



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
www.deperewi.gov

Agenda

Thursday, January 15, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Board of Park Commissioners** of the City of De Pere will be held on **January 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET. DE PERE.**

The Public or Members of the Board of Park Commissioners, which may count toward an official quorum, may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or telephonically or electronically via video conferencing or other appropriate technological means. Telephonic or electronic access to the meeting is provided below:

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- I. Call to Order
- 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
- III. Items
 1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting.
 2. Consideration and possible action to approve Amerilux as the main sponsor for the 2026 Beer Gardens. *
 3. Consideration and possible action to approve a donation proposal from De Pere Baseball, in the amount of \$5,000, to purchase robotic mowers to be used at Kelly Danen and Southwest Park baseball fields. *

4. Consideration and possible action to approve the first and second quarter financial statements for the De Pere Ice Arena.
5. Consideration and possible action to approve a park name for the new park in the Waterview Heights Subdivision. *
6. Discussion on Wilson Park Improvements

IV. Staff Updates

1. Staff update on the Holiday Light Show.
2. Staff update on playground Request for Proposals for Carney Park and the Waterview Heights Subdivision Park.

V. Future Agenda Items**VI. Adjournment**

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Parks Department at 920-339-4065 by noon on the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

Board Members	De Pere Youth Hockey
Alderspersons	De Pere Select Soccer
Mayor James Boyd	De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce
Kim Flom, City Manager	Definitely De Pere
Joanne Bungert, City Attorney	Brown County Library – De Pere
Eric Erdman, Assistant City Attorney	TV & Radio Stations
Marty Kosobucki	De Pere Baseball
Carey Danen, City Clerk	De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer
City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor	Jason Lau, WDP School District
De Pere Girls Softball	Christopher Thompson, De Pere School Dist.
Connor Mason, Teen Advisor	Don Chilson, Brown County Ice Management
Olivia Alberson, Teen Advisor	Jon Susek, De Pere Baseball
McKim Boyd	Patrick Gauthier, Amerilux
Joseph Nicks	

***All items marked with an asterisk will be forwarded to the Common Council.**



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.1

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends approval

ATTACHMENTS:
2025 1120 Board of Park Commissioners Minutes



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers 335 S. Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115

- I. Call to Order
- 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. Welcome New Teen Advisor Olivia Alberson

Randy Soquet welcomed the new teen advisor from the west side, Olivia Alberson.

- 2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from the October 16, 2025 meeting.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2025, Board of Park Commissioners meeting, seconded by Elizabeth McMasters. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Shana Ledvina
SECONDER: Elizabeth McMasters
AYES: Randy Soquet, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kunding

- 3. Consideration & possible action to accept a \$1000 donation from Hockers Home Services for the Holiday Lights Walking Event.

Randy Soquet moved to accept a \$1,000 donation from Hockers Home Services for the holiday light walking event, seconded by Aldersperson Chandik Kunding. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT: Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Randy Soquet
SECONDER: Amy Kunding
AYES: Randy Soquet, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kunding

- 4. Consideration and Possible action to accept a donation from Wisconsin United FC for improvements to the soccer fields at Southwest Park. *

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to accept a donation from Wisconsin United FC for improvements to

the soccer fields at Southwest Park, seconded by Randy Soquet.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the city has had a multi-year agreement with De Pere Select and De Pere Rapides soccer for the use of the fields at Southwest Park. These soccer organizations gave a very large donation to the development of the soccer fields at Southwest Park, and now the agreement has expired. Since the inception of this agreement, De Pere Select Soccer has merged with other soccer groups to become Wisconsin United FC. Wisconsin United FC would like to extend this agreement, which would give Wisconsin United FC priority use of some of the soccer fields at the park, but not exclusive use of the fields. With this new agreement, Wisconsin United FC would donate over \$60,000 over the next 7 years to construct an ADA-compliant route to the southerly area of the park, which will allow the field to be used for games; they also donated two soccer goals valued at over \$14,000, and are offering to fund a growth regulator application to the fields. If the growth regulator works, they would continue to fund the application of the product. Wisconsin United FC has also offered to help fundraiser for the additional parking lot that is part of the master plan for Southwest Park. If approved, the agreement would need to go to the legal department to draft and then to council for approval.

Randy Soquet questioned if the agreement is a 7-year agreement, not 18 years like the original agreement. Marty Kosobucki confirmed that it is a 7-year agreement.

Upon vote, the above motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kundering

5. Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from VFW Post 2113 to improve the memorial at Bicentennial Park, valued at \$17,610. *

Randy Soquet moved to accept the donation from VFW Post #2113 to make improvements to the memorial at Bicentennial Park, seconded by Alderperson Chandik Kundering.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that the value of the donation listed in the memo is incorrect. The value of the improvements is \$23,616, which includes replacing the stone and the wall, including the monuments in the wall. The improvements are only to update the monument to its original condition, not make any changes. Marty Kosobucki stated that Randy Hansen from VFW Post #2113 is in attendance if there are any questions regarding the proposed improvements.

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina moved to open the meeting to public comments at 6:38 pm, seconded by Elizabeth McMasters. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Randy Hansen from VFW Post #2113 stated that the Bicentennial Park improvements were originally dedicated on May 31, 1976. These improvements were made of concrete and stone, which is substantially heaving and breaking apart over time. The project improvements include removing the old stone and concrete and replacing it with bricks and pavers. The project would be completed in four phases. The first phase starts in April, which would be removing the old materials, the second phase would start in May with Lizer Landscaping rebuilding the area with stones and pavers, the third phase is to install the new bronze plaques from Creative Signs, and the fourth phase is a re-dedication ceremony. The plan is for the ceremony to take place on July 4th at 10:00 am, the same time America celebrates its 200th birthday.

Marty Kosobucki asked if Randy Hansen could explain the time capsule. Randy Hansen explained that there was a plaque attached to the wall that someone returned to the VFW Post. It states that there is a time capsule buried somewhere in the monument. There is no documentation of where the time capsule is located or what is in it. Once the time capsule is located when removing the old monument, the plan is to open it and give the contents to the De Pere Historical Society to permanently display at the new museum.

Randy Soquet questioned if there is going to be a time capsule buried in the new monument. Randy Hansen stated that it is possible to bury under a paver or in the wall, but there needs to be clear instructions on where it is buried.

Randy Soquet moved to close the meeting to public comments at 6:44 pm, seconded by Elizabeth McMasters. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Marty Kosobucki clarified that part of the overall proposal does include staff time.

Upon vote, the above motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Randy Soquet
SECONDER:	Amy Kunding
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kunding

IV. Discussion Items

1. Discussion on the playground replacement at Carney Park.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, explained that staff is looking for some guidance on replacing the playground equipment at Carney Park. Carney Park is a very small micro park, with a tiny playground. It is located within 1,200 feet of Willems Park, which has a brand-new playground. There is \$125,000 in the budget to replace the playground at Carney Park. In the past, the park board has elected to install poured-in-place surfacing for the new playground, which usually computes to at least the cost of the play equipment, and sidewalk needs to be installed. There are three different options available for Carney Park. If you go with wood chips, a much larger play structure could be installed. If you elect to have poured-in-place surfacing, you could go with a bigger structure and eliminate the swings, or go with a small play structure and keep the swings. Staff recommends going with a double bay swing and a smaller play structure, similar to what is currently at the park.

Randy Soquet questioned the teen advisors about what they think should be installed at Carney Park. Connor Mason, Teen Advisor, feels that something similar to what is currently at the park should be installed and stated that his little brother loves the swings. Olivia Alberson, Teen Advisor, stated she lives near the park and Willems Park. Since the new playground was installed at Willems Park, there have been a lot more kids using the new playground. She feels that the new playground should be similar to what is there currently.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina questioned if there would be a baby swing option. Marty Kosobucki stated that normally we install one or two tot swings and an ADA swing, along with the standard belt swings, but we will have to see what there is room for.

Aldersperson Chandik Kunding questioned if there was any thought to having more natural play areas,

like berms for the children to play on. She suggested maybe having the swing structure, but then natural berms versus a play structure. Marty Kosobucki stated that there are companies that offer these natural play areas. When going out for bid, we can request that companies look at play as a whole for the park.

2. Discussion on beer garden survey and potential changes.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that staff wanted to provide the results of the survey and the comments that were received. Staff has been talking internally regarding what changes should be made. One area that received many comments was the lack of food trucks. Next year there will be additional food trucks at the event. Another suggested change was the time of the music. Last year the music started at 5:30 pm and next year we will have the musicians start at 5:00 pm.

Randy Soquet questioned the comments regarding the location of the musician. Marty Kosobucki stated that there is no perfect solution to the music. There are people spread out throughout the park, and it is hard to get the music to project to all areas.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina questioned offering drinks other than beer. Marty Kosobucki stated that we will be offering water at the beer stand next year.

Aldersperson Eserkahn stated he thought the music was fine and questioned if adjusting the time would increase the cost. Marty Kosobucki stated that there was a slight increase in the budget to cover the increase in costs for the musician.

Connor Mason, Teen Advisor, questioned how consistent the music and food trucks are. Marty Kosobucki stated that during the summer we never have the same musician. We might bring back musicians from the previous year, but we never have the same musician twice during the same year. We try to offer a variety of food trucks as well, but we are limited to the ones that request to be part of the event. Staff has also been talking about reaching out to local organizations to see if there is any interest in participating as a fund-raising event, which would be much more economical for attendees.

V. Staff Updates

1. Staff update on Ice Arena

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, stated that he, along with the mayor and city manager, had a meeting with all the user groups of the Ice Arena. The topic will be brought to the 2nd council meeting in December for discussion.

2. Staff update on donation — Life Jacket Grant from AOAP.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that Chelsea Moberg, Recreation Supervisor applied for, and receive a grant for life jackets for the pools.

VI. Future Agenda Items

Connor Mason, Teen Advisor, mentioned that the improvements to the Legion Park disc golf course look amazing and commented that other out of the box additions to the course would be nice.

Randy Soquet questioned if there were any updates on the East River improvements.

VII. Adjournment

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm, seconded by Elizabeth McMasters. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Elizabeth McMasters
AYES:	Randy Soquet, Elizabeth McMasters, Mike Eserkaln, Shana Ledvina, Amy Kunding

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.2

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve Amerilux as the main sponsor for the 2026 Beer Gardens. *
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:
Beer Garden Main Sponsor Approval

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: January 15, 2026

RE: Approval of main sponsor for 2026 De Pere Beer Gardens

Summary: We are starting to plan and prepare for the 2026 Beer Gardens. Amerilux would like to, once again, be the main sponsor of the event. We only list and sell one “main” sponsor of the event; however, we solicit individual event sponsors. The amount for the main sponsorship includes a \$5,500 donation to the event to make it possible.

Staff Recommendation: Approve Amerilux as the main sponsor for the 2026 De Pere Beer Gardens.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.3

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve a donation proposal from De Pere Baseball, in the amount of \$5,000, to purchase robotic mowers to be used at Kelly Danen and Southwest Park baseball fields. *

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:
De Pere Baseball Donation.Robotic Mower

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: August 21, 2025

RE: Consideration and possible action to approve a donation proposal from De Pere Baseball, in the amount of \$5,000, to purchase robotic mowers to be used at Kelly Danen and Southwest Park baseball fields.

Summary: De Pere Baseball is proposing to donate \$5,000 toward the purchase of robotic mowers. The City currently has \$10,000 budgeted in 2026 to implement additional robotic mowers. In 2025, we piloted a program to run a robotic mower. After operating the robotic mower for a year, we believe there are definite benefits of the robotic mower in certain applications. The \$5,000 mower can be leveraged with our current budget to implement additional mowers. In consideration of their donation, De Pere Baseball is asking that the robotic mowers be placed at Kelly Danen athletic fields first and then Southwest Park (Gandrud Field). These two locations are rather ideal for maximum benefit and security. All the fields are fully fenced in which provides for added security. The mowers would run from 11pm – 9 am in the morning, Monday – Friday. A sign would be posted at each of the diamonds indicated the fields are off limits until 9 am in the morning. While we do not have stats on usage before 9 am, we feel the usage is very low.

Depending on pricing we will be able to purchase 2, possibly 3 units. This would put our robotic fleet to 3-4 units.

Staff Recommendation: Accept De Pere Baseball donation of \$5,000 and confirm placement of robotic mowers at Kelly Danen as a first priority, and Southwest Park (Gandrud Field) as a second priority.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.4

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve the first and second quarter financial statements for the De Pere Ice Arena.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

DePere Ice Arena Report 11-30-25, De Pere Ice Arena PL vs PY 6-1-25 to 11-30-2025, DPIA PFY 6-2024 to 5-2025 vs CFY 6-2025 to 5-2026

DePere Ice Arena opened this season on September 28.

Earlier in September the Compressor #4 that failed last winter was replaced. As were all the Contactors for each of the compressors replaced as the current contactors were obsolete, so we made the decision to replace all of them at this time. The compressor replacement was complete with an insurance claim to the city's equipment insurance plan.

The new sidewalks to the emergency exits were complete just as the arena opened for the season.

User Groups Continue to ask for more ice time during the heart of the season, so demand remains strong for all the groups at the DePere Ice Arena.

In looking at the financial reports, we are on target with last year at this time. Reminder that we have just opened, and there is an income delay as we bill our groups at the end of each month, and many of the associations being volunteer based pay 30 to 45 day's after invoicing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, 920-403-2000 or email at cornerstoneicecenterdon@gmail.com .

Thank you.

Don Chilson, Manager

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June through November 2025

Fiscal year to Date 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last fiscal year same time period

	Jun - Nov 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4003 · Advertising Revenue	1,000.00
4004 · Figure Skating	2,706.68
4007 · Ice Rental-Private	
4007j · DePere Youth Hockey	14,718.95
Total 4007 · Ice Rental-Private	14,718.95
4007a · Non Contracted Ice	1,253.00
4009 · Ice Rental-Summer	0.00
4016 · Vending	0.00
4110 · Kick-Synch	2,700.00
4111 · Ice Rental-Deacons	0.00
Total Income	22,378.63
Gross Profit	22,378.63
Expense	
5000 · Building Expense	
5004 · Service Contracts	4,493.55
5005 · Zamboni	2,357.52
5010 · Repairs and Maintenance	13,332.37
Total 5000 · Building Expense	20,183.44
5001 · Insurance Expense	7,560.00
5300 · Office Expense	
5301 · Bank Service Charges	137.21
5306 · Office Supplies	546.36
5308 · Telephone Expense	1,889.40
5300 · Office Expense - Other	0.00
Total 5300 · Office Expense	2,572.97
5400 · Payroll	
5401 · FICA Employer	1,573.12
5403 · Medicare Expense	380.51
5404 · Regular Earnings	5,987.50
5405 · Salaries	19,388.17
5407 · Payroll Processing Fees	225.00
Total 5400 · Payroll	27,554.30
5500 · Program Expense	
5501 · Advertising and Promotion	2,062.00
Total 5500 · Program Expense	2,062.00
5600 · Electric	22,340.08
5601 · Water	2,771.79
5602 · Gas	1,596.80
5700 · Vending Expense	2,179.23
6000 · Depreciation Expense	1,312.80
Total Expense	90,133.41
Net Ordinary Income	-67,754.78

De Pere Ice Arena
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June through November 2025

Fiscal year to Date 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last fiscal year same time period

Net Income

Jun - Nov 25
-67,754.78

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June through November 2025

Fiscal year to Date 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last fiscal year same time period

	Jun - Nov 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4003 · Advertising Revenue	0.00
4004 · Figure Skating	12,971.28
4007 · Ice Rental-Private	
4007j · DePere Youth Hockey	15,978.91
Total 4007 · Ice Rental-Private	15,978.91
4007a · Non Contracted Ice	1,438.50
4009 · Ice Rental-Summer	1,247.50
4016 · Vending	616.10
4110 · Kick-Synch	2,115.75
4111 · Ice Rental-Deacons	265.00
Total Income	34,633.04
Gross Profit	34,633.04
Expense	
5000 · Building Expense	
5004 · Service Contracts	4,220.90
5005 · Zamboni	434.82
5010 · Repairs and Maintenance	3,912.29
Total 5000 · Building Expense	8,568.01
5001 · Insurance Expense	7,560.00
5300 · Office Expense	
5301 · Bank Service Charges	144.21
5306 · Office Supplies	1,121.34
5308 · Telephone Expense	1,805.80
5300 · Office Expense - Other	181.27
Total 5300 · Office Expense	3,252.62
5400 · Payroll	
5401 · FICA Employer	3,436.76
5403 · Medicare Expense	619.08
5404 · Regular Earnings	16,105.40
5405 · Salaries	25,183.83
5407 · Payroll Processing Fees	325.00
Total 5400 · Payroll	45,670.07
5500 · Program Expense	
5501 · Advertising and Promotion	0.00
Total 5500 · Program Expense	0.00
5600 · Electric	27,796.66
5601 · Water	2,743.63
5602 · Gas	1,619.54
5700 · Vending Expense	2,102.23
6000 · Depreciation Expense	1,312.80
Total Expense	100,625.56
Net Ordinary Income	-65,992.52

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June through November 2025

Fiscal year to Date 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last fiscal year same time period

Net Income

Jun - Nov 24
-65,992.52

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June 2025 through May 2026

Current Fiscal Year 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last Fiscal year 6/1/24-5/31/25

	Jun '25 - May 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4003 · Advertising Revenue	1,000.00
4004 · Figure Skating	2,706.68
4007 · Ice Rental-Private	
4007i · De Pere High School	1,687.50
4007j · DePere Youth Hockey	14,718.95
Total 4007 · Ice Rental-Private	16,406.45
4007a · Non Contracted Ice	1,253.00
4009 · Ice Rental-Summer	0.00
4016 · Vending	0.00
4110 · Kick-Synch	2,700.00
4111 · Ice Rental-Deacons	0.00
Total Income	24,066.13
Gross Profit	24,066.13
Expense	
5000 · Building Expense	
5004 · Service Contracts	4,493.55
5005 · Zamboni	2,357.52
5010 · Repairs and Maintenance	13,332.37
Total 5000 · Building Expense	20,183.44
5001 · Insurance Expense	7,560.00
5300 · Office Expense	
5301 · Bank Service Charges	137.21
5306 · Office Supplies	546.36
5308 · Telephone Expense	1,889.40
5300 · Office Expense - Other	0.00
Total 5300 · Office Expense	2,572.97
5400 · Payroll	
5408 Insurance	0.00
5401 · FICA Employer	1,573.12
5403 · Medicare Expense	380.51
5404 · Regular Earnings	5,987.50
5405 · Salaries	19,388.17
5407 · Payroll Processing Fees	225.00
Total 5400 · Payroll	27,554.30
5500 · Program Expense	
5501 · Advertising and Promotion	2,062.00
Total 5500 · Program Expense	2,062.00
5600 · Electric	22,340.08
5601 · Water	2,771.79
5602 · Gas	1,596.80
5700 · Vending Expense	2,179.23
6000 · Depreciation Expense	1,312.80

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June 2025 through May 2026

Current Fiscal Year 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last Fiscal yeara 6/1/24-5/31/25

	<u>Jun '25 - May 26</u>
Total Expense	<u>90,133.41</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-66,067.28
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
7000 · Split with City of De Pere	0.00
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	<u><u>-66,067.28</u></u>

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June 2025 through May 2026

Current Fiscal Year 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last Fiscal year 6/1/24-5/31/25

	Jun '24 - May 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4003 · Advertising Revenue	0.00
4004 · Figure Skating	72,059.63
4007 · Ice Rental-Private	
4007i · De Pere High School	37,017.15
4007j · DePere Youth Hockey	103,432.53
Total 4007 · Ice Rental-Private	140,449.68
4007a · Non Contracted Ice	16,597.00
4009 · Ice Rental-Summer	1,247.50
4016 · Vending	4,318.44
4110 · Kick-Synch	9,012.00
4111 · Ice Rental-Deacons	9,520.00
Total Income	253,204.25
Gross Profit	253,204.25
Expense	
5000 · Building Expense	
5004 · Service Contracts	8,394.03
5005 · Zamboni	2,362.08
5010 · Repairs and Maintenance	9,842.82
Total 5000 · Building Expense	20,598.93
5001 · Insurance Expense	15,120.00
5300 · Office Expense	
5301 · Bank Service Charges	311.29
5306 · Office Supplies	3,853.15
5308 · Telephone Expense	3,834.22
5300 · Office Expense - Other	181.27
Total 5300 · Office Expense	8,179.93
5400 · Payroll	
5408 Insurance	5,145.29
5401 · FICA Employer	6,977.91
5403 · Medicare Expense	1,474.59
5404 · Regular Earnings	44,611.90
5405 · Salaries	53,799.30
5407 · Payroll Processing Fees	650.00
Total 5400 · Payroll	112,658.99
5500 · Program Expense	
5501 · Advertising and Promotion	0.00
Total 5500 · Program Expense	0.00
5600 · Electric	56,446.85
5601 · Water	7,857.08
5602 · Gas	8,865.38
5700 · Vending Expense	3,221.91
6000 · Depreciation Expense	2,625.60

De Pere Ice Arena Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

June 2025 through May 2026

Current Fiscal Year 6/1/25-11/30/25 v. Last Fiscal yeara 6/1/24-5/31/25

	<u>Jun '24 - May 25</u>
Total Expense	<u>235,574.67</u>
Net Ordinary Income	17,629.58
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
7000 · Split with City of De Pere	8,814.79
Total Other Expense	<u>8,814.79</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-8,814.79</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,814.79</u></u>



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.5

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve a park name for the new park in the Waterview Heights Subdivision. *
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion

ATTACHMENTS:
Memo.Park Naming

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: January 15, 2026

RE: Consideration and possible action on approving a park name for the new park in the Waterview Heights Subdivision

Summary: We were able to talk with McKim Boyd regarding the new park and a potential name. He indicated they have done some deeper digging into history and found out there was a large group of volunteers from the De Pere Area that served in the Civil War. They were known as Company F and were part of the 14th Wisconsin Regiment, which was made up of people from Northeast Wisconsin. Company F was made up of volunteers, including Henry Cady (name that Jim Kneisel has mentioned as a potential name for the park). McKim Boyd suggested the park be named Volunteer Park in memory and recognition of all the volunteers that were part of Company F.

Volunteer Park has a nice ring to it; however, I am not sure when someone reads "Volunteer Park", they will create a linkage to Company F and the volunteers that served in the Civil War. You could create a descriptive and commemorative plaque at the park highlighting the Company F; however, I think most people will not make the correlation when they read "Volunteer Park". Below is the summary/history of Company F provided from the Historical Society.

THE DE PERE RIFLES

*The 14th Wisconsin Regiment was made up of volunteers from Northeast Wisconsin. Men of De Pere composed Company F when the 14th set off from Fon du Lac on March 8, 1862. After a brief stay at Saint Louis, they were ordered to report to General Ulysses S. Grant at Savannah. Due to numerous displays of courage in battle, the 14th earned the name "The Wisconsin Regulars" and Company F became known as "The De Pere Rifles." The Brigade Commander of the 14th, Colonel John M. Oliver, described the 14th: "This regiment was the only one to rely upon in any emergency. Though suffering less than no other regiment in the command, they maintained their lines and delivered their fire with all the precision and coolness which could have been maintained upon drill." Of the 174 men who served in **The De Pere Rifles**, disease and battle claimed 30 in the field, and 17 more returned to De Pere permanently disabled.*

Staff Recommendation: There are a couple of ways you could go with this idea.

- First – you could name the park "Volunteer Park" and create a separate memorial/plaque recognizing Company F and the members from the De Pere Area that volunteered and served. You could also describe/explain the reasoning behind the name of the park.
- Second – You could come up with a different name that has a more direct linkage to Company F. You could name it Rifle Park or Company F Park. I would suggest also doing some type of plaque providing greater background.
- Third – you could go with the name Volunteer Park, but with a different purpose. The name would simply recognize and honor all the volunteers that serve in the City of De Pere.
 - o It is without a doubt that the quality of our services would suffer if it were not for people volunteering their time to programs and events.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

III.6

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
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MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Discussion on Wilson Park Improvements
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion Only

ATTACHMENTS:

Memo.Wilson Park, Wilson Park Survey Results, Email comments from Joseph Nicks on Wilson Park

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: January 15, 2026

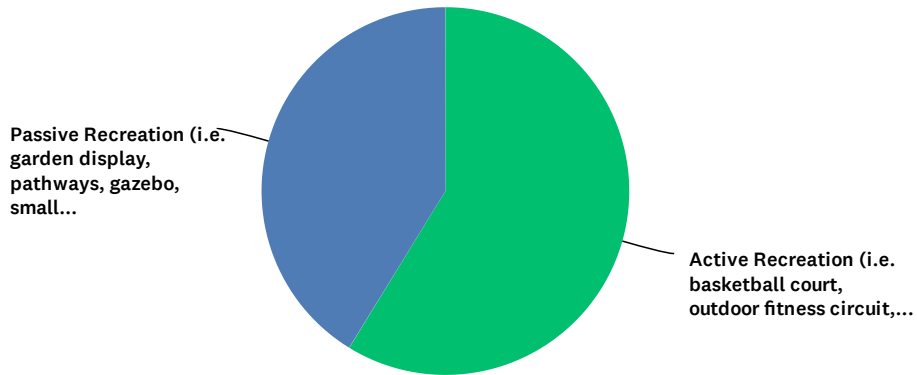
RE: Discussion on Wilson Park renovation

Summary: The RFP for creating technical specs and construction oversight is planned to go out in early January and will likely be up for recommendation at our February meeting. As part of the RFP, I included verbiage that requires the consultant to analyze the conceptual design and determine if the local conditions still warrant the approved conceptual design. It is possible the changes at St. Norbert College have impacted the design and should be considered prior to moving forward with the conceptual design. I would like to have a conversation at the Park Board to review the current conceptual design of the park, are there any factors/changes in the local environment that would warrant a consideration of change to the conceptual design, and what changes would you like to have considered?

I have included the current and approved conceptual design for Wilson Park and also the survey results regarding the park.

Q1 What do you feel Wilson Park would be better utilized for?

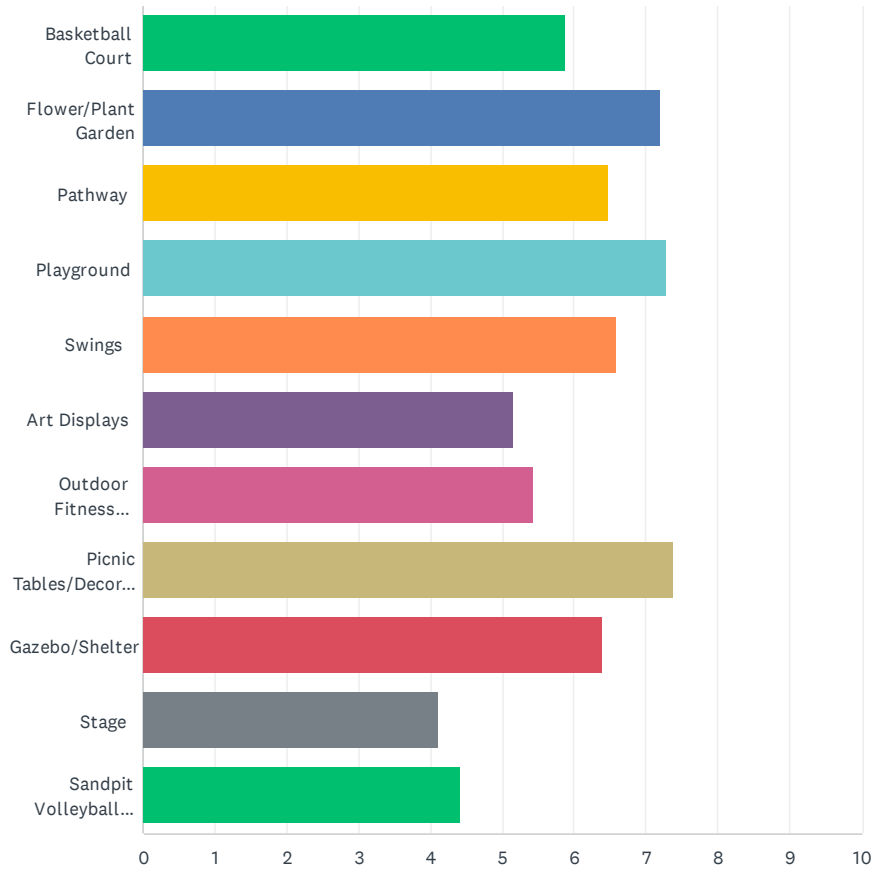
Answered: 211 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Active Recreation (i.e. basketball court, outdoor fitness circuit, volleyball court, outdoor ping pong, pickleball)	58.77%	124
Passive Recreation (i.e. garden display, pathways, gazebo, small stage, places for reflection/relaxation)	41.23%	87
TOTAL		211

Q2 Please rank the following park amenities in order of your priority/use. Highest priority/use located at top (#1) , lowest priority/use located at bottom (#11)

Answered: 213 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
Basketball Court	13.17% 27	10.73% 22	10.24% 21	5.85% 12	7.80% 16	2.93% 6	4.39% 9	8.78% 18	9.76% 20	12.68% 26	13.66% 28	205
Flower/Plant Garden	19.05% 40	11.43% 24	8.57% 18	10.00% 21	9.52% 20	13.33% 28	9.05% 19	5.71% 12	2.86% 6	5.24% 11	5.24% 11	210
Pathway	5.77% 12	11.06% 23	11.06% 23	11.06% 23	12.50% 26	9.62% 20	14.42% 30	8.17% 17	6.73% 14	7.21% 15	2.40% 5	208
Playground	24.04% 50	12.50% 26	7.21% 15	6.25% 13	9.62% 20	5.77% 12	12.50% 26	8.17% 17	4.81% 10	4.81% 10	4.33% 9	208
Swings	3.37% 7	17.31% 36	9.13% 19	11.54% 24	8.17% 17	12.50% 26	13.94% 29	9.13% 19	6.73% 14	6.25% 13	1.92% 4	208
Art Displays	1.92% 4	4.33% 9	12.02% 25	7.21% 15	8.17% 17	9.13% 19	9.62% 20	17.31% 36	9.62% 20	8.17% 17	12.50% 26	208
Outdoor Fitness Training Equipment	8.21% 17	7.25% 15	7.25% 15	7.73% 16	6.76% 14	7.25% 15	8.21% 17	10.14% 21	17.39% 36	10.14% 21	9.66% 20	207
Picnic Tables/Decorative Swing/Benches	9.95% 21	10.43% 22	15.17% 32	16.59% 35	14.69% 31	12.80% 27	5.69% 12	7.11% 15	3.79% 8	2.84% 6	0.95% 2	211
Gazebo/Shelter	5.24% 11	10.00% 21	9.52% 20	11.90% 25	15.71% 33	11.43% 24	7.62% 16	8.10% 17	11.43% 24	8.10% 17	0.95% 2	210
Stage	4.33% 9	1.92% 4	5.29% 11	4.81% 10	5.29% 11	8.17% 17	7.69% 16	8.17% 17	13.94% 29	18.75% 39	21.63% 45	208
Sandpit Volleyball Court	7.25% 15	4.83% 10	5.80% 12	7.25% 15	1.45% 3	6.28% 13	5.80% 12	8.21% 17	12.08% 25	15.46% 32	25.60% 53	207

Q3 Please list any other amenities you would be interested in seeing in Wilson Park.

Answered: 137 Skipped: 76

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Working water fountain like the old days. Security cameras and lights since it's pretty much in SNC back yard. Way to much vandalism otherwise.	4/17/2022 3:05 PM
2	I have little kids so family friendly is great:)	4/17/2022 11:56 AM
3	Fenced in Place for dogs to run?!	4/17/2022 9:30 AM
4	Free Slash pad	4/17/2022 7:30 AM
5	No answer	4/16/2022 9:29 PM
6	Pull up bar	4/16/2022 8:41 PM
7	Na	4/16/2022 8:26 PM
8	PLEASE LEAVE THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS INTACT. It is beautiful and reflective of our history.	4/16/2022 7:37 PM
9	Hb	4/16/2022 7:26 PM
10	Na	4/16/2022 7:00 PM
11	Tennis	4/16/2022 6:56 PM
12	Make it an adult park. Paths, flowers, benches and maybe a fountain!	4/16/2022 6:41 PM
13	Toddler playground equipment	4/16/2022 5:59 PM
14	I would love pickleball courts	4/16/2022 5:02 PM
15	something to help homeless people stay a bit more comfortable.	4/16/2022 4:35 PM
16	ada compliant	4/16/2022 4:00 PM
17	None	4/16/2022 3:50 PM
18	NA	4/16/2022 7:29 AM
19	Landscaping should be completely planned and made to look professional. Special attention to preserving zGettysburg address monument.	4/15/2022 6:56 AM
20	Perhaps another marker noting the information about Nicolet High School and St. Boniface Grade School. My St. Boniface 8th grade class trip was at that park (some kind of trouble that wouldn't allow us to take an actual trip.) We also spent a lot of our lunch time at that park.	4/14/2022 9:10 AM
21	Grills	4/14/2022 8:06 AM
22	I would make sure there are not hiding spots for teens if possible. Playground equipment should be open.	4/14/2022 6:40 AM
23	Bird watching, beautiful gardens	4/13/2022 11:33 PM
24	It's close to the college so gear it toward college youth interests	4/13/2022 6:58 PM
25	Beautification, flowers, trees	4/13/2022 12:33 PM
26	I think it would look best as a flowery, recreational area for families.	4/13/2022 11:39 AM
27	community garden	4/13/2022 6:40 AM
28	Stage, events a combination of active and passive recreation.	4/12/2022 6:06 PM
29	None	4/12/2022 5:38 PM
30	Tennis courts! (or multipurpose, for pickleball or basketball too!)	4/12/2022 2:16 PM
31	would be wonderful to see art related additions in the park: sculptural, structural, etc. ... or a water feature, along with a more inviting aesthetic so people would use the space - e.g., sit and enjoy lunch, read a book, enjoy visiting with a friend over coffee... or the small stage to host a summer music series... but big concern (unfortunately, because we see it happen in the art alley next to Nicky's): college students vandalising these types of additions to the park. :(4/12/2022 1:40 PM
32	Lights	4/12/2022 12:55 PM
33	Hotub	4/12/2022 12:52 PM

34	NA	4/12/2022 12:52 PM
35	Parking Rock climbing wall Outdoor ice rink	4/12/2022 12:11 PM
36	Water fountain, stepping stones	4/12/2022 11:51 AM
37	Just having a place for people to sit like benches.	4/12/2022 11:50 AM
38	Bathroom facility	4/12/2022 11:48 AM
39	Tennis courts	4/12/2022 11:38 AM
40	A beautiful grassy area for picnics! With the question below, I would love if the park had lighting!	4/12/2022 11:09 AM
41	na	4/12/2022 11:02 AM
42	None	4/12/2022 10:58 AM
43	I would just like to see it look as beautiful as possible as it's close to the SNC admission office and is one of the first glimpses they have of De Pere and St. Norbert.	4/12/2022 9:42 AM
44	Any improvements to the park are very likely to be defaced or destroyed by the students who live in the area. I'm speaking from experience, as I grew up there and have owned several properties in that area.	4/12/2022 8:40 AM
45	Pickle ball court, was mentioned in the opening statement but was not an option to rank.	4/12/2022 8:34 AM
46	Pollinator garden	4/12/2022 8:23 AM
47	Hundreds of people drive past every day that attend SNC and visit SNC so anything that will be attractive and safe is a must.	4/12/2022 8:01 AM
48	??	4/12/2022 7:15 AM
49	A safe place for all the kids in the neighborhood to play. We don't need more art displays for people to vandalize. Maybe adding a little library.	4/11/2022 11:32 PM
50	.	4/11/2022 8:33 PM
51	Fruit trees, games like hopscotch, tic tac toe, music, digging toys with sand, covered picnic table for shade to meet up with groups	4/11/2022 8:12 PM
52	Plenty of lighting	4/11/2022 7:59 PM
53	Fruit trees	4/11/2022 7:52 PM
54	A water feature	4/11/2022 7:30 PM
55	Na	4/11/2022 7:24 PM
56	A community garden in conjunction with the catering staff of St Norberts, W DePere high and local restaurants - know where and how to grow your own food. Sustainable or make it a wildflower garden to illustrate how you can improve your environment	4/11/2022 6:36 PM
57	Beer garden	4/11/2022 6:11 PM
58	N-a	4/11/2022 6:01 PM
59	Zen garden. Koi pond	4/11/2022 5:56 PM
60	Water fountain. Small dog park.	4/11/2022 5:56 PM
61	Move the park & let SNC use the space.	4/11/2022 5:41 PM
62	Local art possibly from SNC students	4/11/2022 5:40 PM
63	Bicycle parking	4/11/2022 5:40 PM
64	Restrooms	4/11/2022 5:35 PM
65	N/A	4/11/2022 5:24 PM
66	Keep the speech there, on the stone.	4/11/2022 4:56 PM
67	Ensuring it is a well lit area. Pickleball	4/11/2022 4:51 PM
68	Na	4/11/2022 4:08 PM
69	A community in SW Michigan has a similar sized space that they've built in to a garden pathway, with seating areas and a fountain that seems very popular in the times we've visited. Given this park's proximity to student housing and the college, maybe it wouldn't be treated so well, but it seems like a spot ripe for beautification that locals would be proud of rather than a more or less empty, forlorn looking lot.	4/11/2022 3:33 PM
70	Pickleball court Ninja obstacle course	4/11/2022 3:20 PM
71	Parent/child exercise equipment where parents can work out with kids. Place play set in center	4/11/2022 1:46 PM

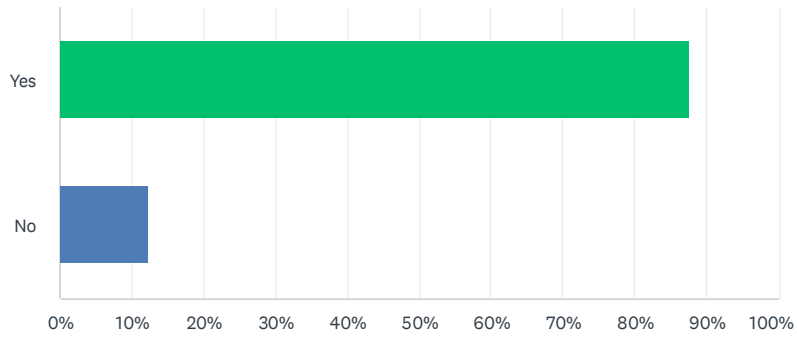
	of a round about style exercise path so parents can work out while having the ability to watch their kids play while doing so.	
72	The more playground stuff, the merrier.	4/11/2022 1:02 PM
73	Some sort of water feature.	4/11/2022 12:16 PM
74	Pickleball court is a must. More importantly clean up the houses across the street. As an SNC grad, the houses/people across the street that weren't owned by the campus kept me away from that area.	4/11/2022 12:16 PM
75	Fruit trees/food forest	4/11/2022 12:12 PM
76	Outdoor ping pong tables, permanent Bags/Cornhole games boards (byo bags), perimeter walking track, if a playground, it would need to be fenced in because way too close to the road, possibly an octoball court. But please for the love of all things...before tou worry about Wilson...can we get some park benches for the poor moms at the new VFW playground?!?!? Also if you do lights at a park, please don't make them so obnoxiously bright...poor families who have those VFW lights shining in all their homes...kind of a rude neighborly thing to do...you can have lights for safety without blinding people in their own homes.	4/8/2022 8:22 PM
77	The park should be passive and active. Who will actively maintain the equipment? Lighting would depend on what you do with the park. No loud activities. This is a neighborhood. Use specialist on park use, not the city or the college.	4/8/2022 12:46 PM
78	Splash pad	4/6/2022 4:42 PM
79	Splash pad would be great	4/6/2022 12:44 PM
80	N/a	4/6/2022 6:44 AM
81	N/A	4/5/2022 8:49 PM
82	Restrooms	4/5/2022 7:52 PM
83	Please keep the Lincoln plaque. A drinking fountain/water refill station would be great.	4/5/2022 3:07 PM
84	Volunteers to keep it clean and care for the greenery	4/5/2022 12:34 PM
85	Sold to the college. Whatever is built there by the city will by primarily utilized by the college students.	4/5/2022 8:10 AM
86	Bathroom	4/5/2022 7:54 AM
87	The residential surroundings are mostly people of college age. Sell the land to SNC & then move the park idea to somewhere where it can be enjoyed by kids or invest the money in an existing park located in a family type of neighborhood. Another option is to make the park suitable for those of high school/college age (basketball court, outdoor fitness) since the high school is also nearby. It's a weird location. I'd never go there regardless and I live nearby. Parking is awkward there. Don't just keep it to keep it since it's always empty; kids don't live there anymore. De Pere has many other nice parks. If it gets sold to SNC, they can build another nice building or make it a park on their dime. I grew up there; much has changed. Time to change that space.	4/5/2022 3:56 AM
88	Public restroom for families with children.	4/5/2022 2:35 AM
89	Dog park	4/5/2022 1:57 AM
90	orchard	4/4/2022 11:22 PM
91	Splash pad	4/4/2022 11:20 PM
92	Bathroom facilities Dog park!! Similar to Whitney Park in Green Bay	4/4/2022 11:01 PM
93	Places to sit	4/4/2022 10:52 PM
94	Lovely playground not huge but to fit area, picnic benches, neighborhood park setting like it historically eas	4/4/2022 10:40 PM
95	Parking	4/4/2022 10:31 PM
96	Pickle ball court	4/4/2022 10:09 PM
97	Pickleball	4/4/2022 10:07 PM
98	Drinking fountain	4/4/2022 9:52 PM
99	Original foundation of school historical marker, original Gettysburg address marker, and restrooms.	4/4/2022 9:28 PM
100	I like the idea of having it be wildflowers or something to help the bees! Maybe a nice path/reflection area. We don't have anything like that nearby. I know there are lots of college kids who walk through or past that area. I have small kids, but that's a busy area and we usually go to VFW or the 6th street park instead. I hope the college kids in the area will keep it nice and family friendly. I'd love to see it be a place the whole community could use.	4/4/2022 9:17 PM

	Something we all could enjoy! I LOVE the little white tree planted in memoriam in the front. Keep that!! We take a picture by it each year it blooms. :)	
101	native wisconsin plants for local wildlife-signs to teach people about native plants and wildlife would also be nice.	4/4/2022 8:55 PM
102	Wish SNC could utilize it for facilities department for a new garage and car lift	4/4/2022 8:52 PM
103	A Futsal court is not listed and the city east or west side does not have one. Basketball court can be used as multi purpose basketball Futsal and pickleball	4/4/2022 8:34 PM
104	Functional drinking fountain (bubbler) in summer. Year round trash and recycling receptacles.	4/4/2022 7:58 PM
105	Na	4/4/2022 7:34 PM
106	None	4/4/2022 6:59 PM
107	Lights, dog play	4/4/2022 4:20 PM
108	Covered area attached to a shelter	4/4/2022 4:20 PM
109	Bathrooms	4/4/2022 3:10 PM
110	Seats and benches for reading or contemplating	4/4/2022 3:01 PM
111	It is a small spot. Keep it simple and use it to plant NATIVE flowers, shrubs and trees. Stop forcing invasive crap that destroys the ecosystem.	4/4/2022 2:50 PM
112	Small dog park area	4/4/2022 2:02 PM
113	Water Feature	4/4/2022 2:00 PM
114	Splash pad	4/4/2022 1:52 PM
115	Dog park	4/4/2022 1:36 PM
116	Plant clover, grows at most 6 inches high, needs less mowing (reduce carbon emissions), and feeds the bees, grows where grass doesn't	4/4/2022 1:26 PM
117	Maybe some historical info on the city of de pere	4/4/2022 1:08 PM
118	Children's fountain	4/4/2022 1:05 PM
119	Pickleball Courts	4/4/2022 12:59 PM
120	Splash pad!!!	4/4/2022 12:53 PM
121	Saint norbert has enough. Do things for the kids to go to	4/4/2022 12:51 PM
122	Rain garden, edibles (apples, berries), enhance the habitat to encourage increased biodiversity	4/4/2022 12:45 PM
123	Splash pad!! Not nearly enough in De Pere	4/4/2022 12:36 PM
124	A bubbler.	4/4/2022 12:23 PM
125	None	4/4/2022 12:21 PM
126	Could be a really dynamic art plaza and/or garden - given that the west side already has a growing art "feel" with the alley not too far away, etc. I believe this is one of the City's first-ever parks, so it could also be shown some reverence in that respect. If some sort of small performance area (music) or small play sets for children could be incorporated, it may give this place a better sense of purpose, too. Not a lot of room, so hard to say and no great ideas on my end. Anything will be an improvement over the aged equipment that is there currently. If you add art, then some security might be in order (see question 4). If there isn't art or notable equipment there, it may not need additional lighting or security.	4/4/2022 12:19 PM
127	I would like to see more dog parks in the city.	4/4/2022 12:18 PM
128	Pickle ball courts	4/4/2022 12:11 PM
129	Pickle ball	4/4/2022 12:09 PM
130	Focus on history of plaque in park.	4/4/2022 12:07 PM
131	I believe you should talk and collaborate with St. Norbert College about the park and its use. I do not believe the park is really needed at that location and should be abandoned and given to St. Norbert College for future expansion (like a performing arts center on that location) A new park in a different part of that side of town would be a better choice or if St. Norbert doesn't have plans for the land or use to move forward with new additions. I just think having this park potentially land locked within St. Norbert property could be a problem in the future.	4/4/2022 12:06 PM
132	Dog park	4/4/2022 12:03 PM
133	n/a	4/4/2022 11:56 AM
134	Bubbler, sprinklers in summer	4/4/2022 11:35 AM

135	Fountain, place for reading, hammock poles.	4/4/2022 11:32 AM
136	N/a	4/4/2022 11:21 AM
137	Infant, toddler and small children safe play equipment	4/4/2022 10:09 AM

Q4 Do you feel the park should have security and/or lighting?

Answered: 210 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.62%	184
No	12.38%	26
TOTAL		210



Wilson Park

From Joseph Nicks <carlanicks@att.net>
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Cc James Anderson <jojiander@gmail.com>

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Marty

I have been doing some thinking and asking some questions about preservation of the historic elements of Wilson Park. I don't think Graef put much thought into this the first time around and hope that the designer of the final plans does better.

1. I talked to Nick Backhaus who is in charge of Operations/Restoration at Heritage Hill. Nick knows about the Gettysburg plaque because he helped a Boy Scout do some work on the plaque about 15 years ago. Nick made two replacement rosettes for the plaque. He directed me to National Park Service Brief 27 for standards for restoring rusted cast iron. The options seem to be light sandblasting or chemical cleaning. Nick looked at the plaque recently and also thinks the concrete base can be saved with some effort and would be preferable from a preservation standpoint.

I also contacted Fizzie Heimdal who is in charge of the Wisconsin Historical Markers program. He sent me a list of restorers that the state uses and the name of a company that sells products to preserve cast iron. I will forward his email to you.

I think we will need at least one, and probably two, interpretive signs to describe the history of the plaque and the park. De Pere Historical Society currently has two in place at Polo Resto and Voyageur Park. They cost about 3k each. Their idea is to standardize the style of interpretive signs throughout the city. In the meantime the De Pere Historical Commission has started a project to research and recognize the history of the parks. This will probably lead to erection of some interpretive signs at other parks and perhaps a design standard for doing so.

2. I think the park will be beautiful when completed and a great asset to the neighborhood. We should think about ways to bring more people to the park. One idea is to do something like Green Bay has done with Whitney Park to have a small performance area for groups like Play by Play theatre, Evergreen theatre etc. A bring your own lawn chair kind of thing - like the college has done with its Tuesday programs but on a smaller, more sophisticated, basis. The demographics in the area are very good for this. There is a good flat area in the southeast corner of the park for a simple staging area with what will be a smooth, reasonably flat, grassy area to the west. I don't think this would add much cost to the park improvements and programming small events should be easy. Please ask the designer to consider this possibility.

Please forward this email to the members of the Park Board.

Thanks for listening

Joe



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

IV.1

Request for Board of Park Commissioners
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MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Staff update on the Holiday Light Show.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff update.

ATTACHMENTS:
Holiday Light Show.Recap

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: January 15, 2026

RE: Staff update on the Holiday Light Show

Summary: I think its very fair to say our Holiday Light Show was an incredible success.

First, our opening day which included a ceremonial “turning on of the lights” and a walking only tour was a huge success. We estimated our attendance to be around 2,500 people! This was a big increase from last year that saw about 330 people. During the opening day we included activities of plugging in of the lights with Mayor Boyd, free horse drawn wagon rides, Santa Claus, free hot chocolate and voting on the best decorated Christmas Tree. The best decorated tree was won by Step Ahead Child Care, and will receive a complimentary tree for next year.

The rest of the event was drive through only. On Saturday, December 13 we ended up canceling the event due to plunging temperatures and wind chill. We rescheduled the extra day on December 24, which was staffed by volunteers. Our attendance for the drive through portion of the event was 6,672 cars. This was approximately an increase of 3,000 cars from last year...which was a record year as well.

Throughout the whole program we allowed two days for our main sponsors to collect donations. The Pink Flamingo’s raised a little over \$2,300 for their scholarship fund, and Fox Communities Credit Union raised over \$1,600 for their Fox Cares Foundation. Last, on December 24 the event was staffed by volunteers who collected non-perishable food items which were donated to Paul’s Pantry. We were able to collect 1,241lbs of non-perishable food items, along with over \$2,000.

New features to this year’s program included a large ground display replicating a bike race, light show synchronized to music, and overhead lighting to create a “tunnel” effect on the main roadway through the park.

We would like to send a big thanks to all our sponsors that made the event possible.

- Fox Communities Credit Union was our main sponsor of the event.
- Pink Flamingo were also a sponsor as they helped set up the lighting.
- Hockers Plumbing for sponsoring the walking event.
- Law Firm of Conway, Olejniczak & Jerry, SC for sponsoring the horse drawn wagon rides during the walking event.
- And to all of our 28 Christmas tree sponsors.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

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Request for Board of Park Commissioners
Action

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry
FROM: Marty Kosobucki, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director
SUBJECT: Staff update on playground Request for Proposals for Carney Park and the Waterview Heights Subdivision Park.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff update.

ATTACHMENTS:
Playground RFP's

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Date: January 15, 2026

RE: Staff update on playground Request for Proposals for Carney Park and the Waterview Heights Subdivision Park.

Request for proposals have gone out for Carney Park Playground and the new playground at Waterview Heights Park (yet to be named). We anticipate bringing the proposals to the February meeting. Two side notes related to the RFP's.

With the playground at Waterview Heights, we asked the vendors to consider the inclusion of a 2-5-year-old structure if budget allows.

With Carney Park, we asked vendors for at least one proposal for a non-traditional type of playground. The conversation at the last park board meeting included considering this style of playground because of its close proximity to Willems Playground (which is a traditional playground).