



AMENDED PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 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 6:32 pm.

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

Minutes taken by M Riniker.

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

Riniker confirmed this was a properly noticed meeting posted on April 2, 2025 at the Ridgeway Community Center and the Village website, with notification sent via email/text to subscribers, followed by an amended agenda posted and noticed on April 4, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by M James, seconded by C Niehaus to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Farmers Market Updates

Amber present. Met with Driftless Ridge for start next month. Fliers and paid ads going out for youth market. B Paull told about grant for Youth Market and they are pursuing it. Also pushing more social media ads

Have a \$650 USDA grant for advertising. Compeer grant is every other year

Still waiting on home talent schedule for decision on ok dates for food trucks since those would be longer days. Halo Halo will be present once a month Wont have burger truck or pizza truck..Panchos would be only other consistent one.

Have 30 vendors signed up now - have some regulars who don't officially sign up but will be there. Had about 55 on roster last year

Will have tokens for Youth Market for spending at Youth Market only.

M Casper asked for music schedule. Will mail to us Want to keep people there after end of Market/Before Home Talent

4. DodgerCare program

Survey was mailed to Village and Township residents. Basically asks if you are interested, and if so, for how many kids and how often. April 30 due date to return survey.

Expect Ryan B to come present results at May meeting.

Stephany Marten spoke as Key Club Advisor - has plenty of kids who will volunteer.

We will log questions as they come in and send on to Ryan.

Actual Dodger Care site has more

info <https://www.dodgevilleschools.org/schools/elementary/about/dodger-care.cfm>

5. Dog Park update

Riniker provided updates for donation box, and possible funds for lighting from DNR grant leftover, bit less than 5K. Had lighting for dog park and access for park in the ask so funds can go for that.

Asked members for recommendations for lighting. Motion lights? Locations? Lit where entrance is for safety? Solar lights?

Talk to AB Electric to take to board meeting Kevin will give ideas for access improvements

Riniker mentioned putting out a social media post asking about interest in agility demo / dog races for 4th of July event. Will put message on utility bill, laminated poster at dog park as well.

Check with Mounds Pet Food for grant match Kelly Johnson Mayhem to Manners Training for info on agility

6. Library Summer Programming

Stephany Marten presented availability of using with Key Club. Will talk to Vickie and Maggie to formalize a plan for StoryTime weekly in summer, or even 2x/week. Maybe 2 sessions/day - one for toddlers and one for 4-9 yr olds Just need to contact Key Club and list as KC sponsored event. Innerview program has sign up sheet 110 students available

Will also reach out to us for blood drive to reciprocate.

Other ideas: Find a book scavenger hunt, Local speakers, chalk the walk, cultural corner

7. Veteran's Memorial Update

Bricks are ordered! Shared the breakdown of order.

Contacted Legion hall about Memorial Day ceremony - J Salava will have ceremony at 11am, speaker, middle school band, maybe other music. Will contact us if need anymore help.

Get sponsorship temp sign for businesses who helped out?

Have a table at Memorial Day, Farmers Market, July celebration with tree or little flags with names of unspoken for vets, starting with more recent wars?

8. Spring Park cleaning/repair update

K Meckley shared that picnic tables are re-stained, concession stand cleaned up, park cleaned up. No tables need replacing at this time

Stage needs boards replaced

Will paint outside of concession stand, inside if needed as well

Getting quote for water fountain (bubbler)

Horse has been removed. Other spring rides are going to need to be replaced in a few years.

9. Home Talent schedule

Casper has contacted them, no schedule available as of yet.

10. Easter Egg hunt update

Michele shared timeline of events - attachment in packet

Riniker shared AC has totes with eggs/gift bags/age signs

Niehaus and James will create something for donations

Kevin will supply traffic cones to help direct kid traffic inside

Mentioned everyone should collect plastic grocery bags in case some kids need them

Will contact local Girl Scouts to see if they want to set up a table

11. Park & Rec Volunteer terms expiring

Megan James moving to DV - will help with Easter and then is done.

Lexus stepping down as well

Village or Township are eligible - positions to be filled by Chair.

12. Goals 2025 updates

Girls on the Run no longer happening due to lack of participants.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

13. Park Playground Equipment

Had discussion of replacing horse, getting both ball and glove or only one.

Discussed what state of remaining spring toys were in.

Some concern over the ball and glove both being 'sit-in', which would limit size of user.

Niehaus had concern over costs

Motion by M James, seconded by J Garner to recommend ball and glove be purchased to the Village Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J Garner seconded by C Niehaus to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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