



## PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 04, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair J Garner at 6:28 pm. PRESENT: Chair Trustee Julene Garner, President Brad Butler, Parks & Streets Superintendent Kevin Meckley, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Commissioner Grace Zouski,

### CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on July 30, 2026, at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Members of the public may address the Park and Recreation Commission during this time. Comments are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker. The Park and Recreation Commission will **not engage in discussion or take action** on items presented during public comment. However, issues raised may be referred as needed or scheduled for discussion at a future meeting.*

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by B Butler, seconded by K Meckley to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting July 7, 2026  
June 16, 2026 and July 7, 2026
2. Adoption of Agenda

### NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Alumni Game Sept 19  
Sept 19 3pm Dodgeville v Ridgeway  
J Garner will verify time and teams  
Discussion on whether to offer music or other events and how to best advertise it.

4. Volleyball monitoring

Issue with trash in BBQ pit - cans, bottles, wine boxes, glass bottles  
Per ordinance, no glass bottles allowed in park

Commission Will ask a trustee to look into it.

5. Movie at the Park

Discussed logistics for having a movie at the park, need for a license, and genre.

6. ATV ride fundraiser

Fundraiser for all Park. Plan for last weekend of Sept, the 26th

\$25 per machine. Discussed payment options and concessions.

Will not have live music.

7. Halloween Boo Bash

Will be Saturday Oct 31, during T-or-T hours

Will be in the Community Center again

Will look at having a DJ again, or other entertainment.

If budget allows, will purchase a large outdoor decoration

#### **OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

8. Restricted Fund Balance Utilization Initiative

Suggestions to invest in park as an asset and community center

Started a discussion and acknowledged that it must be centered on park and/or community center. Need to come up with a vision and present to the board.

B Butler made a motion recommending that the board look into the utilization of the restricted funds for park improvements, downtown redevelopment, TID replacement, brownfields clean up, and historical preservation. K Meckley seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discuss Commission Membership

Discussed current membership makeup and debated if it should be decreased. Determined to stay status quo for now with Streets & Parks attendance being on an 'as-needed' basis.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Verified next meeting date Sept 1

Motion by B Butler, seconded by K Meckley to adjourn at 8:20 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

*MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 09.01.2026 PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.*