richland Center's Branding Guidelines. Mieden to discuss logistics with Public Works prior to design. Motion by Hallett to approve future signage pending size and location. 2nd by Ewing. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion on the future of Strickland Park: Accessibility and surrounding area concerns. The board was not in favor of the removal of the park, noting bad publicity following Stori Field, it being a walk-up park, it being a nice close location to visit after a doctor visit. Ideas noted were investigating a possible MOU with the Richland Hospital for shared use management and parking. Possibilities of adding adult fitness equipment, creating an Adopt a Park program and following ordinances to clean up the area before thinking about removing it.

5. Aquatic end of season updates. Mieden presented seasonal revenue and visitor information for the aquatic center.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Woodhouse to approve the monthly bills. 2nd by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Revenue Comparison for Recreation, Rentals & Aquatic Center, Sept 1-26, 2025v2026.

RECREATION REPORT: Community Center: We have budget outlay funds to replace meeting room and gym tables and will be ordering new in the coming month. **Recreation:** Jena finalized the Fall-Winter Rec Activity guide and sent out 1-page flyers with a registration QR code and link to our digital guide. We hosted a Hat/bag woodburning event and were told that 35 people were the biggest class they have had to date. Jena and I took the class and may plan to do our own in the future with a small budget investment for tools. Looking forward to the Trick-or-Treat Trail and another Kids Nite Out in October. We have a few new events planned. For November, a charcoal drawing class, and a porch gnome class and bake cookies with Santa in December. The accessible wheelchair swing has arrived and will be installed this fall in one of our Krouskop Park playgrounds. I will be working with Williams to select a few pieces for other playgrounds. The Totten Field of Dreams sign was installed with a nice presentation and unveiling. I am using training budget dollars to get my virtual Certified Playground Safety Inspector credential to learn to identify hazards and manage risks on public playgrounds. **Pool:** The splash pad and pool are officially shut down for the season. Neuman came to finalize on the 25th and told me I had the most organized facility they have been to and that was nice to hear. Next up will be winterizing the bathhouse and removing the splash pad shade for the season. The maintenance team power washed the bathhouse, and it made a huge difference! My Certified pool operator certification will be expiring in April 2027 so will need to renew that. **WSRC:** The senior center staff and events are not a mandated item and we will need to start brainstorming on how to raise funds to keep the current situation as it is now if the budget situation changes.

WSRC REPORT: Diamond Jo Casino was a success with 39 paid. Profit of \$165.00. Urban Scenic Travel commission was \$624.00. (\$580.00 for Nashville/\$44.00 Brewers Game) \$50.00 in coffee money. Wednesday afternoons have become very popular with the Mahjong, Pinochle, and the pool players. Last week there was 3 tables of Mahjong, two Pinochle tables and about six men playing pool.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Absent, No report.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Check to see if we can save the tree in the Rotary Lights area. Revisit Ambulance route with the Administrator and Ambulance Department to see about adhering to contract. Look at SR program "Stand up for Health". Provide information on WSRC revenues (people served, usage)

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month, October 26th, 2026, at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Wegner. 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.