

HILLMOOR COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 9, 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 Mayor Krause at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call - Present: Mayor Krause, Alderperson Cindy Yager, Kenneth Etten, Lowell Thompson, Dan Getzen, Paula Porubcan, and Peggy Schneider. Consultant Michael Krajovic, and Parks Director David Winger. Both Larry Happ and Mark Davids were excused.

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, Alderperson Sheri Ames, and Alderperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier gave public comments. (Public comments can be reviewed on the City's website.)

Approve the Minutes of March 13, 2026 and March 19, 2026 – On a motion by Paula Porubcan and seconded by Dan Getzen the minutes of March 13 and 19, 2026 were unanimously approved.

Consultant's Report – M. Krajovic reported on various activities and reviewed certain key points related to the agenda including that all cost estimates for the conceptual plan for Zone 1 of Hillmoor are preliminary. Actual costs for any item will only be known after a final design is completed. All funding decisions rest solely with City Council. The purpose of the Hillmoor Commission is to recommend the conceptual plan to City Council for approval. He also reviewed the Vision and Objectives for the Hillmoor property and the Powers and Duties of the Commission as determined by City Council. He stated that the actions of the Commission to develop a conceptual plan over the last 14 months since being formed are in direct alignment with what it has been tasked to do by the City.

Presentation on final Conceptual Master Plan and Estimated Cost of Proposed Projects for Zone 1 of Hillmoor Property – Michelle Kelly of Upland Design via Zoom gave a presentation on the final conceptual plan for Zone 1 of the Hillmoor property. During her presentation, she outlined final modifications to the plan as directed by the Commission. She also covered the range of estimated cost for the 22 different features contained in the plan.

Discussion/Recommendation Regarding the Conceptual Master Plan for Zone 1 of the Hillmoor Property – After various Commission members commented and discussed the plan, Lowell Thompson made a motion to recommend the conceptual plan for Zone 1 as presented by Upland Design to City Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Paula Porubcan and unanimously approved.

Discussion/Recommendation Regarding the Prioritization of Projects Proposed in the Conceptual Master Plan for Zone 1 - David Winger presented the results of a survey of Commission members completed before the meeting to rank potential park projects by priority. After the Commission members asked questions and discussed criteria for placing different projects into four tiers of priorities, Lowell Thompson made a motion to approve the following priority listing and recommend it to City Council. Tier 1 – Trail System, Dog Park Project, Disc Golf (impacted by dog park relocation holes only), ADA south Entry Ramp, open space Native Plantings Plan, Riverbed and Riverbank

Restoration Plan; Tier 2 – Splash Pad, Large Picnic Shelter, Backwater Nooks, River Boardwalk, Fishing Outcrop, Small Shelter by museum; Tier 3 – New Disc Golf Holes, Amphitheater Study and Analysis, New Community Playground, Small Shelter by ponds; Tier 4 – Entry Plaza, Pond Fountains, Amphitheater Project (if approved), Entry Arches, Enchanted Hiking Trail. The motion was seconded by Paula Porubcan and unanimously approved.

Adjournment – On a motion by Lowell Thompson and seconded by Dan Getzen to adjourn, the motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 pm.