

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, July 16, 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 Chairperson Depies at 5:30PM
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Committee Member Brian Depies, Committee Member Steve Stapleman, Committee Member Don Eby, Committee Member Virginia Smith, Committee Member Tracy Pawlak, Trustee Meg Cutts, Committee Member Monica Stiebs
- 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 four (4) 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.) Comments that may be injurious to village personnel or other individuals will not be allowed.*
None
- IV. **MEETING MINUTES:**
 - A. May 21, 2025 (action)
Motion: Approve as presented
Motioned By: Meg Cutts
Seconded By: Tracy Pawlak
Yes: Brian Depies, Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Tracy Pawlak, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
None
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Updates to the Germantown Area Veteran's Memorial (discussion)
Kristi Bonnell Commander of the Legion Germantown Area Veterans Memorial, presented information regarding the Germantown Area Veteran's Memorial. Two additional walls will be added, and the stone pathway will be replaced with concrete for easier access. Landscaping will be added in the area once the project has been

completed. The cost to place your name on the wall is \$100.00. You do not need to be a Village of Germantown resident to have your name placed on the wall. Additional veteran names will be placed on the wall during a ceremony that will take place every Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Currently, there are approximately 700 names on the wall. Once the wall is completed, they will have a big ceremony to honor and thank the donors for their support, possibly a dinner.

Discussion Only

B. Friedenfeld Park (action)

Chris Robinson the president of the Germantown Soccer Club, spoke about the development of more soccer fields to allow this program to continue to grow. The soccer club has grown from over 200 kids in the last three years, 300 kids to 600 kids in the last five years. They would like to add a third field to the area. This would allow for more teams, games and the current fields that they are using a little rest between games. Mr. Robinson presented his grading plan to develop an additional soccer field. Some material would be brought onto the site for the development. Erosion control will be put in place, and they will continue to work with staff and the engineering department on permits, DNR regulations and floodplains are all addressed.

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned By: Steve Stapleman

Seconded By: Meg Cutts

Yes: Brian Depies, Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Tracy Pawlak, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

C. Activity Fee Increase (action)

Patti Heinen Recreation Supervisor, and Sandy Doss Recreation Supervisor, gave a presentation regarding an increase in activity fees and Kids Klub for the fall of 2025 and the winter of 2026. They presented a spreadsheet with 18 items that would have a price increase and 3 items that would be eliminated from the guide.

Motion: Approve as presented

Motioned By: Meg Cutts

Seconded By: Tracy Pawlak

Yes: Brian Depies, Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Tracy Pawlak, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)

VII. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

Committee Member Pawlak gave the School Board Report. They are continuing tours of the different school buildings and invite everyone to come and take a look at what they have done over the last few years with the money that they have received from the referendum. Those tours include behind the scenes as well.

Discussion Only

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Directors' Report (discussion)

Director Standridge gave the Directors' Report. Director Standridge covered the following points.

*4th of July parade - we had enough volunteers. Due to participants showing up a little late, the parade started about 10 minutes late. A few complaints regarding the time the parade began and there were not enough participants. The original Germantown fire truck that they keep in the museum President Soderberg rode in for the parade. The American Legion was at the end of the parade serving food at the park for interested parade goers. Everyone raved about the fireworks. We purchased a 30-minute show and received a 40-45-minute show. Additional complaints that were received were that once the parade was over there were no additional activities in the park and only one food vendor. It was discussed in the early stages of planning that there would be no additional activities.

*Music at the Pavilion - The Music at the Pavilion has done very well so far this year. Our beer sales are where we make additional revenue.

*Fridenfeld Park Sign - This sign was vandalized back in February. The sign has been replaced and reinstalled. The cost of this project came in at \$6,000.00. Insurance covers \$300.00 after the \$5,000.00 deductible is paid.

*Kids Klub Carnival - Will take place on the 24th of July and is in conjunction with the Taste of Germantown. The carnival runs from 5PM-9PM. Volunteers are still needed to help out with the event.

*2026 Budget - Director Standridge will present a preliminary budget in early August. Every department has been asked to reduce their budget by 5%. The department will accomplish this with a reduction of our part-time help, approximately \$17,000.00. Volunteers will be more critical next year because of this. In the 2026 budget, Director Standridge will be placing in the budget a Gator-type golf cart that will be used in events that we host to get staff and products from place to place. Right now, we borrow golf carts.

Landswap - The Board did allow Administrator Steve Kreklow to start doing assessments of the land value by bringing in consultants so it can be determined what is in a floodplain and what can't be developed. Director Standridge is working with Munson Fence Company to get estimates as to the cost of replacement of the tennis courts, pickelball courts and skate park.

*Senior Advisory Board - We have lost two members of the Senior Advisory Board and were able to replace those members with Lynn Bracey and Barb Borkin.

Discussion Only

B. Recreation Report (discussion)

Director Standridge gave the Recreation Report. Director Standridge covered the following points.

*The next Movie in the Park will be in August, and it will feature Wild Robots. Bank Five Nine is the sponsor for that.

*Robert's hosted a booster night in July which brought in \$325.00 that money will go towards our programs.

*Programs that are now going on in the parks

Discussion to follow regarding budget cuts by Committee Member Steve Stapleman

Discussion Only

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

- A. The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be on August 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To Adjourn

Motioned By: Tracy Pawlak

Seconded By: Steve Stapleman

Yes: Brian Depies, Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Tracy Pawlak, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion (Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0)