

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 04, 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 6:31 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, Trustee Julene Garner, Commissioner Megan James, Commissioner Lexus Barnard, Commissioner Melissa Hooks, Kevin Meckley-Parks & Streets Superintendent, Marj Riniker-Administrative Services Specialist. Absent: Lori Phelan-Clerk/Treasurer.

Minutes taken by M Johnson, M Riniker assisting.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Johnson confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on January 28, 2025, at the Ridgeway Community Center with the Amended agenda posted and notification sent via email/text to subscribers on January 30, 2025.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Agenda

Motion by Megan James, seconded by Cindy Niehaus to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2. Minutes approved

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

-Casper introduced Kevin Meckley as the new Streets and Parks Supervisor and welcomed him to the Park and Recreation Commission.

3. Ryan Bohnsack - Dodgeville School District Administrator

-Discussed survey taken about before/after programs - 114 responses, with 22 from Ridgeway, would like after school care. Children could get dropped off at 6am, ride the bus to school, then get dropped off after school to be picked up by 6pm. Wants to provide services to Ridgeway based on results

-Looking for ideas such as classes, seminars, to utilize Community Center, also taking kids to pool/Gov Dodge

-Funded by Fund 80

-Doesn't need an answer now, but it looking to work with Ridgeway and the School Board - wants to implement for Fall 2025

-Discussed referendum, noted 13 staffing cuts if referendum doesn't pass

-Noted that state funding is lacking and hasn't changed in four years.

4. Bruce Paull - Discuss Girls on the Run

Bruce Paull was present to discuss details about the Girls on the Run program.

-3 confirmed coaches

-Tuesday, Thursday from 4:15-5:45

-Start week of March 30, Run is on May 21st

MOTION by Lexus Barnard, seconded by Cindy Niehaus to allow them to use the facilities for drop off/pick up/meet up and to work in on rainy days. Motion carried.

5. Farmers Market Updates

Amber and Amy were not present to give an update.

Verify Mother's Day open

6. Holiday Helpers Recap

Casper gave a recap on the Holiday Helpers Event.

-Event went well. Weather wasn't cooperative, but attendance was good.

-Raised money at the auction, but raised more from donations

-Raised just under \$10,000

7. Library Updates

Johnson gave library stats for 2024

discussed ways to promote all what library has to offer

8. Community Donations and Proceed Amounts

Johnson shared 2024 stats

9. Community Movie

Movie will be rescheduled for Friday, February 28th. 5:30pm doors open. Movie starts at 6pm. Will serve pizza meal deal \$5

10. Veteran's Memorial

Reached 100 orders so will be placing order

one more push to get more orders in

see if anyone wants to do an 'adopt a vet' for a brick

Contact someone about Memorial Day event for ribbon cutting or other - include musician who donated

11. Youth Baseball

Johnson discussed the youth baseball sign up - t-ball only

12. 2025 Event Calendar

Easter: April 18

4th of July Celebration: June 28

Alumni game/Car show: September 6th, but could change

Halloween: October 26

Holiday Helpers: December 13

13. Goals for 2025

Goals for 2025 will be discussed at the next meeting on March 4th.

Sheets in room, write ideas to discuss.

14. Easter

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 18th. 5:30pm, set up earlier.

organize into groups better with signage or people directing

Verify Ashley C willing to do eggs

verify budget for eggs

Need someone to be Rabbit

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

No recommendations from the board from this meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J Garner seconded by L Barnard to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:22pm