



## OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, JULY 27, 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 President Lewandowski, and a quorum was present; the meeting had been properly noticed.

**ROLL CALL:** Park Board members: Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Larry Hallett, Allicia Woodhouse, City Council Rep- Brad Wegner, City Council Rep- Chris Jarvis, County Rep- Duane McElvain, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

**2. Recommendation of a Park Board Citizen member to fill a vacant seat.** The board agreed that the new member options were all high quality from their applications. Troxel stood out due to her proven dedication to the parks, with an excellent background in fundraising. Other applicants were highly considered. Motion by Elliott to recommend Troxel as new member, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Recommend acceptance of a non-monetary sign donation from Robert Totten.** Mieden presented the non-monetary sign donation contract and details of sign size and location of installation. Motion to approve acceptance of 18" x 24" bronze plaque from Robert Totten by Elliott. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Recommend approval of a fee schedule for the Park and Recreation Department for 2027.** The board recommended raising rental fees for the Community Center as well as Shelters as we have raised pricing every two years and 2027 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Pool rental fees will go up as they have remained the same since 2021. Recreation programs will stay the same and/or be adjusted as needed per supply needs. Pool passes will remain the same, as well as field and rec league pricing and equipment. Resident vs non-resident fees for all were discussed and decided against. Mieden was asked to bring back the revenue adjustment forecast compared to this year's rentals to the next meeting as well as look at corporate sponsorships for scholarships. Motion to approve fee schedule changes for 2027 by Woodhouse. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Motion by Wegner to approve the monthly bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliott. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:** Revenue/Expense Summary as of July 27, 2026. Questions about the pool loan brought up.

**RECREATION REPORT: Recreation:** July is Park & Recreation month, and we gave away free popsicles and ice cream sandwiches (donated) on the 13<sup>th</sup> and showed Zootopia2 in the park on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. 4H brought games and face painting, Rec Coaches made Slime and the Lions Club brought the big screen, popcorn and water for a chilly, buggy but fun nite. We had about 50 people out for the event and 15 made it to the end. We are on week 8 or 9 weeks of programs and the summer is screaming by. We have only had to cancel a couple of low census camps. Fishing, tie-dye, rollerskating and Big Machines camps have been the biggest draw. Big Machines brought the RCFD, RCPD and SRT, EMS and REC, as well as new calves the day they were at Junction View. **Pool:** July brought lots of sunny days as well as 2.25 closures due to poor AQI and a new SOP created for AQI for the Summer Staff to follow. We had another fun Lazy50 and added the H2-Whoa! Challenge and Lifeguard Challenge. We are up to 23 pool parties this year and still getting calls. I ordered more slide tubes as ours are having to be blown up daily, many times per day. The pool manager mentioned the schedule was put out for August and it looks like we are able to stay open fully through the 29<sup>th</sup> without going to ½ days. The medicare supplements have brought in close to 30 new swimmers and they tell all of their friends.

**WSRC REPORT:** The Brewers Game was on July 18. 22 people from Richland Center. 500 played on Thursdays, as we have had many people interested in playing, and will have a 500 tournament sometime in the future. The Euchre Tournament in June earned a total of \$76.00. \$250.00 into the coffee money account. Always open to starting new activities that people are interested in. A group is interested in playing Mahjong, and we are working on a time that would work for all. The presentation at Senior Solutions at the Richland Hospital went well. There were many questions asked and they seemed interested in the activities and trips we have. Diamond Jo Casino trip will be on Thursday July 30 and we are still looking to fill some seats.

**PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:** Requested Mieden to send thank you letters to all applicants. All would be great candidates for Friends of the Parks network.

**REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS:** Inquiring about the trailhead mowing at Hwy 14E/Bohmann Drive lights.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** 4th Monday of the Month, August 24th, 2026, at 5:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn by Elliott. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.