



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE PARK BOARD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 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, Brad Wegner, Larry Hallett, County Board Rep- Chad Cosgrove, Director- Jodi Mieden. Absent: Allicia Woodhouse, City Council Rep- Doug Martyniuk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Wegner 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. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

2. Consider approval of 2026 rates for Shelters, Community Center and Recreation. Mieden presented pricing suggestions and all agreed to keep recreation fees, shelter and community center fees the same for the year. Suggestions to raise pool party pricing next year to offer incentive wages for staff, and create possibility for more parties, as well as increased staff wages for season. Motion by Hallett to approve 2026 pricing. 2nd by Cosgrove. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider updates to the Facility Agreement between the Richland School District and the City of Richland Center July 1, 2026-June 30, 2028. The Facility Agreement is revisited every two years and will expire in June. Mieden presented changes to the contract due to the sale of Stori Field as well as the addition of the Campus gymnasium. Motion to approve proposed changes to contract and direct Mieden to present at meeting with RSD by Wegner. 2nd by Hallett. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Members would like Mieden to report back on Utility and weEnergies pricing clarification. Motion by Cosgrove to approve the monthly bills. 2nd by Lewandowski. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: Revenues for November 24-December 21, 2024 vs 2025 provided.

RECREATION REPORT: Parks/Grounds: Matt Williams is to be the Assistant Director of Public Works and Jesse Jensen has moved to Streets. Interviews closed on Friday to fill his position at Buildings & Grounds. **Community Center:** The dishwasher leaked. Wertz in to assess and found a blockage in the line and were able to resolve it. When the sink was drained, it caused a backup to the dishwasher and major leaking. The rooms continue to be rented on a regular basis. **Recreation:** Kids Nite Out with the Lions Club is coming up January 9th with 12 kids already signed up. We did our free winter solstice hike at the Black Trails/Bowen Cemetery and 5 came to hike along the river on a gorgeous day! We didn't need snowshoes, and it was just cold enuf not to be mucky. It was neat to see the river ice melting and breaking off in large chunks. We could see remnants of ski tracks along the path and one of the ladies was hiking there for the first time and said it would be a great location to bring her dog to do some skijoring. Church League volleyball and Futsal are well into their seasons here and at the High School. RC Flyers started a month earlier than normal and eat at the meal site for lunch beforehand. **Pool:** We received donations from the Joan Woodman Orton McCollum Foundation for \$50,000.00 and \$14,000.00. Mike and Sheila Bradford donated \$500.00. Colleen Schroeder donated \$50 towards daily pool passes to the Snack Packs for Backpacks program. Russ & Theresa Martin donated \$20 towards Passages daily passes.

WSRC REPORT: The Senior Center has been very busy with Christmas approaching. Many have brought treats in and we have enjoyed candy and cookies almost every day. \$100.00 was deposited in coffee money in December, totaling \$510.00 for the year. All trips provided profit of \$2,100.00, including casino trips and Urban Scenic Travel trips. Two movies on the big screen in December with the next January 8th. The Richland Area Senior Citizen Group had their Christmas Party on Thursday December 18th. Montie Berger played Christmas music for the group during the day. The group signs Christmas cards for people in local nursing homes and we hand deliver them to the homes. Everyone enjoyed a meal catered by the Phoenix Center. Russ & Theresa Martin donated \$20 towards games and gave 6 puzzles.

PARK BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Wished everyone Happy Holidays and nothing to report.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS: Members voiced concerns about the future of the Park Board and comments by the attorney that he incorrectly thought it operated like the Library Board. All agreed it was worth going to the future Ad Hoc meetings to share input and concerns. Lewandowski attended the ad hoc meeting and spoke on possibilities of rewriting Chapter 50 to become a committee with public appointment, as well as future reporting requirements to Council. Concerns about Cemetery rules on lighting and suggested removal of lighting or officially changing the rules to be compliant.

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

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