



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 07, 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 Casper at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, President Brad Butler, Trustee Julene Garner, Commissioner Melissa Hooks, Commissioner Tara Meckley, Parks & Streets Superintendent Kevin Meckley, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on July 2, 2025, at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by J Garner seconded by M Hooks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Green - checked in to see how the fireworks were. Said need to book for winter carnival now if we want to do it.

K Phelan updated on the garden - all is blooming now and have delivered a few loads. Still looking for help with deliveries once they start going to more places. Will also have baskets here at center for pick up. Suggested coordinate with garden club but they (garden club) declined.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Farmers' Market

T Meckley is fully in charge now

Live music is over budget. Grant is up next week.

Discussed separating them from Village again.

Will be participating in Farmers' Appreciation Parade in Dodgeville and throwing out t-shirts.

Wont make a lot of changes this year but will have to for next year. Need to think about Winter Market.

4. IDC recap

Attendance was down. Morgan Wallen concert took a lot.

Poker was a big draw. J Garner thought Chicken went well but think should cut it way down and choose to run out instead.

Advertise thru the youth baseball more.

Needed more volunteers - maybe pare down events and have more getting the word out. Discussed options for sign-ups.

B Butler noted Fireworks were a big draw and suggested having some old things like dunk-tank, pie in face, etc.

Need volunteer check in desk, and they can get t-shirt then. Tweak the set up and have more signage for where things are.

Kept blowing breakers. Need more power!

Balloons, face-paint, bouncy houses all went well.

5K did ok / Dog Derby was a hit with spectators.

5. Library / Community Center Updates

M Riniker updated the events occurring in coming months. Shared new chairs were purchased from rummage sale proceeds.

Story time and Craft time going well. Summer Camp had 9 kids signed up.

Room rented upstairs for 3 months.

Brainstormed some ideas for more classes.

6. Streets & Parks updates

Water fountain is working now.

Apron for slat shed fixed.

Looking to get estimates/ideas for the back entry.

Need quote for pavement fixing.

Weed control going ok - need better weed killer.

Need to call someone about roundabout mowing.

7. Alumni game/Car show 9/6/25

Sept 6 - tabled until next meeting. Adam Halverson is contact. Need to nail him down.

No car show this time.

8. Dog Park Fundraisers

Didn't make money at Doggy Derby but had a lot of interest.

Bought agility weave poles from dog donation can proceeds. Looking online for more bargains.

T Meckley with Dirk M from Neighbors will organize a UTV fund-raiser, 50/50 raffle, start at dog park. Have on a Saturday in fall. End at shelter so they use concession stand and inventory can get used up. Don't want conflict with Hyde or Badger home game. Sept 27 or Oct 4.

9. Halloween Boo Bash

Have on Halloween, have a DJ. .

Get quotes on entertainment.

Discussed Holiday party as well and set for Dec 13

10. Next meeting Aug 5

Next meeting Aug 5, no objections

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J Garner seconded by M Hooks to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.