

MEETING:	SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, January 14, 2025 5:00 PM
LOCATION:	Germantown Village Hall Board Room N112 W17001 Mequon Road

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*
The meeting was called to order at 5:04p.m. by Chair Depies.

- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Chair Depies, Commissioners Smith, Eby, School Board Rep. Pawlak, and Trustee Hudson (via WebEx).
Excused: Stapelman
Guests: Program Supervisor Doss, Residents Jan Miller and Tom Barney

- III. **CITIZEN INPUT:** *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a three (3) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.)*
Jan Miller (W151N10297 Windsong Circle W) spoke regarding 4th of July

Tom Barney (N105W16775 Old Farm Rd) spoke regarding 4th of July

- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion / Action regarding the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department future involvement in coordinating the Fourth of July Events / Activities for the Village.

Gil stated Summer is the busiest time for the Recreation Department.

The department runs approximately 100 programs throughout the summer.

Summer Kids Klub averages 52.5 hours a week.

Six Music at the Pavilion events.

Family Fun Carnival during Taste of Germantown

Movies in the Park

Kids Triathlon

Youth baseball & softball

Instructional classes

Pickleball Lessons for adults

Trustee Rep. Phil Hudson left meeting at 5:20p.m.

Depies stated this is the information needed. The Village Board is currently trying to

come up with a solution to the problem. We, as a Commission, need to decide whether or not if it is a good idea for Park & Recreation to be involved with the coordination of these activities. The former groups that were involved in the 4th of July activities have come forward telling the Village that they cannot run this day any longer. Park & Recreation Departments are not involved in these types of activities.

Pawlak stated it's a burden for Park & Recreation to take on the 4th of July fully. It's unfair that it is now January, and no decision has been made. If Park & Recreation has to be involved in any way the Village Board needs to compensate those who must be involved. There should be organizations that would take on individual pieces.

Eby stated that Park & Recreation did a fantastic job for stepping up for 2024 when there was no one to take on the 4th of July activities. That should have been a 1-time event. Park & Recreation doesn't have the resources to run this event, nor should it be the responsibility of the Park & Recreation Department. If nobody from the community steps up to take this event on, then maybe the event takes off for that year.

Motion: Forward onto the Village Board for the meeting on January 20, 2025 the drafted letter, outlining our recommendation to that the Park & Recreation Department no longer be designated or involved in coordinating the 4th of July celebration for 2025.

Motion by: Eby

Seconded by: Pawlak

Yes: Depies, Eby, Pawlak, Smith

No: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**