



## OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

### MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, 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, Alicia Woodhouse, Brad Wegner, Director- Jodi Mieden. Absent: Larry Hallett, City Council Rep- Doug Martyniuk, County Board Rep- Chad Cosgrove.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Woodhouse to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same after edits, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

**2. Consider approval of contract with Chrome Fireworks & Displays, LLC for City Fireworks for June 27, 2026.** Thoughts were brought up about other avenues for fireworks displays, but due to overall satisfaction with the current show and safety concerns, the decision was made to approve the contract as presented, at pre-tariff pricing. Motion to approve the 2026 contract with Chrome Fireworks & Displays by Lewandowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woodhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Consider approval of an "Original Home Plate" commemorative plaque to be placed at Krouskop Park.** After meeting with Mr. Totten, the project changed to a monument type design in an alternate location close to the spot intended, as well as a painted memorial each year in the exact spot of the Original Home Plate at Krouskop Park. Totten would pay for the monument, but requested the base be funded by others. Lewandowski requested more detailed data to be on the monument as far as dates the field was created. The History room at Brewer Library could be of assistance in finding this information. Motion to move forward with presenting the sign idea to Public Works by Woodhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Consider approval of a conditional use permit for Cooke's Kitchen, LLC food trailer for 2025.** Cooke should use good judgement if bad weather not to park on the grass, clean up the area and garbage. Lewandowski expressed reservations as it is a for-profit business, and we would be setting a precedent. Wegner noted it would attract more people to the park. Woodhouse suggested doing it as a trial run to see if there is any backlash from area business plus confirm Dairy-O is closed on Tuesdays. Fees should be more than Non-profit. Suggested \$100 for nine Tuesdays in August & September. Motion to approve a Conditional use permit for Cooke's Kitchen, LLC for nine dates on a trial basis, with the ability to revoke if issues by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Woodhouse. Nay by Lewandowski. Motion carried 3-1.

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

**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:** Revenues for June 30 – July 27, 2024 vs 2025 provided.

**RECREATION REPORT Pool:** No other mechanical issues to date in the pumphouse. Rainy weather and clouds have not prevented attendance, and we have only had to shut down early a couple of days so far. Plans for the last day is August 30<sup>th</sup> but staff availability will only allow us to be open until 3pm. I am in the planning stages of a Lazy River 5k to possibly happen on the 30<sup>th</sup> in the AM. Included are details of the donated Splash Pad shade. **Parks:** Maintenance will start staffing weekly at 7am and on Fridays until 3:30pm to ensure there is coverage for any issues. Mowing updates- properties north of Lions Park contracted weekly.

**CC/Recreation:** Chrome Fireworks contacted me to sign the contract early for Thunderfest on June 27, 2026, as they have stock left that would be pre-tariff pricing. After a safety review done by maintenance, the CC hours have gone officially to 8am-4:30pm with no open AM gym times as no one is there to staff it, and it may become a safety issue. Anyone wanting to utilize it before 8am will be required to sign the rental agreement and use a key. As of July 6<sup>th</sup>, Maintenance will be there at 7am cleaning with the doors locked. Due to the influx of people loitering at the CC/Meyer at all hours of the day/night, I requested the wifi to be password protected. CC, pool and Meyer rentals will get the password printed with paperwork, and patrons will need to request it. The wifi shuts off @10pm Sunday-Thursday, 1am on weekends. At my request, Administration is working on a new ordinance regulating registered sex offenders in child safety zones and residency restrictions. Ordinance work pertaining to Parks, Recreation and Grounds has begun.

**WSRC REPORT:** The Euchre Tournament in June raised \$128.00 for scholarships. We had 4 ½ tables of players and that made \$54.00 and another \$74.00 was donated by the players making the total \$128.00. \$100.00 in coffee money in June bringing the total \$260.00 for the year. The next Diamond Jo Casino Trip will be on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Presently, I have 42 registered for the trip. The ADRC has started their Bingocize Program this past week. They meet twice a week in the meeting room and the programs lasts for 8 weeks. We have many people bringing in extra produce from their gardens and it is very much appreciated. The bus trip with Urban Scenic Travel to New Hampshire is full currently and we are making a waiting list in case someone cancels. The Brewer's Game on July 12<sup>th</sup> was a success and I will receive \$2.00 per person that got on the bus in Richland Center.

**PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:** Nothing to report currently.

**REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS:** Wegner inquired about ADA pieces for review, as well as possible grants

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** 4th Monday of the Month. August 25, 2025, at 5:00pm.

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