



Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Notice

Monday, September 15th, 2025

**City Hall Council Chambers – 601 Main St W. Ashland, WI 54806
6:00pm**

Take notice that a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee will be held in-person in the City Hall Council Chambers, with the availability to attend virtually.

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of minutes from the April 21st, 2025 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting
- 4. Introduction**
 - a. Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Director Cat Nowicki
- 5. Public Participation (non-agenda items)**
- 6. Action Items/Updates:**
 - a. Campspot Management
 - b. Park priorities and upgrades and safety
 - c. Update to waterfront and corridor Signage
- 7. Future Agenda Items**
- 8. Adjournment**

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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday April 21, 2025

I. Call to Order at 5:32 pm

- a. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Ana Tapsieva, Lauren Martinsen, Mike Amman, Nancy Sztynodor, Kevin Seefeldt (arrived at 5:37 pm)
 - b. Excused: , Dave Ullman, Jen Weiler,
- b. Agenda Modification
- c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Approval March 28, 2025 – Approval of minutes by Sztynodor, seconded by Martinsen. All in favor, motion passes

II. Public Comment Period

III Information Items/Updates

Hudson reviewed the following items. She prefaced by saying that she was not able to give a good update due to her limited time with the City.

- Parks
 - o Bids for the Kreher Park Campground Redevelopment were opened two weeks ago. Bids came in very favorably. An update of the electrical will be added to the scope of the project.
- Recreation
 - o APR staff hosted a Community Play Day and Lego Contest on April 12.
- Urban Forestry
 - o Madison
- Community Garden
 - o Topseiva gave an update. The new garden rules will be presented to the community garden members at their annual meeting on April 27, 2025.
- Ashland Farmers Market
 - o Two people have been officially hired to co-manage the farmers market
- Other

IV. Business Items:

1. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2025-2030 City of Ashland Comprehensive Plan.
 - o Emily Soderberg from MSA was present at the meeting to give an overview of the proposed CORP. Martinsen asked about changing the name of the decommissioned to retired and what that meant. Soderberg and Hudson both explained that the intent was

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to move from active recreation being held at these parks to more passive recreation. Seefeldt stated that he has not heard any opposition to the west end park proposal. He stated that due to a nearby housing redevelopment, the park has the opportunity to grow. Amman and Martinsen read a few sentences in Chapter 2 and in the Parkland Transition Strategy have a negative undertone, for example, "surplus of parkland". Add abundance or opportunity to manage land differently, or manage opportunity. Martinsen asked about Knowles Nelson Stewardship Funding and funding for projects: playgrounds and ballfields. Hudson and Soderberg also explained that the CORP is more of a visionary and works as a guide for City Staff and the community. The PRC reviewed table 6.1 in the CORP Soderberg will delete the 2nd column and reference people to the survey results. The committee worked on rewording a few sentences in the Historic Boat Houses and Superfund Site. Amman asked about the sand filtration plant. Seefeldt about parking for the band shell, Hudson suggested that the document state that the Band shell, Kreher Park and Oredock are a linear park along the City's waterfront. Motion by Seefeldt, seconded by Tapsieva, to approve the plan with the suggested changes. Motion passes 3-1. Martinsen stated is not opposed but does not love this plan, she does not like the thought of removing parks and playgrounds. Soderberg will get an updated version to APR by the end of the week, and Hudson will upload it into the online drive for the PRC to review. The CORP will go to COW on May 13 and Common Council on May 27.

V. Next Meeting Date

TBD

VI. Comments and Questions

VII. Adjourn 6:33 pm