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Special Hillmoor Commission Agenda
Thursday, August 6, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers
Rescheduled from July 9, 2026

Members:

Chair: Mayor Todd Krause, Council Liaison: Alderperson Cindy Yager, Consultant: Michael Krajovic
Mark Davids, Kenneth Etten, Dan Getzen, Larry Happ, Paula Porubcan, Peggy Schneider, and Lowell Thompson

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes
4. Approval of the minutes from May 14, 2026
5. Consultant's Report
6. Update regarding Ecological Restoration Plan – Clay Frazer, Native Range Ecological
7. Update regarding Knowles Nelson Grant Implementation including Dog Park Relocation
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding small projects for 2026
9. Update regarding City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) and Relationship to Hillmoor
10. Discussion regarding Hillmoor Budget & Capital Improvement Priorities
11. Adjournment

A quorum of the Council may be present; however, no official Council action will be taken.
Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the City Clerk's office in advance so that the appropriate accommodations can be made.

HILLMOOR COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, May 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Todd Krause, Alderperson Cindy Yager, Mark Davids, Kenneth Etten, Dan Getzen, Larry Happ, Paula Porubcan, Peggy Schneider, and Lowell Thompson. Consultant Michael Krajovic. City staff David Winger- City Parks Director.

Call to Order by Alderperson Yager at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call - Present: Alderperson Cindy Yager, Kenneth Etten, Lowell Thompson, Dan Getzen, Paula Porubcan, Peggy Schneider, Larry Happ, and Mark Davids. Consultant Michael Krajovic, and Parks Director David Winger. Mayor Krause was excused. Alderperson Yager chaired the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Peg Esposito gave public comments. (Public comments can be reviewed on the City's website.)

Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2026 – On a motion by Ken Etten and seconded by Paula Porubcan the minutes of April 9, 2026 were unanimously approved.

Consultant's Report – M. Krajovic gave a presentation on how Zone 1 of the Hillmoor property weathered the 10 inches of rain the City received during the week of April 13th. While some scattered ponding occurred as the ground became saturated, thanks to the new river culverts that were installed near Haskins St. by the Utility Commission last year, flooding only occurred in the lowest spot, a small area in the northwest corner of the Zone.

Update Regarding Knowles Nelson Grant Implementation – M. Krajovic gave a brief update on the status of the grant including next steps for implementation. He showed pictures of the proposed path relocation adjacent to the Haskins St. dam historic site laid out with the help of Paula Porubcan who is a professional archeologist. He explained that the funding that is available is not enough to complete the installation of all new paved paths in Zone 1. The City won't know specifically what can be built until construction bids with current costs are received. David Winger reported on the status of the engineering contract needed to complete the work.

Discussion Regarding Ongoing Public Engagement Strategies (Newsletter, Mailings, Outreach, Educational, Programs and Presentations, Printed Materials, etc.) - the Conceptual Master Plan for Zone 1 of the Hillmoor Property – Various Commission members presented ideas to increase public awareness and engagement such as holding raffles, having a visible presence at local events, giving interviews on the local radio station, outreaching to other organizations, holding educational programs, new printed materials, etc. They recommended that the Hillmoor newsletter should be sent out every month. It was agreed that increasing public awareness will be an essential part of generating ongoing support to turn Hillmoor into a beautiful Park for residents to enjoy.

Adjournment – On a motion by Lowell Thompson and seconded by Larry Happ, the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 pm.



Knowles Nelson Update

An Overview for the Hillmoor Commission



Timeline	
Task	Date
Design 50%	6/22/2026
Wetland Delineation	6/15/2026
Wetland concurrence	7/15/2026
Send Ad to Paper	7/22/2026
Ad #1	7/29/2026
Ad #2	8/5/2026
Post Plans	7/29/2026
Bid Opening	8/13/2026
Bid Approval Council / Notice to proceed	8/24/2026
Substantial Completion	11/15/2026
Final Completion	Spring 2027



Why It Matters for Hillmoor

Tasks

- Working to get the trail in this year
- Will ask Bidders for a Fall and Spring price for flexibility
- Grant Update to the DNR
- Location of Dog Park



CORP Update

And its relationship to Hillmoor



Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

Background

- Parks, programming, amenities.
- Park access and accessibility
- Connectivity and transportation

Completion

- Produces capital improvement plans tied to City's bonding cycle
- Identifies grant opportunities
- Gives Parks Department a clear, fiscally grounded framework for decision making

Project Phasing

<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Description</i>
June/July	Project Site Visits & Kickoff
June-Aug	Engagement & Analysis Phase
Oct-Nov	Preliminary Recommendations
Jan	Revisions & Public Open Houses (2)
Late Feb/March	Council Adoption

INTEGRATION

How Hillmoor & the Hillmoor Commission Are Involved



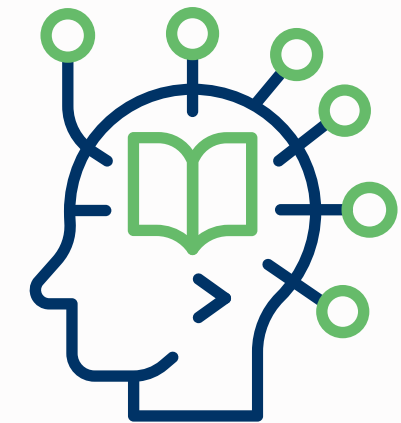
Additional Public Input

- Pop-up Engagement
- Focus Groups
- Community Survey
- Open Houses



Specific Mentions

- Park Acreage
- Possible Community Center in Zone 5
- Connectivity with other parks & lakefront
- Potential Department programming options



Integrated Planning Effort

To be clear: the CORP does not make decisions about Hillmoor.

TAKE THE LAKE GENEVA LAND TO LAKE PLAN SURVEY

HELP **SHAPE THE FUTURE** OF LAKE GENEVA'S PARKS & LAKEFRONT!

The City of Lake Geneva is updating its Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and combining it with a new lakefront plan to create the Land to Lake Plan.

Tell us what you love and what could be improved across parks, recreation programs, and lakefront spaces.

Takes ~30 minutes

Survey open through July 31st

Your feedback will shape future investments in:

- Parks & playgrounds
- Lakefront amenities
- Recreation programs & spaces

Your voice matters—thank you for participating!

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