



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 06, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Butler at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Brad Butler, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Kevin Meckley-Parks & Streets Superintendent, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services Specialist.

Not present: Commissioner Melissa Hooks

Minutes taken by M Riniker.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on May 5, 2025, at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

MEETING AGENDA

Motion by C Niehaus, seconded by J Garner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

Butler appointed M Casper (not present) as a citizen member and T Meckley as a citizen member.

3. Appoint new members

Chair Butler appointed two citizen members - M Casper, not present, and T Meckley, present. T Meckley assumed her seat.

Took Public comments

Marshal asked for monetary support for buying of K-cups for hallway Keurig. Members indicated they would try to support and suggested a 'tip' jar.

Butler recommended we ask the Board to amend the Ordinance for P&R Chair to read that President may appoint Chair if they do not wish to fill the position themselves.

K Phelan updated us on Bona Dea, Room 204. Website is launched, there was a sign up for volunteers at the last Farmers' Market, the garden is tilled. Needs fertilizer and water source. Will have Harry check the water spigot at south end of building. She is working on list of classes to offer and sign up for garden hours. There will be an informal info session later this week (TBD)

4. Farmers Market Updates

1st market Sunday. Whole summer planned

Amber resigned. Amy also stepping down. Need to find replacement(s) within a few months, by July. Will finish up grants for advertising. Need someone for FB posts and clerical and logistical

Tara said she would be willing to step in. Amber willing to train.

Niehaus suggested we ask for Dodgeville FFA members to volunteer.

5. DNR Playground grant

Riniker shared we applied for matching DNR grant for updates to playground and dog park entrance to make inclusive and ADA compliant. Shared the prospective options and timeline. Members are hopeful and agreed the spring riders can wait and be included in the proposal.

Niehaus suggested that we could repurpose or sell old playground equipment.

6. Streets & Parks updates

Bricks arriving this week. J Garner wants to ask for volunteers.

Post to ask for volunteers in morning.

Talked about Memorial Day celebration. Might buy a ribbon for the dedication.

Stage repaired / stained, painted outside of everything. Water bubbler still not fixed.

AB lighting giving proposal for lighting at dog park

Will be restriping Main st and parking stalls and all curbs in town and front of community TBS within a week.

Covering weekend rounds

7. Independence Day planning

Bouncy house estimates - key club will volunteer to be at front and end of obstacles. Maybe get 2 obstacles and one little bouncy for 5 and under. Maybe Waunakee rentals and if we have to pick up Cindy can arrange that

Need t-shirt counts

email from M Casper indicated music was arranged.

Need to restock concession stand - Will reach out to Michele to find out where we are in planning.

After discussion it was decided to bring a budget amount to Board for approval upon review of financials and quotes.

T Goebel will manage youth tournament for day in exchange for 7 field rentals for his team to practice.

8. Easter Egg Recap

Good turn out. Cones were helpful in directing traffic.

Will combine 8-11 and 11+ next year, or have fewer eggs.

Will make changes to donation egg and treat bag placements

AC does not want to fill eggs next year. Garner requested there be no gum and Niehaus asked for more chocolate.

Determined to have rain day back-up in place from the start. Discussion was made to move whole thing back to the park.

Need to decide on photographer for next year.

9. Home Talent update

Schedule posted and all games on Website calendar

Do we get any money from them?

10. Youth Baseball update

Applications coming in for t-ball and coach pitch. Rock Reeson in contact about it.

T Goebel will organize and run youth tournament

11. Volleyball update

Matches Tuesday evenings from May 6 - Sept 8, 14 teams, matches at 6, 7, 8, 9 pm.

Should we be charging them rent? Who pays for nets/sand?

Will need to look into info on how this is supposed to work.

12. June meeting dates

Discuss whether to move date as some are unable to attend June 3 meeting.

Moved to June 4, 7pm

Added an additional May meeting May 20 6:30 pm

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C Niehaus, seconded by J Garner to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Motion carried.