

MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, June 11th, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.

Holtwood Sporting Complex

1. The June 11th meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson.
2. Roll Call: Sue Anderson, Violet Hornik, Diane Motiff, Kim Reifsteck, Casey Sowle; ALSO PRESENT: Jeremy Wusterbarth/Superintendent of Public Works & Parks and Dee Donlevy/Aldersperson
3. **Sowle motioned for approval of Agenda; Hornik witnessed second. (5 Ayes)**
4. **Approval of Minutes from 05/14/2025 was submitted by Motiff with a Reifsteck second (5 Ayes)**
5. Public Input: Hornik, a long-time resident, remarked that the improvements at City Park are very nice. Donlevy asked about the elongated issue of playground equipment there: she emphasized handicap accessible. Wusterbarth will check into the status of such equipment purchase. Wusterbarth suggested the equipment be maintenance free: a worthy addition: Perhaps the Casey Stock Foundation would help sponsor. Donlevy's understanding was that we should apply to the Bond Grant *November application*. Reifsteck noted that *new equipment should be evaluated for local winter wear*. Older students need to respect this play set as weight breaks it.
6. Correspondence:
 - a. *Live Harbor Cam Views: May 5, 2025 – June 3, 2025: 7,721 Views*
Sowle stated that the website has removed past events.
 - b. *Martin Fest* Updates include noteworthy posters and P.R. Tournaments will have P.R. as well during the weekend events @ the Complex. An informal meeting with Anderson and Motiff today will result in the completed food plan, following this meeting.
 - c. *Committee member assignments to City Parks* have been established as noted in 8. a.-g.
7. **Discussion/Action/Recommendation on the Following:**
 - a. *Updates on all Parks-* Wusterbarth parallel his staff work appears here and in 8. a.-g. As a part of the meeting we toured the past pool area noting moved storage sheds, updated pavilion, removal of fences and restored natural property, and hopeful intended usage. He stated that there are still renovations, like that of bathrooms with plumbing, in process. The building has been made to blend into other property structures. He spoke of future goals including adding a splash pad which Park and Rec. has been trying to establish. Anderson commented too concerning uses of the area by getting together with the Peshtigo Women's Club who renovated there and seeking bricks or plaques for sponsorship. Also suggested was some local artwork added to the walls. Park and Rec. is still seeking some storage items which Wusterbarth and staff will address. We all agreed that the building needs a name.
 - b. *City Park raft*– Finally described as 10x20', the donation is most generous, and we are investigating. Wusterbarth checked into the regulations and gave all the stats necessary in order to place the raft: needs a permit; must have water floating beneath it; if it is in or out of the designated swim area; the liability issue; its distance from the shore determined by seasonal water level. He will discuss the issue with the citizen who donated it as to how it could be best used if not used yearly. If all is determined, the raft placement will still need to be sent to Council.
8. Parks Update:
 - a. City Docks – Diane Motiff +
 - b. City Park & Campground – Casey Sowle established his mission pre-Martin Fest as his cleanup projects aim to make the most of the area. Wusterbarth stated that a few trees still need to come down. The parking lot is in shape. The cement from the cannon has been removed. Reifsteck is dealing with the pollinating flowers this summer as what has been planted is establishing and she may supply additional plants in the fall: Donlevy offered plant additions. Employees will upkeep the rest of the park. Anderson bought a new basketball backboard to replace that depreciated. Motiff spoke of sanding and sealing picnic tables. Sowle mentioned Donlevy's interest in purchasing an umbrella for the area: benefits and affecting weather were discussed.

c. Copper Culture – Violet Hornik Wusterbarth spoke of the State status therein. State intends installation of a new bathroom/handicap accessible next year, as well as an update to the pavilion.

d. Freedom Park – All +

e. Holtwood Park – Sue Anderson Wusterbarth reports that all is going well with 52 seasonals. He noted that the ice machine is working and the crew worker will see that Harbor is supplied, saving cost. The pavilion area, to be used as a rental with the 2 bathrooms up and running, has been cleaned up with holes concreted. Wusterbarth will see that leftover chemicals, etc. are put to good use or sold. The locker room requires roofing for storage ability. Picnic tables (6) will be added. Suggestions to name the old pool pavilion were volleyed until there came a **recommendation to Council that the Holtwood pavilion be established as the Jon Bostedt, Jr. Holtwood Pavilion including a motion by Anderson and second by Hornik. (M/C)**

The Campground is operating well, as is the new firewood process. Anderson stated that ***Movies in the Park*** are posted: she could use help running the equipment: shows begin June 20. The event is also short-funded: we need to beef this up.

The Campground is up and running. We are looking to go online for reservations.

f. Sharp Park – Kim Reifsteck Wusterbarth reported that the posts are in the ground and the trails are woodchip filled.

g. Bond Park – Diane Motiff +

9. Approval of Accounts Payable from May 8, 2025 to June 4, 2025 in the amount of: Parks \$10,057.87, and Holtwood Campground \$17,123.96 was placed into motion by Motiff with a Sowle second. (M/C)

10. Revenue & Expenditures Guidelines from 2025; Revenue and Expenditure Histories were viewed and found to be in order.

11. Next Meeting Date/Time: **Wednesday, July 9 @ 5:30 p.m. @ City Hall**

Agenda Items: Winter Wonderland-Lauren Jansen

12. Follow-Up List: **See Agenda**

13. **Reifsteck submitted adjournment @ 6:58 p.m. Motiff summoned second. (5 Ayes)**

Minutes submitted by
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