



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, MARCH 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 5:00pm 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, City Council Rep- Doug Martyniuk, County Board Rep- Chad Cosgrove, Director- Jodi Mieden. Absent: Brad Wegner, Larry Hallett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lewandowski 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 Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Consider approval of a conditional use permit for Grandma's Ice Cream for 2026. Motion by Cosgrove to approve conditional use permit for Grandma's Ice Cream for 2026, 2nd by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Consider approval of contract payment with Chrome Fireworks & Displays, LLC for City Fireworks for June 27, 2026. Motion to approve contract payment with Chrome Fireworks & Displays, LLC for City Fireworks for June 27, 2026, by Martyniuk, 2nd by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Consider modernizing community engagement by transitioning to Digital-First Activity Guides and sponsorship options. Mieden presented data and reasoning to transition in 2027. Savings from printing will apply to program upgrades for Recreation and Aquatic Center. Motion to approve going to Digital-First Activity Guides by Cosgrove, 2nd by Martyniuk. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Revenues for Feb 23-Mar 22, 2025 vs 2026 provided, plus Utilities billing review.

RECREATION REPORT: Parks/Grounds: Busy with funerals, snow removal, spreading new gravel, Elections, & ballfield prep. Looking for donations to finish dugout fences = \$2800, and fundraising continues for the dugouts. **Community Center:** We have been booked solid with rentals with no maintenance issues. All were CPR certified by MEUW.

Recreation: Jena is finalizing the Rec Activity guide and will send it to print this week. There were less ads sold this season, so the price will go up. Taking my CPRP exam on 25th, requiring continued education. Hiring 2-4 Rec Coaches for 8 FT staff with a possible PT floater. Basketball finished with Six-0-Eight League Champion, taking out #1 seed WCCU. A chilly hike on Sunday to welcome Spring with 30-35 people walking the river trails from Krouskop-Old MillPond Park and back. Trails were dry and walkable. RARYS reported 300 kids, RCYBS will be around 200. Our Arbor Day event April 22nd = free seedling giveaways from the DNR + Forestry presentation on Natural Landscapes by ordinance. The library will check out relevant books, and we will do a bird feeder craft as well as the Happy Little 5k. The run/walk will be an out and back from the CC to the Arboretum. **Pool:** The splash pad shade/concrete project begins tomorrow at 9am and we will do a groundbreaking picture with Rotarians to kick it off. Park Board members are invited. Continued prep for pool start-up are being done and Wertz was emailed with an April 16th request pending. Summer Event listing presented.

WSRC REPORT: Registration for Diamond Jo Thursday March 26th is filling up. 49 people registered. Next trip is May 7. The euchre tournament on Tuesday afternoons continues to draw a large crowd. I usually have 8 to 9 full tables. Cribbage tournaments once a month on Fridays draw a large crowd. We have daily puzzlers that like the challenge of the 1000-piece puzzles. There are some with dementia and they enjoy working on the puzzle after support groups.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Concerns about the future of the Park Board. Attended an ad-hoc meeting but never got to the Park Board before leaving, but foresees a decision by the end of March for the new council. Thanked Cosgrove for his service at the meetings, as this was his last.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Lewandowski mentioned bridge fixes, and posting no motorized bikes on river trails.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: 4th Monday of the Month, April 27th, 2026, at 5:00pm.

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