



# RIDGWAY

## PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

January 06, 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

### CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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### CONSENT AGENDA

- [1.](#) Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting December 2, 2025
2. Adoption of Agenda

### OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Holiday Events recap
4. Dog memorial update

### NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- [5.](#) City of Dodgeville Park & Recreation-Financial Assistance Program
6. Upcoming Holiday events
7. Library/Community Center events

### ADJOURNMENT

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*/s/ Marj Riniker, Deputy Clerk*

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## PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 02, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Casper at 6:31 pm.

PRESENT via Zoom: Chair Michele Casper

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

NOT PRESENT: Trustee Cindy Niehaus, Commissioner Melissa Hooks

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No public comment

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by J Garner, seconded by T Meckley to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

1. Minutes to be Adopted: Meeting November 4, 2025
2. Adoption of Agenda

### OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Streets updates

K Meckley confirmed lights were up and snowflakes that are not working will be fixed.

Tree wrapping will not happen due to lack of time and resources.

Cones will be out for event early in day - will be removed after. Reminder to confirm Marshal will handle traffic.

Snow fences/snowmobile signs up and ready

4. Dog Park Memorial

M Riniker shared 3 possible options for legacy/memorial. Group liked companion wall best and Riniker will look into pricing options for spring install. Might have 2 boards - one in memorial and one for companion.

5. Holiday Market

T Meckley shared update of Winter markets. It is almost at capacity for vendors and there is a good mix of options between crafts and foods.

Farmers Market will be donating 2 baskets for Holiday Helpers.

6. Holiday Helpers

Santa was discussed. Motion by B Butler to have the village pay D Henderson \$250 to play Santa as he has previously done. Second by T Meckley. Motion passed.

T Meckley still waiting to confirm using the Ridge for Santa photos and Santa treat bags. M Casper will follow up with Ridge owner if Meckley has no success. Option of sitting in front on sidewalk posed as back up plan. J Garner suggested Winking Pig as alternate.

M Hook will coordinate parade on night of. Discussed role of Santa in conjunction with fireworks.

Silent auction will need 4-5 workers. M Casper will own that.

Need to verify that Corey of Winking Pig has his own raffle tickets or do we need to supply them.

M Riniker asked for clarification of parade judging and raffles so any questions to the village can be answered correctly.

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

7. Commission 2025 recap/Look forward

President B Butler asked for an overall recap of 2025. M Casper indicated that previous minutes could provide that information and that the Feb meeting was usually used as a recap session.

T Meckley asked about possibility of getting outside pickleball courts.

Requirements for being a Commission member were discussed and B Butler indicated the code pertaining to the commission would be looked at and possibly amended.

Next meeting will be Jan 6, 2026

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J Garner seconded by T Meckley to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

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

## Financial Assistance Program

**Megan James** <rec@dodgevillewi.gov>  
To: Lori Phelan <clerk@ridgewaywi.gov>

Tue, Oct 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

Hello Lori,

I am the Recreation Director here for City of Dodgeville. I am working on a financial assistance program for participants to partake in our programs with less stress financially. When presented to our Parks and Recreation Commission, the members wanted to reach out to other townships/villages in the Dodgeville School District to give some information and inquiries. The current format of the program that was proposed is attached for your reference. In the meantime, I have a couple questions:

1. Do you have a financial assistance program in place already for your residents to partake in recreational programs in neighboring communities? If so, are you willing to share details with us on what that entails?
2. If not, would you consider contributing to the City of Dodgeville for this purpose so that your residents can also benefit from this financial assistance program? Our current proposed program is that we provide \$150 per eligible family to spend on recreational activities, including swim lessons. If your township/village would consider contributing, my vision is that we would send you an invoice for that resident's \$150 when they sign up with us. I am open to other ideas here as well.
  - a. We totally understand if this is something you are not interested in. The goal is to have this be an opportunity for all school district townships; but, without the support of the other townships in the school district, this program will likely need to be changed to only offer to the City residents.

I am happy to meet in person, or talk on the phone, but thought it would be helpful to first send an email with the program details. Please let me know what questions you might have.

Thank you,

*Megan James*

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