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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES **October 14 , 2026**

Park Commissioners Present: Lacie Callan, Jordyn Kurer, Kathy Sylvester, Matt Werner, Suneer Patel
Excused: Jill Rasmussen, Jean Wollerman
Staff Present: Director Amanda Geiser

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The Commission meeting was held at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, and was called to order by Commissioner Kurer 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 September 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Sylvester motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Callan. Commissioner Patel abstained. Motion carried. The expenditures were reviewed and accepted.

PUBLIC FORUM

- None

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. **Review of Parks & Recreation Department Policies:** Director Geiser discussed the department's annual policy review. It was noted that the only proposed change was the addition of a weather cancellation subsection to the recreation program policies. The subsection addresses snow and winter weather conditions, as well as heat and air quality guidelines. The final draft will be presented to the Commission for approval at its November 11 meeting.

B. **Rydell Conservancy Rental Space Consideration:** Director Geiser explained that staff placed this item on the agenda to obtain the Park Commission's input regarding the possibility of allowing rentals of the open space area at Rydell Conservancy. The department occasionally receives requests to use the space for wedding ceremonies. Historically, these requests have generally involved brief ceremonies with minimal setup and limited time spent on site. More recently, however, the department has received requests from couples seeking to reserve the area for an extended period and set up chairs and other items for their ceremonies. Staff anticipates that these requests may continue to increase over time.

   Director Geiser indicated that staff would like the Commission's input on whether to allow this type of use in the future. If the Commission supports allowing rentals, staff will research and develop proposed rental policies and fees. If the Commission is not in favor, no further action would be necessary, and future rental requests would be denied.

   Following discussion, the general consensus was that the Commission was not in favor of allowing rentals at the Rydell Conservancy. Commissioners expressed concerns that the department lacks the infrastructure necessary to support this type of use and that allowing weddings and other events could set a precedent that may lead to additional challenges in the future. Staff was directed to deny rental requests for use of the Rydell Conservancy at this time.

REPORTS

A. **Park Report:** Accepted as written.

B. **Recreation Report:** Accepted as written.

C. **Director Report:** Accepted as given.

D. **Commissioner Reports:**

- **Commissioner Callan:** No report.
- **Commissioner Kurer:** Noted how well the recent Howl-O-Ween Treat Trail event went. She thought it was very well received and people seemed to have a great time.
- **Commissioner Werner:** No report.
- **Commissioner Rasmussen:** Excused.
- **Commissioner Sylvester:** Mentioned that the staff, particularly Recreation Supervisor Zak, has done a great job scheduling programs under this year's circumstances.
- **Commissioner Patel:** No report.
- **Commissioner Wollerman:** Excused.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Approval of the 2027 Park Commission Meeting Dates:** *Commissioner Patel made a motion to approve the 2027 Park Commission meetings dates as submitted. Commissioner Sylvester seconded the motion.*

The 2027 Park Commission meeting dates were presented. As has been standard practice, meetings will occur on the second Wednesday of every month. For budget review purposes, two meetings will be held in July. Those meetings will occur on the second and fourth Wednesday.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sylvester motioned, seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 6:50PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sincerely,

Jordyn Kurer
Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission