



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual Only

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Present: Melissa Thiel Collar, Jim Kneiszel, Randy Soquet, Amy Kunder, Connor Mason, James Lyga

Absent:

Excused: Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina

Others present:

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor

Betty Marovich, Administrative Assistant

II. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. §6-3(f) DPMC

None

III. Items

1. Approval of the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting.

James Kneiszel moved to approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Jim Kneiszel
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet
AYES:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Jim Kneiszel, Randy Soquet, Amy Kunder

2. Consideration and possible action on approval of flag donation at Veteran's Monuments at VFW Park and Legion Park

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the VFW post would like to install a monument similar to the one that was installed at VFW Park at Legion Park once the new pool is built. With the uncertain date of construction of the Legion Pool, it is recommended that you do not recommend any approvals of the monument until the Legion Pool is actually built. The item on the agenda is only for the approval of the flag donations at the

Veteran's monuments at both VFW Park and Legion Park.

Randy Soquet moved to approve the flag donations at the Veteran's Monuments at VFW Park and Legion Park, seconded by James Kneiszel. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Randy Soquet
SECONDER:	James Kneiszel
AYES:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Jim Kneiszel, Randy Soquet, Amy Kunding

3. Consideration and possible action on Competitive Swim Program and Fee Proposal

Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor gave a brief description of the program and stated the program will be a partnership with the swim team coach at the High School. A lot of the lifeguards are on the swim team and this program would be mutually beneficial for the school and it is a really good way to build lifeguard retention. The city would be hiring both the high school swim coach and her assistant coach and they run the program. The program covers a wide range of ages and would allow for the school to have practices at our facilities. The program would use the VFW competitive area during time slots that are not being used now. This partnership would be benefiting the community and also great for employee retention.

Alderpersion Chandik Kunding commented that the program is outstanding.

Randy Soquet questioned if the swim coach would be employed by City during this time. Chelsea Moberg stated that the high school coach would be employed by the city and be responsible for the coaching of the program. The pool staff would take care of safety during the program.

Randy Soquet questioned about the cost of the program. Chelsea Moberg stated that with the minimum participants in the program, it would break even. If the minimum number of participants is not met, then the program will not run.

Melissa Thiel Collar moved to approve the Competitive Swim Program and fee proposal, seconded by Alderpersion Chandik Kunding. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Melissa Thiel Collar
SECONDER:	Amy Kunding
AYES:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Jim Kneiszel, Randy Soquet, Amy Kunding

IV. Future Agenda Items

Marty Kosobucki mentioned that he will provide updates on the Holiday Light Event and the Rainbow Park playground proposals at the February Park Board meeting.

V. Adjournment

Melissa Thiel Collar moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM, seconded by James Kneiszel.
Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant