

PARK-REC/TOURISM/CITY PROPERTIES/CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 26, 2025 – 3:30 PM

Council Chambers, 42 N. Main Street

Minutes prepared by: Christine Williamson

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at **3:30 PM** by Christine Williamson.

Roll Call

- Present: Christine Williamson, Scott Feraro, Stephen Qualy
- Others Present: Mayor Ben Adank, Sandy Schmitt, Ann Bohri, John Schlesselman

Pledge of Allegiance

- Recited by all attendees.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Stephen, second by Scott to approve the minutes of the **June 18, 2025, Park/Rec Committee meeting.**
- Motion carried; minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

ResNexus Software

- Purpose: To help manage city properties and streamline online rentals.
- Pricing:
 - Basic Plan: \$28/month
 - Professional Plan: \$30/month
- Features:
 - No contract, cancel anytime, risk-free trial
 - No setup fees
 - 100+ reporting options
 - Automated messaging (welcome, thank you, client updates)
 - Book direct promotions
- Potential Uses: For renting the Auditorium, Library, Bandshell, Pavilion, Pickleball Court, Boat Slip, Bowling Alley, etc.

Potential Riverside Boardwalk Development

- Discussion held on the possibility of a boardwalk between Lily Pad and the City Boat Docks.
- Citizens raised concerns about:
 - Public safety.
 - Potential impact on Main Street businesses if visitors are drawn away from Main Street, potentially impacting local businesses.

Next Step: *Further review and consideration of community feedback.*

NEW BUSINESS

Historical Society Update

- Presented by: Sandy Schmitt, Ann Bohri, and John Schlesselman.

- Goal: Increase active membership.
- A restructuring meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM** at the Historical Society.
- Christine, Stephen, and Scott plan to attend.

Next Step: *Attend restructuring meeting and support membership efforts.*

Urban Planning Resource

- Scott will meet with Matthew Haffner from UW–Eau Claire regarding urban planning resources.
- Replacement of Shade Trees in Park will be addressed at this meeting,
- Basketball court overlay with FlexCourt System will be discussed at this meeting.

Next Step: *Scott to report back after the meeting.*

Citizen Request: Boat Slip Rentals

- A request was made to allow overnight boat slip rentals on city docks.
- Christine will follow up with Brennan Marine regarding options for possible overnight docking that the city could charge for.
- Signage would be needed stating “DO NOT CROSS TRACKS.”

Next Step: *Christine to coordinate with Brennan Marine and the city’s public works or signage team to implement proper overnight docking procedures and install required signage.*

Camera System for Boat Launch

- Purpose: Monitor and enforce proper permitting at the boat launch; currently, too many trucks/trailers are using it without paying.
- Proposed solution: Install a license plate reading camera connected to the City Hall database to issue tickets for vehicles without a boat launch permit sticker.

Next Step: *Gil will contact Troy Koehler at Ultra AVS for a price quote.*

Engine Braking Update

- Scott reported that research with the DOT found no substantial data on engine braking.
- Potential solution: Install signage and enforce proper muffling; enforcement is the main challenge.
- Manitowoc’s ordinance is recommended as a sample for the city to consider.

Next Step: *Scott will obtain signage.*

Drone Video Footage for Fountain City Website

- Stephen will reach out to obtain an estimate for drone video services.
- Committee will create a calendar of optimal dates to capture footage throughout the year, including local festivals and events.

Next Step: *Obtain estimate and finalize video schedule.*

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Stephen, second by Scott.
- Motion carried; meeting adjourned at **4:38 PM**.