



PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 03, 2026 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 6:35 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michele Casper, President Brad Butler, Trustee Cynthia Niehaus, 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 Jan 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.*

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting January 6, 2026
2. Adoption of Agenda

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. M James present City of Dodgeville Park & Recreation-Financial Assistance Program
M James explained the process and indicated there is a grant and sponsorship search for funds as well. This is a year-round program.
B Butler verified funds would not come from tax roll
C Niehaus suggested a cap of \$1000

Motion by J Garner to recommend to the Board that the Village of Ridgeway earmark \$1000 from fund source TBD by board for the Dodgeville Parks and Rec Financial Assistance Program, for the benefit of Ridgeway kids. Seconded by C Niehaus. Motion passed.

4. Ordinance clarification

MC clarified how it came to be as is in current form. The forestry portion was more a "greenery" thing and there were trees to cut and repurchasing of trees all of that fell into that category. Funding the garden club and the current Main St project fall into the duties definition as well. After going in depth she feels it is good as it stands.

C Niehaus looked at other villages and towns and stated they work similarly to ours.

M Casper asked M Riniker to look for contacts at other villages and towns to see what they do.

Will continue to research and see if there are changes that need to be made and perhaps another statute that could apply for community events planning that might need to be folded in to the existing ordinance.

Suggested the commission walk the park to see what further needs to be done.

5. Gym floor update

Riniker shared that the board will be donated for the gym and others have volunteered their time to assist in installing them. Work will commence after Board approval next week.

Public Works is determining if there is still leakage.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Easter planning

Confirmed Easter Egg Hunt will be on Good Friday, April 3 at 5:30pm Volunteers show up at 3:15pm Location will stay at Community Center

Discussed adding other activities.

Looked at doc from last year on what went well and what needed work.

Will reach out to Ashley to see if she is interested still. Suggested Rae Ann and Deb might have kids to volunteer C Niehaus will try to get volunteers as well.

Will not have a back up day - will occur rain/snow/sun
Need to find a bunny.

7. Next meeting March 3

All agreed on date for next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J Garner seconded by C Niehaus to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Motion carried.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING.