

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:30 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 by Chair Depies at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Chair Depies, Commissioners Eby, Smith
Guests: Recreation Supervisors Heinen and Doss, Village Administrator Kreklow, Marcy Stone, and Jim Dix
Absent: School Board Rep. Pawlak
Excused: Commissioner Stapelman
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - A. October 16, 2025
Motion: to approve October 16, 2024 minutes as presented.
Motion by: Eby
Seconded by: Smith
Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed
 - B. January 14, 2025
Motion: to approve January 14, 2025 minutes as presented.
Motion by: Eby
Seconded by: Smith
Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed
- IV. **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.)*

Chair Depies read an email from the Schneiders at Bayberry Cir.

Residents who spoke included:

Jan Miller at Windsong Cir. W

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 4th of July - Discussion

Gil Standridge introduced Steve Kreklow to speak about the 2025 4th of July event.

Kreklow updated the commission on the status of the 2025 4th of July event, history of the event, and asked for comments or questions.

Discussion followed about a letter submitted by the Park and Recreation Commission, Park and Recreation staff involvement, volunteer support, and sponsorships.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Maifest in Firemen's Park May - Request to extend curfew in park - Discussion & Vote

Gil presented Marcy Stone, a member of the Deutschstadt Heritage Foundation.

Stone presented that Maifest would move locations to Firemen's Park. Maifest dates are May 16-18, 2025.

Hours are as follows.

May 16: 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Park closing at 12:00 a.m.)

May 17: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. (Park closing at 12:00 a.m.)

May 18: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Stone presented background / history of Maifest, tent and stage position pointing away from Park Ave., and donations that Maifest gives to the community.

Discussion followed about the location of the tent, and noise complaints.

Motion: to extend the curfew at Firemen's Park for the dates of May 16-17, 2025 to midnight for the Maifest event.

Motion by: Eby

Seconded by: Smith

Discussion followed

Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

B. Kazmierczak brothers wanting to donate a historic log structure currently at W194N13369 Fond du Lac Ave to Dheinsville Park - Discussion & Vote

Director Standridge introduced Jim Dix, president of the Germantown Historical Society.

Dix presented the historical society's agreement with the Village of Germantown. A log structure was donated to the Germantown historical society by the Kazmierczak brothers. Experts were brought in to look at the cabin. Both believed they were museum quality. Dix explained how and where the historical society would move the

structure within Dheinsville Park and what the Village would need to authorize. Dix explained that the historical society would cover transportation and restoration costs, but the Village would be responsible for maintenance.

Director Standridge explained his conversations with the Director of the Public Works Department and the desire to have the full plan in a written agreement.

Discussion followed about moving the path, the electric company estimate, touring, and artifacts to be placed in the building.

Motion: for the Village of Germantown to accept the donation of a historic log structure currently located at W194N13369 Fond du Lac Ave. and relocate that to Dheinsville Park subject to receiving all necessary approvals from the Plan Commission and Village Board, if necessary to go to Village Board, and the coordination of an agreement on the improvements that the historical society would make, the maintenance and responsibility of the building, the plans, the specifications necessary for building inspection regarding the foundation, the types of operations that would be going on within the building and subject to coming back to the Park and Recreation Commission with the final agreement for ultimate approval.

Motion by: Chair Depies

Seconded by: Eby

Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

Discussion followed.

C. Discussion of Proposal for Land Exchange Between the Village and the Heimat Group (Blackstone Golf Course)

Steve Krewlow presented the history, stages, and concepts of how this proposal developed. Krewlow indicated the difference between floodplains and wetlands on the property and explained what park features would be considered acceptable uses for building on a floodplain. Krewlow also explained what areas of land are marked for the proposed land swap.

Discussion followed about the origin of proposed maps, property use possibilities, cost for replacement of current amenities, impact fees from potential development, the recycling center location, and concerns about land swap and park development.

D. Possible transfer of Knowles Stewardship grant MMSD land from Goldendale to Wilderness Park Discussion & Vote

Steve Krewlow gave an update on MMSD purchased land (undeveloped parcel, west of Goldendale, east of highway 41, and south of Holy Hill Rd.) as part of the Greenseams program and explained the property features and possible uses. This property will be added to the Germantown park facilities.

When MMSD purchased the Goldendale land, they used Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funds which contain requirements including that hunting cannot be prohibited. Krewlow stated that the area is hard to access. However, the Village will be

constructing a road from Holy Hill Rd. South to the railroad tracks which will help access to the area. Kreklow said that a conversation with the DNR suggested that the hunting requirement could be transferred to a different parcel, such as Wilderness Park. Kreklow explained that this transfer would require an ordinance change.

Discussion followed about alternative options, Wilderness Park hunting feasibility, definition of hunting, resident input, signage in Wilderness Park, community input through social media, communication with the DNR, development of the Goldendale area into a park, funding sources, and road construction timelines.

Motion: to transfer the hunting rights of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grants from MMSD lands at Goldendale to Wilderness Park, and authorize staff to work with the attorney in drafting documentation to go to the Village Board.

Motion by: Chair Depies

Seconded by: Eby

Discussion followed.

Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

E. Summer 2025 Program Fees & Charges - Discussion & Action

Patti Heinen, Recreation Supervisor, presented the program fees and charge changes for Summer 2025 recreation programs.

Sandra Doss, Recreation Supervisor, presented updated fees for the Summer Kids Klub and the pickleball program.

Heinen discussed new programs for Summer 2025.

Discussion followed.

Motion: to approve Summer 2025 Program fees and charges as presented

Motion by: Eby

Seconded by: Smith

Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

VII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. February 2025

Gil Standridge presented progress on RFP for port-a-johns and lawn care. These will go to GGF for approval.

Standridge presented an update on the baseball and softball diamond repairs, adding dugouts at Kinderberg, replacement of the backstop at Little League Park, and top dressing at Little League Park and Kinderberg.

Standridge also gave updates on Music at the Pavilion, the farmer's market, community garden, and the bollard installation at Kinderberg Park.

B. February Recreation Report

Standridge presented information about the summer rec guide, volunteers needed for the Easter Egg Hunt, and the upcoming POMS performance.

X. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be March 19, 2025 @ 5:30p.m.**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: to adjourn

Motion by: Eby

Seconded by: Smith

Yes: Depies, Eby, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.