



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Agenda

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

6:30 PM

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 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM.**

This meeting will be held electronically and the public may attend this meeting electronically or telephonically by accessing either:

Computer/smart phone accessing <https://www.gotomeet.me/DePere>

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United States (Toll Free): [1 866 899 4679](tel:18668994679)
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This meeting may also be rebroadcast on TV throughout the week and available on demand at <http://deperecitywi.igm2.com/>.

- I. Call to Order
 - 1. Roll Call
- 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. Approval of the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting.
 - 2. Consideration and possible action on approval of flag donation at Veteran's Monuments at VFW Park and Legion Park
 - 3. Consideration and possible action on Competitive Swim Program and Fee Proposal
- IV. Future Agenda Items
- V. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Clerk's office at 339-4050 by Noon, the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

Agenda Sent To:

Alderspersons
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De Pere Girls Softball
De Pere Youth Hockey
De Pere Select Soccer
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Unified De Pere School District Superintendent
West De Pere School District Superintendent
Teen Advisors

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Betty Marovich, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
Date: January 16, 2025

RE: Approval of the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

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<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Draft Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member Randy Soquet

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melissa Thiel Collar	Board Member	Remote	
Mike Eserkaln	Aldersperson	Present	
Jim Kneiszel	Board Member	Excused	
Amy Chandik Kunding	Aldersperson	Remote	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Excused	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Connor Mason	Teen Advisor	Present	
James Lyga	Teen Adviser	Present	

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
Betty Marovich, Recording Secretary (Remote)

II. Public comment upon 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. Section 6-3(f) DPMC

None

III. Items

1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the November 21, 2024 Meeting.

Aldersperson Kunding moved to approve the Park Board Minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting, seconded by Melissa Thiel Collar. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Board Member
AYES:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Mike Eserkaln, Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet
EXCUSED:	Jim Kneiszel, Shana Defnet Ledvina

2. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve \$1000 Donation from Hockers Home Services for Holiday Lights Display*

Aldersperson Kunding moved to approve the \$1000 Donation from Hockers Home Services for Holiday Lights, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Mike Eserkaln, Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet
EXCUSED:	Jim Kneiszel, Shana Defnet Ledvina

3. Consideration and Possible Action on Approving Amerilux As Main Beer Garden Sponsor for 2025.*

Alderperson Kunding moved to approve Amerilux as main Beer Garden Sponsor for 2025, seconded by Alderperson Eserkaln. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Mike Eserkaln, Alderperson
AYES:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Mike Eserkaln, Amy Chandik Kunding, Randy Soquet
EXCUSED:	Jim Kneiszel, Shana Defnet Ledvina

IV. Staff Updates

1. Staff Update on Holiday Light Show

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, shared information on the Holiday Light Show including the walking tour on December 19 with Santa, the upcoming driving tour dates, and the attendance so far this year.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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V. Future Agenda Items

None

VI. Adjournment

Alderperson Eserkaln moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM, seconded by Alderperson Kunding. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Marovich

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO

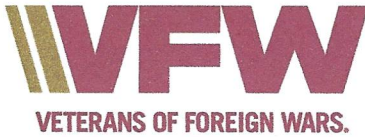


To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Date: January 16, 2025

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



Post 2113

De Pere VFW Post 2113
P.O. Box 5604
De Pere, WI 54115-5604
<https://vfwpost2113.org>

January 9, 2025

City of De Pere
Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department
Attn: Parks Board
De Pere, WI 54115

Dear Marty Kosobucki,

First of all, on behalf of the entire membership of the De Pere VFW Post 2113 we'd like to thank you and the Parks board for the outstanding stewardship of the Veterans monuments and displays in the City of De Pere Parks.

De Pere VFW Post 2113 is now seeking to donate six (6) custom 3' x 5' service organization flags for the purpose of flying them directly under the U.S. Flags located at the Veterans monuments at both VFW Park and Legion Park. Details:

1. On June 30, 2022 the new Veterans monument in VFW Park was dedicated – see attached program.
2. The six (6) new custom flags are designed to specifically highlight each of the nine (9) service organizations shown on the monument. The flag design is attached.
3. All six (6) flags are identical in size and design.
4. The value to the City of De Pere and the Parks Department for this donation is \$531.72 – which is our cost of having them designed and produced by Fly Me Flags.
5. The request is that once donated, that these flags be flown directly under the U.S. Flags that are on those flagpoles.
 - a. The custom 3' x 5' custom flag may be flown in VFW Park immediately upon receipt of the donation as it will enhance the Veterans monument itself.
 - b. Flying the custom 3' x 5' custom flag in Legion Park may be delayed until the new swimming pool complex construction is completed.
 - c. Flags not being flown would be spares for replacing flown flags due to normal wear and tear.

Second subject regarding the proposed new Veterans Monument in Legion Park. We've already secured \$10,000 in donations toward fully funding that new monument. The current De Pere VFW Post 2113 plan is to have an identical Veterans Monument in Legion Park as the new one in VFW Park. Of course, this new Veterans Monument will need city approval for the donation when the time is appropriate. We expect the total cost of this monument to be in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range.

Thank you once again for allowing De Pere VFW Post 2113 to continue supporting and honoring our communities Veterans.

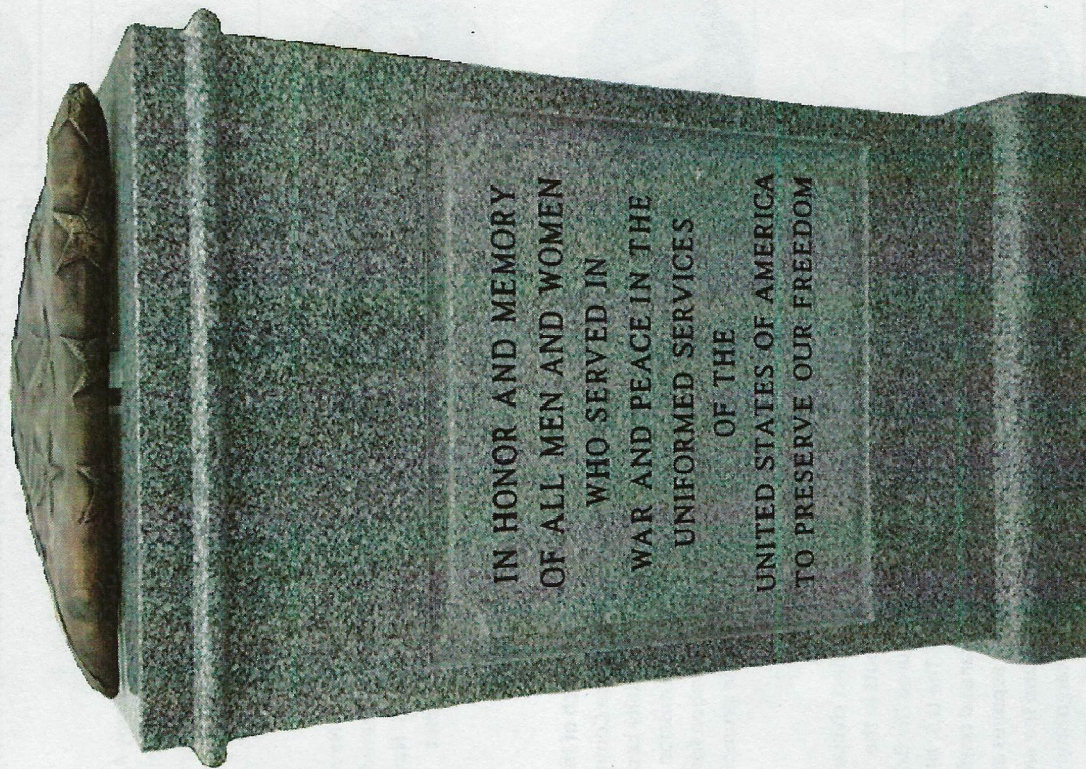
If you have any questions please call or email.

Sincerely,

Randy Hansen
QM, VFW Post 2113
920-639-6996
rdhansen@mindspring.com



Veterans Monument Dedication Ceremony
VFW Park, 730 Grant Street, City of De Pere
Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 10:30 am



PROGRAM

- 10:15 132nd Army Band of the Wisconsin National Guard
 10:30 Introduction and welcome
- Posting of the Colors by Honor Guard
- National Anthem sung by Sondra Christian
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Special Guests
 Matt Kranklin—Assistant Brown County Veterans Service Officer
 Kerry Niemcek—Senior Constituent Services Representative for
 Congressman Mike Gallagher
 Mark Griffin—US Merchant Marines
 John Breuninger—US Public Health Service
 Cory Geisler—Past Commander VFW Department of Wisconsin

Guest Speakers:

James Boyd, Mayor, City of De Pere
 Andre Jacque, Senator, State of Wisconsin
 Michele Rathke, Commander, VFW Department of Wisconsin
 Major General Dan Ammerman, US Army, Retired, Member of
 De Pere VFW Post 2113

- 10:55 Unveiling of the monument
- Retiring of the Colors by Honor Guard
- 11:00 Conclusion

THANK YOU TO OUR MONUMENT SPONSORS

Scott Baeten—Ryan Funeral Home

Carrie Baeten and Jessica Dellemann—Insurance Service Center or De Pere
 VFW Post 2113—Commander Pat Moran

Dedicating this monument in honor of all past, present and future uniformed servicemembers who served in direct combat or in critical combat support roles.
We salute you all for your personal sacrifices in preserving the freedoms of our great nation.



The U.S. Army (USA) is the oldest and most senior branch of the U.S. Military. It has its roots in the Continental Army which was formed on 14 June 1775. The mission of the U.S. Army is "to preserve the peace and security, while providing for the global defense of the United States."



The U.S. Air Force (USAF) has its roots as the U.S. Army Air Corps before officially becoming the U.S. Air Force on 18 September 1947 at the end of WWII. The mission of the U.S. Air Force is "to fly, fight, and win...Airpower anytime, anywhere."



The U.S. Navy (USN) has its roots in the Continental Navy which was formed on 13 October 1775. It was officially created as the U.S. Navy on 27 March 1794. The mission of the U.S. Navy is "to be prepared to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations in support of the United States."



The U.S. Space Force (USSF) is the youngest branch of the U.S. Military. It has its roots in the U.S. Air Force Space Command which was formed on 1 September 1982. It officially became the U.S. Space Force on 20 December 2019. The mission of the U.S. Space Force is "to provide freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space and provide prompt and sustained space operations."



The U.S. Merchant Marines (USMM) is the oldest civilian naval support unit of the United States. It has its roots in the Revolutionary War when civilian sailors captured the British Schooner HMS Margareta on 12 June 1775. The U.S. Merchant Marines have been activated during every war and conflict since 1775 to fulfill their mission "to carry wartime supplies and personnel to each and every conflict zone around the world." During WWII a total of 733 merchant Marine cargo ships were sunk resulting in the deaths of 1 of every Merchant Marine sailor, which was the highest casualty rate of any of the U.S. military and civilian combat services of WWII.



The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) has its roots in the Continental Marines which was formed on 10 November 1775. It was officially created as the U.S. Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, later assigned to the U.S. Navy on 30 June 1834. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps is "seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and conduct other land operations to support naval campaigns."



The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is the oldest continuous seagoing naval service of the United States. It has its roots when the U.S. Revenue Service and the U.S. Life Saving Service were merged on 28 January 1915. The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard is "to maintain maritime safety, maritime security, maritime stewardship and defense readiness."



The U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) is a specialized branch of the U.S. Military. It has its roots with the creation of the Marine Hospitals on 16 July 1798. The Mission of the U.S. Public Health Service is "to protect, promote and advance the health and safety of the people of the United States." These are the doctors and nurses who were charged with the medical inspections of arriving immigrants at Ellis Island, as well as treating the wounded who were evacuated off the D-Day beaches and every island invasion in the Pacific during WWII.



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is a specialized branch of the U.S. Military. It has its roots with the creation of the U.S. Survey of the Coast on 10 February 1807 and officially changed its name to NOAA on 3 October 1970. During wartime and other conflict deployments, NOAA officers serve as artillery surveyors, Army engineers and intelligence officers in all theaters of operations. During WWII they produced over 100 million maps, charts and provided critical war effort weather forecasts and warnings for the entire Allied forces. NOAA officers became early WWII POW's when captured by Japanese forces in May 1941 while serving in the Philippines. The mission of NOAA is "to understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans and coasts."

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Chelsea Moberg
Date: January 16, 2025
RE: Competitive Swim Program and Fee Proposal

Staff recommend the adoption of the following fees for a new youth competitive swimming program. Thank you, Park Commissioners, for your time and consideration.

Fees: \$187 Res / \$207 Non-Res (Full Season), \$13 Drop In
Min Participants: 18
Max Participants: 30
Expected Expenses: \$3,006

Program Details:

Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Times: 6:45 am – 8:15 am
Dates: 6/9/2025-8/15/2025 (no program on 6/13 and 7/4/2025)
Location: VFW Aquatic Facility
Ages: Completed 8th Grade - 21 yrs

Key Benefits: Programming unused time at VFW, increasing local competitive swimmers training options, utilizing facility features of VFW, partnering with local HS coaches to ensure quality staffing and marketing, more foot traffic into VFW Aquatic Facility, long term recruitment of future lifeguards from program, physical fitness of existing lifeguards who participate in program.

Description: This summer swimmers from 8th grade through college can train in our competitive swimming program at VFW Aquatic Facility. A morning schedule without the complication of swim meets will keep your busy swimmer conditioned for competition while allowing them ample time to enjoy other summer activities. No additional fees for team suits, meet entry fees, or surprise costs to participate. Coached by Melissa Wolf and a few other local coaches, participants can expect progressive workouts, technical feedback, and a team atmosphere. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards of continuous freestyle with rhythmic breathing and 25 yards of continuous backstroke.

Staffing: Melissa Wolf is the current Head Swim Coach for both DPHS and West DPHS. Staff have been working with her the past two years to develop a plan to partner on furthering competitive swimming in the De Pere Community. By partnering with her on this program, we will be able to bring a variety of swimmers into VFW Aquatic Facility, increasing the likelihood of lifeguard recruitment in the long term.

General Notes: This program would be occurring during times we are currently not offering any programs or services. The program fee fully offsets the cost of staffing during the scheduled times if we are at the minimum required participants. The only anticipated program costs would be staffing a swim coach, lifeguard, and pool manager.