

Board of Park Commissioners Minutes
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Lake Geneva City Hall, Conference Room 2A (2nd Floor)

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Adam St. Marie at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Adam St. Marie, Dana Furlo, Jessica Pokorny, David Quickel, Peggy Schneider, Betty Volquardsen, Alderperson Cindy Yager

Staff present: Parks Director David Winger

Absent: Craig Lambrecht, Mayor Todd Krause (excused)

Comments from the Public

Peg Esposito appreciates the Native Plantings project. She shared a brochure from the Friends of Hillmoor "In the Works Summer 2026". She shared that FOH have walks on Wednesdays at 5:30pm and that they will have a lecture series at the Library in the fall.

Approval of the Park Board minutes from June 16, 2026

Motion to approve minutes as documented, by Dana Furlo

2nd by Dave Quickel; Motion carries

Approval of the minutes from Joint PHL and Park Board meeting for Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Lakefront Plan June 16, 2026

Motion to approve minutes with Betty Volquardsen adding amendment of adding grills and family gathering space on East side of Veterans Park, by Adam St. Marie

2nd by Dana Furlo; Motion carries

YMCA Program Update

Gene Johnson from the YMCA provided us with a programming update. See the attached report.

Park Director's report

See Park's report dated 7/21/2026 provided in the packet

- I. Community survey is out with over 200 responses so far. The goal is to reach 400 responses.
- II. Kompan will be coming to assess the damage at Vets Park playground.
- III. Five weeks of Pickleball league play has taken place. They will play for one more week and then there will be tournament play. The fall league will begin in August.
- IV. Long discussion about fundraising options and pursuing available grants. Discussed the Donation policies and the possibility of condensing the current ones.

Discussion/ Recommendation regarding changes to Parks Department Schedule of Fees

Lengthy discussion about fees and rentals and how this should be implemented in each park. It was discussed that the Parks should serve the community. Looking forward, we should create intentional spaces that can be used now as well as in the future.

*Motion to move the Schedule of Fees forward to the City Council by Adam St. Marie.
2nd by Dana Furlo; Motion carries*

Discussion/ Recommendation regarding Native Plantings and Pollinators

Lake Geneva is currently a Bird City, Tree City, but not a Bee City.

The group discussed The Xerces Society which promotes plants that support a diversity of pollinators, and alternatives for mosquito spraying, such as a mosquito bucket, or “Bucket of Doom” used in Minnesota. The Park Board should promote healthy parks and healthy living. The board will continue to discuss this topic next month.

Discussion/ Recommendation regarding 2027 Operating Budget and 2027-2029 Capital Budget Process

The group went through the Capital Improvement Projects listed from the last CORP. The current listing will be updated by the Park’s Director and shared with the Board and appropriate consultants.

Other issues discussed included a Park’s vehicle, LED lighting for Vet’s Park, cameras, water fountains, Rushwood Park and ADA accessibility.

Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm, by Adam St. Marie.
2nd by Dana Furlo; Motion carries*

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider