



Youth Commission

Regular Meeting

Agenda

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

6:30 PM

Nicolet Conference Room

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Youth Commission** of the City of De Pere will be held on **August 26, 2026** at **6:30 PM** in the **NICOLET CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET, DE PERE.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Approval of the minutes of the July 22, 2026 Youth Commission Meeting.
 - B. Leadership Workbook: Chapter 3; Effective Communication & How to Do It
 - C. Guest Speaker: Alderman Mike Eserkaln
 - D. Instagram Content Brainstorm
 - E. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Events Calendar
 - F. Roundtable Discussion
- 6. Reports**
 - A. Youth Commissioner Reports
- 7. Future Agenda Items**
 - A. Next Youth Commission Meeting
- 8. Adjournment**

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Clerk's Office at 920-339-4050 by noon on the

previous day so that arrangements can be made.

The Public or Members of the Youth Commission, which may count toward an official quorum, may attend the meeting in person in the Council Chambers.



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Minutes

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Wednesday, July 22, 2026

6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Commissioner Julia Whipp.

2. Roll Call

Present: Elly Beard, Jack Bruce, Ruby Delmore, Smith Fameree, Chello Garlan, Henry Levac, Connor Mason, Olive Pantzlaff, Bailey Schultz, Tyler Severson, Jocelyn Vieth, Julia Whipp

Excused: Everett Moore, Isaac VanRemortel, Aaron Wegmann

3. Public Comment

Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Youth Commission. §6-3(f) DPMC

None.

4. New Business

A. Approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2026 Youth Commission Meeting

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Julia Whipp
SECONDER:	Smith Fameree
AYES:	Elly Beard, Jack Bruce, Ruby Delmore, Smith Fameree, Chello Garlan, Henry Levac, Connor Mason, Olive Pantzlaff, Bailey Schultz, Tyler Severson, Jocelyn Vieth, Julia Whipp

B. Guest Speaker: Kim Flom, City Manager

City Manager Kim Flom guided the commission through an exercise to share future career aspirations. City Manager Flom described her own career path and her present duties. She emphasized the importance of growth mindset and being open to exploring different career options.

C. Leadership Workbook: Chapter 2; Developing a Growth Mindset

The commissioners participated in a brief discussion on the concept of having a growth mindset. As part of the session, commissioners, staff, and Alderperson Kunderling shared examples of Famous Fails, Overcoming Obstacles, and "Letters to Yourself". Commissioners talked about developing the traits that allow you to grow and overcome challenges will then in turn increase creativity and give the courage to face whatever life throws at you now and later in life.

D. Vote on Youth Commission Instagram Name

Commissioners ranked their top three choices among the proposed names; Youth of De Pere received the most votes. Commissioner Fameree moved, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve Youth of De Pere as the Commission's Instagram account name.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Smith Fameree
SECONDER:	Bailey Schultz
AYES:	Elly Beard, Jack Bruce, Ruby Delmore, Smith Fameree, Chello Garlan, Henry Levac, Connor Mason, Olive Pantzlaff, Bailey Schultz, Tyler Severson, Jocelyn Vieth, Julia Whipp

E. Parks Discussion

During the June Youth Commission meeting, Alderperson Kunderling introduced two ideas: creating a Teen Park and organizing a signature project such as a clean-up project at Wilson Park. These ideas were further explored during the current meeting, with commissioners offering a variety of recreational concepts and enhancements that could fit within a Teen Park initiative or complement park improvements citywide.

Commissioner Vieth suggested adding lights to existing pickleball courts to allow teen play during evening hours, noting that Stevens Point keeps its courts illuminated until 11:00 PM. She also mentioned the possibility of expanding the number of pickleball courts.

Commissioner Mason proposed the development of a skatepark in De Pere, citing limited accessibility to similar facilities in the area other than GBASO. Estimated costs ranged from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for a cement pad, with additional features to be bid out by specialized companies. He noted that GBASO could be approached to potentially assist with fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Pantzlaff suggested creating a foot golf course, referencing an example located in Two Rivers.

Commissioner Levac noted concerns about the current ice rink at Legion Park, stating that the surface is uneven and the boards and nets are in poor condition. He recommended installing a concrete pad for the ice surface and discussed the idea of using the space seasonally—an ice rink in winter and a skatepark during spring through fall.

Commissioner Whipp recommended reviving the volleyball courts and nets within the city and ensuring equipment is available. She mentioned the possibility of hosting youth tournaments.

Commissioner Bruce suggested adding badminton courts and discussed using interchangeable or adjustable nets that could be shared with pickleball courts.

Commissioner Beard proposed a puppy yoga event, noting that proceeds could benefit a local animal shelter.

The group acknowledged potential for branding and packaging these ideas as a broader youth initiative.

F. Upcoming Meeting Dates & Events Calendar

Youth Commission members and staff reviewed several upcoming community events and important dates.

- Cops at Culver's was noted for July 28.
- National Night Out is scheduled for August 4.
- The Summer Carnival will take place on August 5.
- Seroogy's Bike Rodeo is planned for August 8.
- The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for August 26.

Commission members also discussed opportunities for volunteer hours at these events and encouraged participation where available.

G. Roundtable Discussion

Youth Commissioners went around the room and shared updates about how their summer is going, along with their jobs and other current life events.

5. Reports

A. Youth Commissioner Reports

Commissioners were invited to share any issues or concerns, and staff provided updates on ongoing projects.

Deputy Clerk Jessie Paque reported that Commissioner Whipp has been working on organizing a FAFSA Night. It will tentatively be held in Fall 2026. An organization has agreed to partner with the Commission, provided that the Commission supplies a location and computers. The event will be cost-free.

Updates were shared regarding Teen Movie in the Park, scheduled for August 19th (or 20th, weather dependent) at Voyageur Park. Staff will send an email out to the subcommittee to pick out a movie and then staff will move forward with proper licensing. Ideas discussed included offering free admission, selling snacks, and possibly inviting food trucks. The group also discussed posting a poll on the new Instagram account to help select the movie.

Subcommittee discussions took place, with commissioners sharing progress and ideas.

Commissioner Whipp suggested forming a subcommittee or appointing an officer to manage the new Instagram account.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

A. Next Youth Commission Meeting

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for August 26th. The guest speaker that night will be Alderman Mike Eserkaln, local business owner and an independent artist.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Levac moved, seconded by Commissioner Bruce to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Smith Fameree, Youth Commission Secretary



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5.B

Request for Youth Commission Action

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026
Department: City Clerk
From: Jessie Paque, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Leadership Workbook: Chapter 3; Effective Communication & How to Do It

Recommendation:

Commissioners will briefly explore what effective communication looks like and discuss strategies to enhance their skills, including speaking clearly, practicing active listening, and interpreting body language. This conversation will connect to the improv exercise featured later in the meeting.

Attachments:
None



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5.C

Request for Youth Commission Action

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026
Department: City Clerk
From: Jessie Paque, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Guest Speaker: Alderman Mike Eserkaln
Recommendation:

Mike Eserkaln, local business owner of ComedyCity and Alderman for the City of De Pere's 3rd District, will provide a brief overview of his role within the city. He will also share his passion for improvisation by leading us in an engaging and interactive improv session.

Attachments:
None



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5.D

Request for Youth Commission Action

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026
Department: City Clerk
From: Jessie Paque, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Instagram Content Brainstorm
Recommendation:

Commissioners will brainstorm potential content themes, posting strategies, event highlights, youth-focused engagement opportunities, and visual elements to help establish the Commission's online presence and increase community awareness.

Attachments:
None



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5.E

Request for Youth Commission Action

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026
Department: City Clerk
From: Jessie Paque, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Upcoming Meeting Dates & Events Calendar
Recommendation:

Youth Commission and staff will discuss upcoming community events and meeting dates.

Attachments:
2026-27 Meeting & Event Dates - August Meeting

2026-27 Meeting & Event Dates

Look at rescheduling or canceling due to holiday/spring break

August

- Meeting - Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room

September

- Meeting - Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event:

October

- Meeting - Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event: (Tentative) Tree Planting Event - Date and Time TBA at Community Center

November

- Meeting – Wednesday, November 25, (or Tuesday, the 24th) 2026 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event:

December

- Event – Holiday Lights – Date and Time TBA at Voyageur Park
- Meeting – Wednesday, December 23, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room

January

- Meeting - Wednesday, January 27, 2027 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event -

February

- Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2027 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event -

March

- Meeting – Wednesday, March 24, 2027 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event -

April

- Meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 2027 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event -

May

- Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2027 at 6:30PM in the Nicolet Conference Room
- Event -



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5.F

Request for Youth Commission Action

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026
Department: City Clerk
From: Jessie Paque, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Roundtable Discussion
Recommendation:

Youth Commissioners are encouraged to speak to the group about any upcoming activities or happenings in their lives.

Attachments:
None



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6.A

Request for Youth Commission Action

Meeting Date: August 26, 2026
Department: City Clerk
From: Jessie Paque, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Subject: Youth Commissioner Reports
Recommendation:

Commissioners are free to bring up any issues or concerns to the group.

Staff will be asking for status updates from the subcommittees listed below. Emails were sent out to the individuals on the subcommittees the last week in July to start the planning efforts.

- Student Financial Aid/FAFSA Night
- Movies in the Park \ Teen Nights
- Kickball Tournament
- Music Festival
- Signature Activity
- Winter Event
- Website
- Youth Night at Voyageur
- Sponsorship Fundraiser
- Local Government Education
- Teen-Oriented Parks
- Promotion of De Pere Offerings

Attachments:

None