



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House
1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Rep Scott Stechmesser
Robert Reed
Erin Lamal
Brian Gallagher
Tom Lawler

ABSENT

Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Jason Scharping
Travis Kadow
Daniel Cortte

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Erin Lamal, Seconded by Brian Gallagher.

3. CORRESPONDENCE - None

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each) - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Outdoor Fitness Area at the Senior Center

A proposal was made to develop a senior-focused outdoor fitness area utilizing the currently underused 40x60 pergola space outside the Senior Center. The vision includes the installation of fixed fitness equipment, fencing, lighting, security cameras, and a shade structure to support safe and accessible outdoor activity. The estimated project budget is \$145,000. Potential grant funding will be pursued from Aurora, Froedtert, and the Friends of the Senior Center to help cover costs. Please see the attached presentation for photos and examples of proposed equipment and layout.

A motion to move forward with the project was made by Brian Gallagher and seconded by Scott Stechmesser. Motion carried.

B. Discuss potential 2026 Capital Improvements

The committee held a discussion regarding potential 2026 Capital Projects, focusing on immediate needs, ongoing maintenance, and park improvements. Funding options such as

city borrowing, grants, and community fundraising were considered. The conversation also included a review of future needs and potential initiatives—ranging from basic repairs and operational enhancements to larger-scale projects currently ranked as high priorities. More detailed information on each project and funding strategy can be found in the attached presentation.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. OTHER BUSINESS - None

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Program and Event Updates

Summer Programs such as T-ball, baseball, softball, soccer, and kids camp are all running smoothly. The new 4-week summer sports camps began the week of June 23rd with strong participation: Multisport (26), Flag Football (28), and Basketball (37). Beach Yoga begins July 7th with 33 participants registered.

Despite some unfavorable weather, Kids' Night & Bike Rodeo had a solid turnout, with approximately 35-50 children attending.

The maintenance team completed the assembly of a new storage shed at Vietnam Park. The shed will store baseball and softball equipment and provide coaches with easy access. The project received positive feedback from the coaching community.

Senior Center provided 274 transportation rides and delivered 1,445 meals. The average daily attendance was 109.43, with a total of 2,444 member check-ins recorded throughout the month. Fitness programs had a combined participation of 387, and 101 congregate meals were served on-site.

Notable Events in June included a collection drive to support TRPSD's new Bridges Curriculum, the quarterly birthday party, a farm stand event, a rock painting class, and a special Alpaca Yoga session.

Upcoming events include Polar Bears Senior Night, a Back to School Supply Drive, and the Back to School Carnival, as well as Senior Center Night at Concerts in the Park.

Special Events Paddle Palooza 2024 was nominated for the Wisconsin Governor's Outdoor Industry Awards. Parks & Recreation also hosted and participated in an Adaptive Paddling Workshop, and planning is already underway for Paddle Palooza 2025, scheduled for September 13.

B. Parks and Facilities Updates

As expected, Community House rentals tend to slow down during the summer months, while shelter rentals see an increase. In June, there were 34 shelter rentals, and 40 have already been booked for July.

The department also wrapped up its Pizza Fundraiser with great success—1,339 pizzas were sold, resulting in a \$6,714.75 donation to the Youth Sports Fund.

A community survey regarding recreation programs, activities, and events has been created. The number of responses received so far has been lower than anticipated. Efforts will continue to encourage greater participation.

Neshotah Park Improvements: Completed improvements include resurfacing of Pierce Street and adjacent parking areas, installation of new pathways on the east side of Pierce Street, and tree planting. Upcoming projects include grass restoration, connecting pathways on the west side of Pierce Street, improvements to the horseshoe restrooms, removal of the tennis courts for native plantings, construction of two new picnic shelters, and the development of a signage strategic plan with updated signage throughout the park.

Picnic Hill Park Disc Golf Improvements: New signage has been installed, and improvements have been made to both the park and the disc golf course. Sponsorship opportunities are currently being sought to support ongoing enhancements. These and other community campaigns can be reviewed on our See My Legacy platform at <https://app.seemylegacy.com/community/2075/campaigns>

C. Planning and Grants Updates

A Resilient Shoreline community meeting is scheduled for July 23rd at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. This will be a joint meeting of the Advisory Recreation Board, Environmental Advisory Board, Plan Commission, and City Council.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS - None

10. NEXT MEETING

A. July 23, 2025 - Joint meeting with Environmental Advisory Board, Advisory Recreation Board, Plan Commission, & City Council

B. August 13, 2025 - Advisory Recreation Board Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Robert Reed, Seconded by Erin Lamal.



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Advisory Recreation Board Meeting 7/8/25

Mike Mathis, Director of Parks and Recreation



Outdoor Fitness Area







Outdoor Fitness Area

- <https://www.kompan.com/en/us/products/outdoor-fitness/stay-fit>
- <https://gfoutdoorfitness.com/senior-fitness/>
- Exploring options to complete project entirely with grants and community fundraising.

Projected Budget	
Component	Estimate
Surface	\$30,000
Exercise Equipment	\$50,000
Fence	\$20,000
Lighting	\$5,000
Surveillance Camera	\$5,000
Shade Structure	\$25,000
Excavation and Base Course	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Total =	\$145,000

2026 Capital Project Discussion

Project	City Borrowing	City Other (Special Revenue Fund)	Grant	Community Fundraising	Total Project	Notes
Veterans Park Playground	\$75,000				\$75,000	
Riverside Park Master Plan Execution	\$224,500		\$324,500	\$100,000	\$649,000	Stewardship/West Foundation
Machinery/Equipment Replacements	\$75,000				\$75,000	
Backhoe or Stump Grinder	\$75,000				\$75,000	
Vietnam Field Improvements	\$15,000				\$15,000	
Community House Gym Roof	\$50,000				\$50,000	
ADA Kayaking Launch for Paddlers Park	\$15,000		\$23,333.00	\$20,000	\$58,333	Coastal Management Grant
Mariners Trail Fencing			\$80,000	\$20,000		Recreational Trails Grant in partnership with Friends of Mariners Trail
Community House Outdoor Fitness Area			\$50,000	\$100,000		
Skatepark Design and Build	\$50,000		\$125,000	\$225,000	\$400,000	West Foundation/Community Fundraising
Playground Repairs/Maintenance	\$10,000				\$10,000	
Cemetery Tree Removals and Plantings / Cemetery Revenue Opportunity	\$40,000				\$40,000	
Totals	\$629,500	\$0.00	\$602,833	\$465,000	\$1,447,333	

Other Options/Needs for Capital

Top of List	Other Basic Improvements/Repairs	Big Projects	Make Operations Easier	Other	Revenue Generators
Zander Parking Lot	Community House Public Wifi Network	DPW/Water Treatment Waterfront	Backhoe	Bocce ball courts at Neshotah	Columbarium and Pet Cemetery
Neshotah Parking Lot by Quanset Hut and Tennis Court	Neshotah Sand Vollyeball Courts	Pump House - Visitor Center	Storage Building	Adaptive Launch at Paddlers	Community House Tech Upgrades
Community House Wifi Network	Harborview Wood Stairs	Neshotah Beach Concession Stand	Security Cameras	Nature Playground at Neshotah	Vet's Park Temporary Docking
Lakeshore Park Playground	Mariners Trail Dead End Stairs	Neshotah Beach 2nd Restroom	Vet's Park Extended Docks	Connect Mariners Trail through to beach	Community Garden Expansion
Community House Gym Floor Replacement	Paddlers Park Boat Ramp	Magee Elementary Walking Path	Washington Park Native Plantings	Way-finding signage throughout City	Portable Climbing Wall
Vets Dock Replacement	Lakeshore Park Playground	Vietnam Trail	Automatic Locking Restrooms		
Small Beach Groomer	Walsh Field Bleacher Replacement	Vietnam Field Expansion	Fenced storage lot a cemetery		
Neshotah Concession Stand	Washington Park Restroom Improvements	North-end Park	Expanded maintenance building at cemetery		
Basic concession stand improvements	Central Park East Fountain Sealing	Walsh Restroom Expansion			
	Vietnam Restroom Improvements	Harborview Redevelopment			
	Last wayside parking lot removal	Fisher-Hamilton Site Redevelopment			
	Mariners Trail Fence	Paddlers Park Restroom/Shelter			
	Zander Tennis/Basketball Court Repair	Eggers Riverwalk			
	Mariners Trail Stairways	Farmers Market Shelter/Building			
		C&N Railroad Corridor			

Program and Event Updates

- Summer programs (t-ball, baseball, softball, soccer, kids camp) are all going well.
- New 4-Week Sports Camps Started week of June 23rd.
 - Multisport – 26 kids
 - Flag Football – 28 kids
 - Basketball - 37 kids
- Beach Yoga class starts Monday July 7. 33 Participants signed up for the class.
- Considering we didn't have really good weather; we still had a pretty good turnout for kids' night and the bike rodeo in June. Estimated around 50 kids.
- Jared and his maintenance team assembled new storage shed down at Vietnam park. This shed will be used for the storage of baseball and softball equipment that coaches will have access to. We received a lot of positive feedback from the coaches for this project.

Programs and Event Updates

- June Report Two Rivers Senior Center
 - Rides: 274
 - Meal Delivery: 1,445
 - Average Daily Attendance: 109.43
 - Fitness: 387 participants
 - Congregate meal: 101
 - Total Member Check in for June 2444
- Significant Events in May:
 - Collection for TRPSD new Bridges Curriculum
 - Quarterly Birthday Party
 - Farm Stand
 - Rock Painting Class
 - Alpaca Yoga
- Upcoming:
 - Polar Bears Senior night/Back to School carnival supply drive July 14th with special senior seating, 50/50 raffles, and free TRUST car rides available
 - Back to School Carnival: August 6th from 4-7pm
 - Senior Center Night-Concerts in the park: August 21st 6pm. Raffles and Free TRUST car rides available.





TWIN RIVERS PADDLE PALOOZA

Fun for the whole family, paddlers and non-paddlers!
SEPT 13 @ VET'S PARK, TWO RIVERS

Bring the family down for a day filled with free activities for everyone to enjoy! There will be a variety of activities for kids that explore natural resources, connect with nature, and embrace the great outdoors. FREE fishing including poles, bait, tackle, & gear with help from the Two Rivers High School Fishing Club! Take part in an introduction to kayaking lesson if you are new to kayaking, float the river with us in the morning, and end the day with us for a sunset paddle.

*Delicious food will be provided by Grizzly's,
and a variety of beverages will be available.*

*Come for a fun-filled day and make
unforgettable memories with your family
and friends. See you there!*



To Register
Visit: secure.recl.com/WI/two-rivers-wi
Call: (920) 793-5592
Scan: QR Code

SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:30
Introduction to Kayaking Lesson

10:00 - 3:00
Canoe/Kayak Float on the Twin Rivers
(various paddle lengths available)

12:00 - 5:00
Kids Activities and Education Booths

12:00 - 5:00
Food and Drinks

6:30 - 7:30
Sunset West Twin River Paddle



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Free Scout Water Conservation Patch Activity!

Visit exhibitor stations to learn about water conservation.

As part of the City of Two Rivers' Paddle Palooza, scouts are invited to earn the *Two Rivers Water Conservation Patch* by participating in a series of hands-on, educational activities focused on water stewardship and environmental conservation. Throughout the day, scouts will engage with organizations such as the Manitowoc County Soil and Water Conservation Department, Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, Glacierland Resource Conservation & Development, and the Master Gardeners to explore topics including native plants, watershed health, erosion control, and sustainable land use. By completing interactive stations and learning about the importance of protecting our water resources, scouts will walk away with both a commemorative patch and a deeper understanding of their role as future environmental stewards.

FREE!



Girl Scouts®

Scouting America™



















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Paddle Palooza Award Nomination

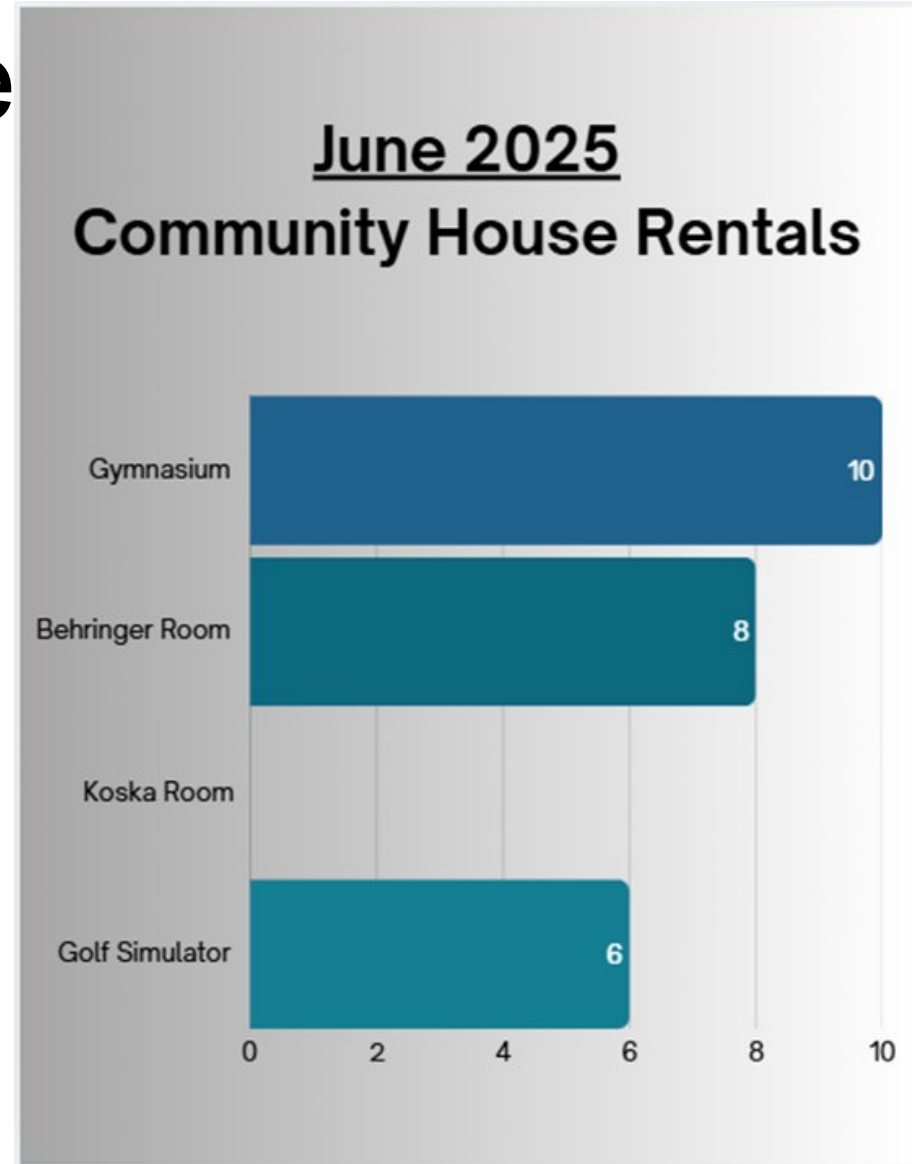
NOMINEE



**WISCONSIN GOVERNOR'S
OUTDOOR INDUSTRY AWARDS**

Parks and Facilities Update

- Shelter Rentals
 - June = 34
 - July = 40 booked so far
- Pizza Fundraiser
 - 1339 Pizzas sold!
 - Donation of \$6,714.75 to Youth Sports Fund





we want your feedback!

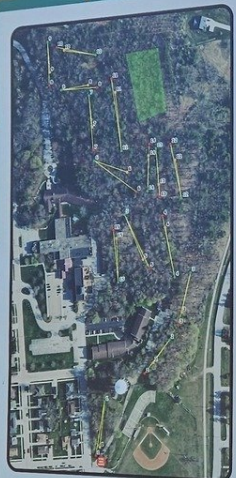


TWO RIVERS PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS SURVEY

The Parks and Recreation Department is interested in feedback from residents to help guide future decisions related to the continuation and creation of recreation programs. We are interested in feedback on interpersonal activities such as programs and events. While always appreciated, feedback about physical infrastructure in parks has been covered in previous surveys. (See our Parks and Open Space Plan for the results.) To learn more about our current program offerings, visit TRreconnect.com.

Scan the QR code to take the survey or visit surveymonkey.com/r/KYTKDP3





Picnic Hill Park Disc Golf Course & Park Rules

- Please be courteous
- Watch out for other park users
- Do not throw if hole is not clear
- Move dead branches to piles
- Remove all trash
- Glass containers are not allowed
- Pets must be kept on a leash
- Respect nature
- Picnic Hill Park hours 6am to 10pm
- All city ordinances apply



Scan QR Code or
Visit uDisc.com for information and scoring
Search: Picnic Hill Park



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HOLE 1
The Tower
227 FEET
Long Tee

188 FEET
Short Tee

PAR 3



Fairway Sponsor



Pete Honzik

Two Rivers Native Son
Guitarist and Adventurer

WATCH FOR
BEACH WARNING LIGHTS
LUCES DE ADVERTENCIA DE PLAYA



Red - High Hazard
Strong Currents and/or High Waves and/or Contamination
Rojo - Peligro Alto, Corrientes Fuertes o Olas Altas o Contaminación

Yellow - Medium Hazard
Moderate Currents and/or Waves and/or Contamination
Amarillo - Peligro Medio, Corrientes Moderadas o Olas o Contaminación

Green - Low Hazard
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Verde - Peligro Bajo, Condiciones Tranquilas, Precaución Del Ejercicio

Absence of Lights Does Not Indicate Safe Waters
La Ausencia de Luces No Indica Aguas Seguras

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BEGIN
ONE
WAY

Neshotah Park Improvements

- What is done?
 - Pierce resurfacing and parking areas
 - New pathways on east side of Pierce St.
 - Tree planting
- What is coming up?
 - Grass restoration
 - Connecting pathways on west side of Pierce St.
 - Horseshoe restrooms improvements
 - Tennis court removal and native plantings
 - Two picnic shelters being built
 - Signage strategic plan and new signage for whole park

Planning and Grant Updates

- July 23rd, Resilient Shoreline meeting @ City Council Chambers, 6:00 pm

See My Legacy - Campaigns

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