

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, September 24, 2025 5:30 PM
LOCATION:	Firemen's Park - Firestation #1 W162N11870 Park Avenue Germantown, WI 53022

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.*
 Director Standridge addressed the commission regarding Chairperson Depies not being able to attend the entire meeting in person. Chairperson Depies would like someone from the commission to be the Pro Tem Chairperson for this meeting on September 24, 2025.
 The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Director Standridge.
Motion : To elect Trustee Cutts to be the ProTem Chairperson for this meeting.
Motioned By: Brian Depies
Seconded By: Virginia Smith
On roll call vote:
Yes: Brian Depies, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Chairperson Depies (left at 6:00PM), Commissioners Eby, Smith, Stiebs, Stapleman (arrived at 5:38PM), and Trustee Cutts
- 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.*
 Brian Depies - W143N9867 Ridgewood Lane - spoke regarding the 2026 budget
- IV. **MEETING MINUTES:**
Motion: as presented
Motioned By: Steve Stapleman
Seconded By: Monica Stiebs
On roll call vote:
Yes: Brian Depies, Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs
Abstain: None
Motion Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

- A. Park & Rec Meeting Minutes July 16, 2025 - (Action)

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Firemen's Park outdoor pavilion & Fire Station #1 remodel - (Discussion & Action)

Director Standridge made a presentation and requested that the Commission take a tour of the property regarding the removal of the Firemen's Outdoor Pavilion and the renovation of the Fire Station #1 Facility.

The director would like to spend the remaining \$45,000.00 that was allocated to the outdoor pavilion in the following way. To fully remove the outdoor pavilion itself, repair the concrete where the pillars from the pavilion were and, lastly, to keep electricity down at the shelter. The remaining balance of those funds is to be utilized to hire a consulting firm that specializes in Park & Rec facilities and to bring that proposal to the Board to renovate and turn Fire Station #1 into a recreation facility. This proposal would be brought to the Commission for approval in 2026 with the intention of requesting the funding in the 2027 budget for the remodeling project of Fire Station #1 into a recreation facility.

Director Standridge then asked the Commission to take a walking tour to visually see the damage on the outdoor pavilion and the condition of Fire Station #1.

While on the walking tour, Commissioner Brian Depies left the meeting (6:00PM).

Motion: To demo the Firemen's Park Outdoor Pavilion structure, leaving the electrical and concrete pad and allocating the remaining funds to fund the study for the Fire Station #1 remodeling project as presented

Motioned By: Don Eby

Seconded By: Monica Stiebs

On roll call vote:

Yes: Meg Cutts, Don Eby, Steve Stapelman, Virginia Smith and Monica Stiebs

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2026 Budget - (Discussion & Action)

Director of Parks & Rec Gil Standridge, with assistance from Supervisor Patti Heinen and Supervisor Sandy Doss fielded questions from the Park & Rec Committee about the budget.

Park & Rec - Director Standridge and Supervisor Doss went over each budget line item and spoke about them and their concerns and the impact that the new budget will create for programs, activities, supplies, and staffing that the rec department offers.

Senior Center - Director Standridge went over each budget line item and fielded any questions. He also informed the Commission that the new sound system for the senior center was just approved by GGF. This new sound system will allow the center to utilize its smaller conference rooms and will now be able to rent those out if the need arises.

Capital improvement projects - Director Standridge will be asking for \$55,500.00.

These funds would be used at Alt Bauer Park tennis court to place lines down to

create additional pickleball courts on the existing tennis courts. Haupt Strasse Park and Kinderberg Park both of those pickleball courts are starting to see cracks come back and will need to be repaired. It has been three years since this was completed. That expense came in at \$14,000.00. The remaining balance would go towards completing the ball field and tennis court fencing.

Motion: To accept the budget as it was presented, with the exception of line-item Recreation Program Supplies & Expenses. That item should remain unchanged with no reduction in the 2026 budget.

Motioned By: Don Eby

Seconded By: Steve Stapleman

Yes: Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

VII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

Trustee Cutts presented the Village Board Report -

There has still been no decision if the police station will be remodeled or if a new police station will be constructed.

There will be two Committee as a Whole meetings that will take place on Wednesday, October 8, @ 6:30PM and on Tuesday, October 14, @ 6:30PM

Administrator Kreklow and Finance Director Matt Uselding will be holding two possible sessions at the library to answer citizens' questions regarding the budget. Those dates have not been determined. They will also set up a table at the Saturday, October 4th Farmers Market.

VIII. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

No School Board report was given

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Directors report - (Discussion Only)

Director Sandridge gave his director's report.

4th of July 2026 update - President Soderberg would like to hold a large celebration to commemorate the United States 250th birthday. The annual parade for this event will be coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce. President Soderberg would like to see food vendors, beer tent, music, kids activities and fireworks for this event as well. The final decision on who will be coordinating these activities has not yet been decided.

President Soderberg is committed to getting volunteers to help.

The Germantown flood did affect our Kids Klub program. Homestead Hollow was flooded so that the program needed to be moved to St. Boniface

The splash pad needed to be closed for a few days. The splash pad has now been closed for the season.

Music at the Pavilion had a successful year. The concert time will remain from 6PM-9PM moving forward. It was found that at the 10PM end time that most of the crowd had thinned out.

B. Recreation report - (Discussion only)

Supervisor Heinen gave her recreation report -

The numbers for fall look good.

Two additional teams for football have been added. Soccer is seeing similar numbers.

Gymnastics is up quite a bit as well, along with the dance program.

Currently working on the winter/spring guide.

This year two Movie in the Park events were held. Both went well, and the numbers were steady.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

- A. The next regularly scheduled Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be on October 15, 2025 at 5:30PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Adjourn as presented

Motioned By: Don Eby

Seconded By: Monica Stiebs

On roll call vote:

Yes: Steve Stapleman, Don Eby, Virginia Smith, Meg Cutts, Monica Stiebs

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)