



Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission

Monday May 12th, 2025

6PM

Hallie Ball Park

4902 117th St,

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

****Note location change from normal meeting location****

Meeting MINUTES for April and May Meetings

1. Meeting Called to Order according to Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes
2. Roll Call: Mr. Danielson...Ms. Squires...Ms. Leibke...Mr. Stelter...Ms. Devereaux...Mr. Scholtz.....Mr. Armstrong...Mr. Caulkins-**All present at the meeting**
3. Public Comments: **N/A**
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. March 24th, 2025 Meeting Minutes-**Becky made the motion to approve the minutes and Mark seconded the motion, no objection was had**
5. New Business:
 - a. Discuss/Approve Pickleball Wifi Contract Signing-**Gary provided information that the contract was signed with TDS for the term of 2 years at \$49.99/month. Will have Modum provided, and the Pickle Ball Club will be getting the extenders and the routers. There was mention of a young man who was willing to lock the gates every night for the Pickle Ball for little to no payment of maybe a \$100 for the month roughly, but nothing has been determined at this time.**
 - b. Discuss/Approve the two estimates from Travis Wellner for removed diseased trees from Hallie Park and Peace Memorial Park **A motion was made by Becky to do the removal of the trees at PMP in the amount of \$1900 that were discussed however we will be holding off on the Ball Park removal and Jayson will look into Tree Revamping for them for more discussion and other bids at the June meeting...Seconded by Mark, motion carried with no objections.**
 - c. Discuss the Village Boards approval for the current appointees Ms. Leibke to a 3-year term, Mr. Armstrong to a 3-year term and Mr. Stelter as Parks Board President for a 1-year term extension-**Board approvals and or extensions for current appointees was provided and discussed**
 - d. Discuss/approve concession stand bid from Alger Electric to install power vents and Humidistat control unit-**Bill talked to Eric, the lighting project is completed in the concession stand. They added a light switch to the west side of the building for easier access. They also found a switch that runs two vents on the roof they are giving a try for the ventilation purpose of the concession stand before we do anything further.**
 - e. Discuss/Approve the bid for Sipple Field Crows Nest from Mark with Anderson Bridges-**Mark talked with Cori at Anderson Bridges about the rebuilding of the steps on the Crows Nest on Sipple Field-they would donate their time, but we would have to pay for the threads. However, Jayson indicated the Booster Club might be willing to donate to this project for complete renovation of the outside of the building after discussions with Mike Thompson. Looking at getting a bid from Thompson Construction as well as Bauman Construction. Mik and Jayson will present to the Booster Club at their June meeting and report back to the board at our June meeting.**
 - f. Review from the Chippewa Chamber on actions and stats on 1st quarter 2025-Sue L with the Chamber -**Sue provided and update on what she and team are currently working on. They are meeting often for the PPA Tournament coming to Lake Hallie in July. They will have one of the largest prize \$ for the Senior Open however Registration has not yet started. Ellie and team are working on additional pocket size adventures which seems to be going over very well. Also doing**



ads in the movie theatres in MSP and 1 in the Milwaukee suburb area. They are also working on updating the bike trail map to include the counties of Dunn, Eau Claire and Durand areas.

g. Update on the Pickle Ball Courts and lighting project-Bill B-Bill reported to us Via Phone which was hard to understand but Mike gave an update once the phone call was completed however, they basically gave us an update on the PPA tournament and how things were coming with that and the shed. They are asking for the Village Parks Board assistance with an additional lighting project. The total project would be estimated at \$650-\$850k depending on discounts, however they are looking at only \$65k coming out of their pockets. However, they are requesting \$6,000 from our board to help cover the costs over a 3 year period starting in 2026. Due to no formal bid and or agenda item to vote on it, we are moving the decision to our June meeting for the board's discussion and or approval. June 14th will be their open house at the courts.

6. Old Business:

- a. Update on 2025 Park Employees Kent, Bill and Jayson did interviews. Jordan S Come back on the 12th of May. Jacob Danielson back for 2 weeks and 2 additional students coming when school is out.
- b. Discuss/approve Park opening and Park Board Walk Thru-Mik, Cathy, Becky, Jayson, Kent and Gary walked the parks before the meeting and noted the following items to be reviewed...
 - *The Crows Nest on Sipple field needs a new stair structure, it needs new siding and windows and new flooring. The structure itself is solid, but the other items need addressing to bring it up to safety
 - *It was requested to see if the wooden frames that are built on the dug outs of Memorial and Vets could be done on Normand and Center as well to advertise their sponsorship's. They girls will take care of the cost of the item and in install noting we asked for them to be weatherproof to the best we can.
 - *It was noted that some of the fields need more Shakopee sand-TBD
 - *On the soccer field side, it was noted the water was turned on 8th of May and is programmed to be water every evening at 10pm. Rain master was there that morning and was supposed to check all the sprinkler heads however it was noted in our walk thru that some of those heads still had not been raised, Kent was going to follow up with Rain Master.
 - *It was noted by Ryan that the fields need an additional rolling to smooth out the turfs of grass and the hills and valleys after the sprinkler heads have been raised and now that we are watering. Bill did it once but will look at doing it again within the next couple weeks.
 - *It was asked if we could flatten out the large dirt pile in the front of the fields on the North side of the trees. It was discussed possibly looking for people that might want the dirt to haul out and get rid of.
 - *It was also asked if we could mow the west of the soccer field for additional parking. However, due to the sugar sand they are not able to do that due to people getting stuck.
 - *A request for 1-2 paths to be made through the trees to access the fields from the parking areas was made. There is one done already, Bill to look at opening another one as well.
 - *A request was also made to block off the entrance to the dump on the west side of the fields to prevent people from riding their bikes and 4 wheelers thru the area by installing one of the old Phone Poles at the entrance.
 - *Additional "No Pets allowed" signage was requested however unless the Village is going to patrol it we are getting no where with this. Gary had indicated the dead spots on the fields is from the deer not the pets.
- c. Discuss/Recommend next meetings with the Chippewa Strikers along with the findings from Kent from our previous meeting-TBD

7. Review of January Disbursements and Profit & Loss-Will speak with the new ladies in the office to assure we get these for our June meeting and moving forward.

8. Standing Agenda Items:

- a. Discuss/Approve Park Rental Agreements-N/A



- b. Peace Memorial Park Update-Parks department is in charge of raising and lowering the flags as needed....Discussion on how and when we need to do that needs to take place. Also needs new cleats and strings. Kent to order from Freedom Flags.
- d. Capital Outlay Projects-N/A
- e. Lake Association -Docks are in and the poles are fixed
- f. Pickleball Courts Update-Bill having Market & Johnson put in 3 outlets for the food trucks to work off of.
- g. Bike/Ped Update-Greg needs more signs and posts to finish his signing project. Due to the amount being under \$1500, we approved for him to move forward in the purchasing of these items to complete the project in the amount of \$1305.26
- h. Lake Hallie Outdoor Recreation Plan update-NA
- i. Hallie Boys Baseball-N/A
- j. Hallie Girls Softball-New bases on Veterans Field
- k. Chippewa Strikers/Soccer Complex-5x5 games with 20 different teams we had last weekend. June 14th they will have around 70 teams as well as a 3-day tournament in October. They are looking at applying calcium treatment to the grass, Kent will call to get this started.
9. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm, next meeting will be June 23rd at 6pm at the Village Town Hall

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Posted by Clerk-Treasurer