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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

Park Commissioners Present: Jim Beson, Jordyn Kurer, Suneer Patel, Kathy Sylvester, Jean Wollerman, Matt Werner, Jill Rasmussen

Staff Present: Director Amanda Geiser, Recreation Supervisor Leah Zak, Village Manager Jeffrey Sturgell, Village President Dale Youngquist

Others in Attendance: Bill Rohrer, Linda Dums, Lisa Van Dyke, Sandy Yost, Karen Kabat, Dale McNamee, Tony Geracie, Pam Geracie, John Gregorius, Kris Robers, Mark Cleven, Eric Cleven, Alison Galley

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The Commission meeting was held at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, and was called to order by Commissioner Beson at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND DISCUSSION OF EXPENDITURES

The Park Commission dispenses with the reading of, and adopts, the December 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Sylvester motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kurer. Commissioner Patel abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Dale McNamee – resident from Whippletree Lane, spoke in regards to the Schildt Park project. He has looked at the plans and recently spoke to Village staff members. As a previous Village board member, he made decisions based on what is best for the community as a whole and he supports the vehicle entrance into the park. He believes there are a lot of residents who want to use Schildt Park. He does not feel there is enough parking space and if the access isn't put in, parks users will park in the cul-de-sac.
- Linda Dums – resident from Benjamin Court, spoke in regards to the Schildt Park project. The proposed driveway access will bring more traffic and questioned why is it being put in. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars. The current 2022-2026 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan only speaks to a trail being put in, no mention of the road. The Village should focus on safety over convenience. The new park users will see the Benjamin Court access as a short cut to getting back to American Drive. She is frustrated to hear comments from Commissioners.
- Kris Robers – resident from Benjamin Court, spoke in regards to Schildt Park. She is getting a lot of anxiety anticipating what is going to be happening at the park, with the quiet neighborhood changing. She is in favor of some of the changes. The most overwhelming part of the project is the new road and does not understand why the Village is spending money on something no one asked for. Cold Spring Road has always been the in and out of the park. She stated there is not currently a turnaround at the park and does not understand how this will be any different. Extending the parking lot will bring more people to the residential area. She questioned the purpose of the neighborhood entrance and noted she will be disappointed and disrespected if it goes in.
- Tony Geracie – resident from Benjamin Court, spoke in regards to the Schildt Park. His biggest concern is he feels there is a lot of ignorance and a lot of dismissive attitude. Right now, there is little to no traffic. The scenery at the park is going to be gone. He feels the Village is washing their hands and feels the resident voices should be heard. Residents moved into the neighborhood because of the quiet and feels this would be taken away. He supports the development at the park for kids to play. Inviting people from other neighborhoods is not a good idea.
- Alison Galley – resident from Benjamin Court spoke in regards to Schildt Park. She feels her kids are the most likely to be hit by a car. It is a very unsafe intersection and suggested Village staff members do not stop at this intersection. She feels the road into the park is not necessary and unwanted. She asked the Commission to stop

as they do not live there and this is not their neighborhood. She suggested the Village solve a problem and not make a problem. She loves the park and is excited about most of the things happening.

- Lisa Van Dyke – resident from Martingale Lane, spoke in regards to Schildt Park. She has been in this neighborhood for 27 years. She thanked the Commission members for their time and dedication to the parks. She spoke of her husband's involvement in various Village committees. Stop signs have been strategically placed on Olde Buggy Lane, and they do not work. She agrees with having a pathway to the park, allowing kids to walk safely. She is against the road access. She does think the Village is looking ahead to the increased traffic.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- A. **2026 Park Project Preview:** Director Gieser presented the 2026 park project overview. The list detailed projects that will be occurring through the upcoming year at the various parks and throughout the trail system. Highlights included: Schildt Park renovation project, Palisades Park tennis court reconstruction, Kippenhan Park playground replacement, a section of the American Drive Trail will be reconstructed, security camera upgrades, and other various repairs and improvements to the parks and trails.
- B. **Community Center Rental Report:** Director Geiser presented the 2025 Community Center rental report. This report shows the total amount of rentals per room that we had for the year of 2025. Director Geiser pointed out that this year we had the highest number of rentals to date with a total of 313.

REPORTS

- A. **Park Report:** Accepted as written.
- B. **Recreation Report:** Accepted as given.
- C. **Director Report:** Accepted as given.
- D. **Commission Reports:**
 - **Commissioner Beson:** Thanked Commission for making the tough choices.
 - **Commissioner Kurer:** No report.
 - **Commissioner Patel:** No report.
 - **Commissioner Rasmussen:** No report.

- **Commissioner Sylvester:** No report.
- **Commissioner Werner:** No report.
- **Commissioner Wollerman:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Schildt Park Design Recommendation:** *Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to approve the Schildt Design as submitted. Commissioner Kurer seconded.*

The motion was put to a vote and all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Schildt Park Playground Recommendation:** *Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to recommend to the Fox Crossing Board of Trustees that Gerber Leisure Products (Landscape Structures) furnish and install Concept #3 Playground at Schildt Park in the amount of \$398,068. Commissioner Patel seconded.*

Director Geiser noted staff has been working with Gerber Leisure representatives to provide three design options for the new playground at Schildt Park. All options were to include a 100% poured-in-place (PIP) rubber

surfacing and provide the Village with the most options within the budget available. As part of the open house that was held on December 10, the three designs were on display to solicit feedback from the community. A survey was subsequently emailed out to parks and recreation database, both detailing the Schildt Park project in general and requesting playground feedback. In total, we received feedback from approximately 70 individuals. After reviewing the proposals and survey responses, the Commission was in favor of moving forward with Concept #3.

The motion was put to a vote and all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

C. Financial Assistance Request: *Commissioner Patel made a motion to approve the Financial Assistance Request as submitted. Commissioner Kurer seconded the motion.*

Director Geiser reviewed the application that requested assistance for the winter KidStage youth theater program. Staff is recommending assistance in the form of 50% of the program fees, totaling \$57.

Commissioner Sylvester made a request to amend the motion to approve 100% of the financial assistance request, totaling \$114. Commissioner Patel seconded the amended motion.

The amended motion was put to a vote and all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

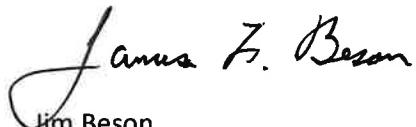
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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sylvester motioned, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:14PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 11 2026, at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, at 6:00PM.

Sincerely,

 2/11/2026

Jim Beson

Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission

