

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGWAY

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

March 04, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes

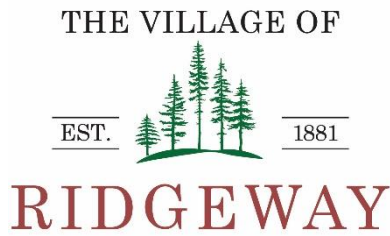
CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS

3. Farmers Market Updates
4. Community Movie
5. DodgerCare program
6. Library Updates
7. Holiday Helpers Recap
8. Veteran's Memorial
9. Easter Planning
10. Goals for 2025
11. New Date for April Meeting

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

ADJOURNMENT

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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

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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



Before and After School Programing



Dodger Care

Dodgeville School District

What is Dodger Care about?



- Parents/Community members were telling the district that there was a need for child care for students in the community.
- We sent a survey to parents to see if there was interest in the school district starting a before and after school program.
- We were hoping that we would be able to slow our open enrollment out.
- As a community there were fewer options for childcare.



What is Dodger Care about?



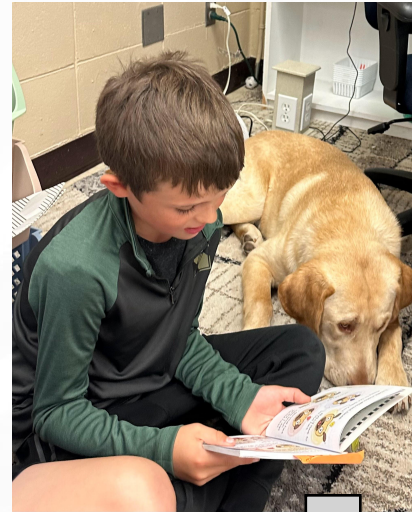
- Dodger Care's mission is to provide fun, safe, and engaging opportunities for students by offering a variety of activities outside of the traditional school day.
- Convenience for parents to drop off and pick up from one location.



Who is able to utilize our before and after school program?



- Dodger Care is available for children currently enrolled in 4K through 4th grade. Our elementary school is 4K through 4th grade.
- Currently we do not have anyone that is utilizing Dodger Care that is outside of the Dodgeville School District.
- During the 2023/24 school year and summer 93 families used Dodger Care.
- Our total enrollment during this period was 131 students.
- [Dodger Care Handbook](#)
- [Dodger Care Registration](#)



Summer Dodger Care



- Dodger Care is open during the summer as well. We are open from 6AM until 6PM, Monday through Friday.
- Any child that has been in 4K-4th grade is eligible.
 - There are students from the private school as well as others that are visiting the area that are able to utilize Dodger Care during the summer.
- We are closed for one week around the Fourth of July.
- During the summer, all of the students enrolled in Dodger Care are also enrolled in our summer school program as well.

- [Summer Dodger Care Handbook](#)
- [Summer Dodger Care Registration](#)



Where does Dodger Care take place?



- Dodger Care takes place right at our elementary school
- We use 3 classrooms for Dodger Care during the school year. These rooms are also used during the school day.
 - One room in the morning
 - Three rooms in the afternoon. The rooms are divided by grade level.
- We use 6 classrooms during the summer.
 - We also utilize the gym, library, and playground.
 - There is a “school lunch” that is also offered at a cost.



How does Dodger Care work?



- During the school year, on normal school days we have 1 staff before school. After school we have 3 staff members.
 - One of our employees does a split shift(AM and PM)
 - Two of our employees start their day later.
 - Our employees are the districts employees and they receive benefits.
 - We also utilize high school students in the program as well.



How is Dodger Care funded?



- Fund 80
 - Staff payroll
 - During the school year we have 3 employees
 - During the summer we have 6 employees per day.
 - Supplies
 - We utilize a variety of educational games and activities along with fun games, toys, and activities.
 - Snacks
 - During the school year students are offered a snack after school
 - During the summer students are offered a morning and afternoon snack.



When does Dodger Care take place?



- Dodger Care follows the school calendar.
 - We are open on our professional development days and our half days.
 - We are not open during our Thanksgiving Break, Winter Holiday Break, or Spring Break
- Our hours are from 6:00 AM until the start of school(7:40) and then from after school 3:15 PM until 6:00PM.



School Board Items



- What was/is the school boards role in Dodger Care?
 - Needed to approve the programming.
 - Need to approve new job positions.
 - Needed to have the Dodger Care Handbook approved.
 - This is done when there is a change in pricing.
- Managing donations



Comments from Parents



- “Without Dodger Care we would have moved to a different district. We feel comfortable knowing that we can drop our children off at school in the morning and then pick them up at school. We don’t have to find transportation”
- “It is neat to see when I pick up my child that they are playing with someone new everyday”
- “My child is always playing with something different when I pick them up”
- “My child will play with their toys at home and doesn’t get as upset when their younger sibling plays with them”



Questions and Comments

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