

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025
7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE

Present: Tim Hallquist, Shaunta' de Boer, Kathy Van Thiel, Nick Miller, Rick Conner, and Craig Eisenhut.
Absent: Randy Ferrell
Others: Sam Blonien, Tom Jenson, Leo Jungbluth, Heather Costa, Cory Bahr, Elaine Hodeck, and Beckie Cavanaugh.
7:00 PM Call to Order

Public comments for those items not included on this agenda: (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three-minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

*Trevor de Boer – would like to see an archery range at the Marsh up at Cottonwood wayside at the Y site. He would like to see it on a future agenda to see if they can get it going.

* Comments on adding basketball court in future.

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of February 3, 2025.

Motion (Conner/Miller) to approve February 3, 2025, minutes. Carried (6-0).

Recreation –

2. Discussion and consideration on food truck at Oconomowoc Rugby Tournament at Centennial Field -

Costa explained the Oconomowoc Rugby Club would like to have a food truck for their tournament which would be Cousin Subs. She said they have all their paperwork turned in. It was stated that someone needs to reach out to them and tell them where they can park, other than that there are no issues.

Motion (Miller/Conner) to recommend approval to the Village Board of the food truck at the Oconomowoc Rugby Tournament on June 14th, 2025 at Centennial Park. Carried (6-0).

3. Discussion and consideration for Special Event use of the Fine Arts Center for a musical put on by the KM Explore charter School: Wales Elementary Campus – Beckie Cavanaugh –

Beckie Cavanaugh was present and explained she is a music teacher, and they need a place for their musical as they do not have a space other than their parking lot. She said she would prefer for the kids to get to have a stage. She said it is Kindergarten thru the 5th grade, and they will come as a field trip in the morning to do a rehearsal for the 6 p.m. show. She will supply her own microphones, and they will walk in the risers that the kids will use. There was discussion on not leaving the Fine Arts Center unattended.

Motion (Eisenhut/de Boer) to recommend approval to the Village Board for the Special Event for the use of the Fine Arts Center for a musical put on by the KM explore Charter School on May 6th, 2025. Carried (6-0).

4. Discussion and possible consideration for Special Event for National Night out -

Village of Hartland's National Night out will be August 7th, 2025, from 6—8 p.m. at Nixon Park. There will be vendors there as well as a rock-climbing wall, Blackhawk helicopter and music provided by the Thursday Night Concert Series. The Beer Garden will be open along with food vendors.

Motion (Conner/Van Thiel) to recommend approval to the Village Board for the Village of Hartland National Night Out on August 7th, 2025, at Nixon Park. Carried (6-0).

Public Works –

5. Update of Hartbrook Park playground unit installation-

It was taken out last week and the gentleman was there today to start putting it back in and hopes to be done by Thursday. The ramp needs to be redone. The old equipment is listed to sell. They will have a Week's worth of putting wood chips in and redoing the ramp.

6. Update on Nixon Park and Hartbrook Park's Whirl along with the annual playground inspections.

Jungbluth said they removed both Whirl merry-go-rounds. They did some welding and repairs on the whirls, had powder coated all the handles and put them back out. He said they are looking into getting quotes for a bigger one or different styles.

7. Discussion of the parking lot improvements for Penbrook Park –

There has been some discussion on having more parking for pickleball and baseball at Penbrook Park. Discussion on placement of potential parking, with one place being north of the existing parking area. They are hoping to get 15 spots for cars.

8. Discussion on placement of BID sculpture in Nixon Park –

They are considering placing the sculpture that was made by the students at Arrowhead on the north end of the park just west of the warming shed. They thought the background would be good pictures etc. The sculpture design was already approved, and they have quotes for the lighting. The 1st quote was \$10,000 and the 2nd was \$5,000. Jensen stated that there are two bollards that are lit and a streetlight above there the sculpture will be so they will put it in without lighting. Also, Cory Bahr took pictures in the morning which appeared to look fine without lighting. Discussion on the cost of lighting. It was stated the BID has approved the placement. It is currently inside the library if anyone would like to see it.

9. Update of the seeding process for the Cottonwood Wayside and the portion ECOS is having the DPW seed with wildflowers –

Jungbluth said they did a bunch of forestry work there with ECOS and removed a lot of invasive species. He said they are waiting for the ground to warm up and they are going to try to seed this week or next.

They received some really nice wildflowers to plant there. Hallquist asked if the library hillside planting took, and Jenson said he has not been by there.

10. Update on the Scoreboard electrical work at Nixon Park and the flagpole improvements –

Jungbluth said the old scoreboard had been taken down and new one was put up. They are hoping the new wiring will be done this week. He said they have a new net to put up when the wiring is done. A new light will be put up for the American flag as well as the benches that were done by the school.

11. Update on power supply updates at Nixon Park –

Jungbluth said they have been updating the power supply over the winter for events in the park and they have been working on getting different plugs. There are four different spots from which to get power.

Hallquist asked about the ECOS river cleanup. Jenson a few weeks ago they cleaned up the area that Jim Muenzenberger spoke about. They took a bunch of buckthorn out.

Other items for Consideration-

12. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.

None.

- Hallquist asked about the ECOS river cleanup. Jenson a few weeks ago they cleaned up the area that Jim Muenzenberger spoke about. They took a bunch of buckthorn out.
- Ice Age Trail has been continually working on Cottonwood and cut a tree down today. Tomorrow they will be working off Rae Drive. A control burn was done as well.
- Blonien said Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering the Rec department some of their outdoor and indoor space for classes.
- Public Works is still looking for summer help.
- Kiwanis is cleaning up the river this weekend to get ready for Bark River Bash.
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13. Adjourn -

Motion (de Boer/Conner) to adjourn. Carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Recording Secretary,
Deidre Bushey - Deputy Clerk