



# **AGENDA OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026, 5:00 PM**

**In person at City Hall, Room 207.**

**Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.**

## **A. Zoom Meeting Information.**

1. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

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## **B. Roll Call.**

1. Members: Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker

## **C. Approval of the Agenda.**

1. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

## **D. Approval of Minutes.**

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 10 2026, Parks Committee meeting.

## **E. Regular Business.**

1. Consideration with possible action on accepting a \$100,000 donation from the Oneida Nation to go towards the engineering and construction costs associated with the shoreline walk at Bay Beach Amusement Park.
2. Consideration with possible action on the request by the Badger Tracks Neighborhood Association to place their neighborhood sign on City property adjacent to Fireman's Park.

## **F. Informational.**

1. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.
2. Next Meeting: July 15, 2026

**G. Adjournment.**

1. Adjournment of the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.greenbaywi.gov](http://www.greenbaywi.gov)
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Parks Committee meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

July 1, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

**AGENDA ITEM # D.I**

Approval of the minutes from the June 10 2026, Parks Committee meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Parks Committee Minutes 6-10-26



# MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026, 5:00 PM**

**In person at City Hall, Room 207.**

**Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.**

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## **B. ROLL CALL.**

- I. Members: Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker

Ald. Ben Delie was excused.

## **C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, June 10, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- I. Approval of the minutes from the May 13, 2026, Parks Committee meeting.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

#### **E. REGULAR BUSINESS.**

- I. Consideration with possible action on accepting a \$16,000 grant from the Rosen Family Foundation to help fund the 2026 Summer Parkee Program.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve accepting a \$16,000 grant from the Rosen Family Foundation to help fund the 2026 Summer Parkee Program.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

#### **F. INFORMATIONAL.**

- I. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.
  
2. Next Meeting: June 24, 2026.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT.**

- I. Adjournment of the Wednesday, June 10, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Ben DeBaker, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Jim Ridderbush, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

July 1, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

Dan Ditscheit, Parks Director

**AGENDA ITEM # E.1**

Consideration with possible action on accepting a \$100,000 donation from the Oneida Nation to go towards the engineering and construction costs associated with the shoreline walk at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

**BACKGROUND**

Several years ago Park Staff requested funding from the Oneida Nation to help offset some of the costs associated with the Shoreline Improvements at Bay Beach Amusement Park. The Oneida Nation recently contacted the Parks Department and indicated that they would like to donate \$100,000 to the City of Green Bay to go towards this project. Park staff contacted the Oneida Tribe and reviewed the status of the Shoreline Walk project with them. The Oneida Tribe agreed that dedicating the funding towards the Shoreline Walk project meets their intended use of these funds. If this donation is accepted, the funding would be used for either the engineering or construction costs associated with the installation of the shoreline walk.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To accept a \$100,000 donation from the Oneida Nation to go towards the engineering and construction costs associated with the shoreline walk at Bay Beach Amusement Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City to accept this donation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Oneida Nation Bay Beach Donation

## Dan Ditscheit

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**From:** Melinda J. Danforth <mdanforj@oneidanation.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2026 8:59 AM  
**To:** Dan Ditscheit  
**Cc:** Tana D. Aguirre; Cheryl-Aliskwet J. Ellis; Lori S. Hill  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Contribution to Bay Beach Shoreline Project  
**Attachments:** 2022 Request E form - GB.docx

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Good morning Dan,

The Oneida Nation would like to provide a \$100,000 contribution to the City of Green Bay for the Bay Beach Shoreline Project.

In 2023, the Oneida Nation submitted the attached request to the State of Wisconsin to include the Bay Beach Shoreline project in the 2023-2025 State Budget and unfortunately did not get included in the State budget. However, the Nation received State dollars in recent years, and the Nation determined to utilize those dollars toward community projects including the Ted Fritsch water park feature (splash pad). The Nation considered previous state budget submissions and determined that many families in our general community utilize Bay Beach as low-cost entertainment, and the Nation would like to contribute to the shoreline project to continue enhancing the experience and use of the park.

The only requirements of this contribution would be the following.

- Cannot be utilized for any Gaming (gambling purposes)
- City must provide the Nation with a receipt of the money spent on the project

There are no timelines for the dollars to be spent.

If you accept this contribution, I will just need an invoice to process payment.

Let me know if you should need any further information.

**Melinda J. Danforth, Director**  
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A good mind. A good heart. A strong fire.



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of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

July 1, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

Dan Ditscheit, Parks Director

**AGENDA ITEM # E.2**

Consideration with possible action on the request by the Badger Tracks Neighborhood Association to place their neighborhood sign on City property adjacent to Fireman's Park.

**BACKGROUND**

The Badger Tracks Neighborhood Association recently formed. They are requesting to place their Neighborhood Association sign on City property that the Parks Department maintains. The property is located at the north-west corner of West Mason Street and Bentwood Drive, adjacent to Fireman's Park. Parks Department staff met onsite with representatives from the Neighborhood Association. We are in agreement that this would be a good location for the sign. Currently this property consists of a mowed turf area with mature trees. The exact sign location will be selected by Park staff, taking into account the protection of the mature trees and maintaining adequate sightlines for vehicles. If approved, the Neighborhood Association would be responsible for all expenses incurred with the purchase and installation of the sign. The Neighborhood Association would also be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the sign and associated landscape around the sign.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To approve.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Badger NA Sign Location Map



# BADGER TRACKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PROPOSED SIGN LOCATION MAP



Report to the  
**Parks Committee**  
of the City of Green Bay

**MEETING DATE**

July 1, 2026

**PREPARED BY**

**AGENDA ITEM # F.1**

Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

**BACKGROUND**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Director's Report 7.1.26

**PARKS COMMITTEE  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026**

**PARK DIVISION**

- Our park ballfield crews are continuing to prep softball and baseball fields for daily games. They are also in the process of painting stripes on all soccer fields for the upcoming soccer season. In between the nightly games and weekend tournaments the ballfield crew is making repairs to fencing as needed.
- Park crews are beginning to prepare for the upcoming Fourth of July events in the downtown area as well. Parks typically sets up 125 plus garbage cans in the downtown area including Leicht Park, City Deck, Walnut St Bridge, Main St Bridge, Shipyard, Metro Boat launch, and other heavier used parks.
- Park crews have now assisted in securing two cruise ships so far this season at Leicht Park. Securing the cruise ships consists of having physical security measures set up at the park, catching ropes from the ship when it gets to dock and placing the larger mooring lines on mooring bollards. The process is then reversed the following day when the cruise ship leaves Leicht Park.
- Our shelter rentals are continuing for the 2026 season. This will continue through the end of October.
- Park mowing crews continue to keep up with mowing parks, green spaces and RDA properties for the 2026 season. This is possible by our summer help being on the crew and helping manage the workload.
- Park crews are at Bay Beach daily, ensuring the grounds are clean and presentable to the public.
- Park caretakers continue to have a presence in the parks picking litter, emptying garbage cans, and checking buildings to ensure there is no vandalism or graffiti.
- Park carpenters are currently working on smaller projects as they arise. They are also starting replacement of an exhibit cage at the Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Our park painter has recently completed giving the enclosed shelter at Murphy Park a fresh coat of paint.
- Pool maintenance is in full swing with the three aquatic facilities open daily along with our three wading pools.

**FORESTRY DIVISION**

- Crews continue tree removal operations throughout the city. Tree removals are focused on preparing for road work and sidewalk construction projects.
- Summer nursery work has begun. Tasks of straightening/staking trees, mowing, weed control, pruning and watering are being done.
- Forestry staff continue to work with IT staff on transferring our tree inventory to a GIS format. This will be an ongoing process for 2026. Future plans for 2026/2027 include producing public facing interactive maps that will show general tree information and forestry operations at the neighborhood level so residents can see where stump grinding and pruning crews are working.
- Pruning crews are taking care of requested pruning throughout the city, along with the

regular cycle pruning. Some of the highlighted areas for cycle pruning include; Division St, Kellogg St and East Shore Dr.

- Stump grinding operations continue on the far west side, in the King Elementary school area. Our current stump grinding completed list is approaching 200.
- Emerald Ash Borer treatments continue. The crew has switched to the trunk injected product. Crews are treating on both sides of town.

## **DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

- Shipyard Phase II bid opening is June 23rd.
- Planning continues for the Joliet Park Area of Concern habitat restoration project. The consultant is approximately 95% complete with the construction documents. The DNR permits were approved.
- Construction of the JBS project is well underway. The infrastructure/road project is completed. The construction of the Park/Boulevard has started. The JBS barn bids were awarded, and construction will begin in July.
- Planning continues for the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and Renard Island nearshore Area of Concern habitat restoration project.
- Work on the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary Strategic and Master Plan has begun.
- Planning continues for the Baird Creek Mountain Bike Flow Track Improvements.
- Design continues for the Joannes Aquatic Center Phase 1 engineering. Two preliminary concepts have been given to staff to review.
- The Ted Fritsch Park Splashpad bid has been awarded to a contractor. Construction will begin after the summer park playground program is completed for the season.
- Construction has begun on the Leicht Memorial Park Shelter. The pile work is completed, and the walls are going up.
- The Perkins Park parking lot resurfacing contract has been awarded. Construction has begun.
- The Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary – Birds of Prey area construction bids were awarded. Construction will begin early fall.

## **GREEN BAY CONSERVATION CORPS**

- Crews traveled to Milwaukee to assist in the flood recovery efforts as part of a Disaster Response Team. Teams worked with Serve Wisconsin and UMCOR to meet the needs of the community.
- Staff and members attended the Saturday Farmer's Market on June 13<sup>th</sup> to promote upcoming events within the Park and Rec department.
- An additional 3 crew members started on June 29<sup>th</sup>. This brings the summer crew to 22 members.
- Crews continue weeding and mulching all native plantings across the city. On June 18<sup>th</sup> crews planted over 2,000 plants at Fort Howard Park and Marquette Park for the Pollinator Corridor project. On June 25<sup>th</sup>, pollinator plantings will be established at Sullivan Park and Metro Boat Launch. Finally, John Muir Park will be planted on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Crew members continue to remove invasive species across the park system. In June, crews treated over 20 acres and removed nearly 3,000 gallons of weeds and invasive plants.
- Members continue to grow native plants. An additional 2,000 native plants will be planted in July.
- Crews completed three rounds of frog/toad surveys across the park system. This is the fourth year of survey data.
- The Conservation Corps was named “Program of the Year” and received the Governor’s Service Award on June 24th.
- Staff attended the Community Resource Tuesday at the downtown library on June 16<sup>th</sup> to connect with the community and promote department events.
- Staff continue to work with organizations across the state to develop the Wisconsin Youth Works Coalition, a nonprofit designed to support programming and secure additional funding.
- Staff continue to work with the DNR and GEI to design the Wildlife Sanctuary Area of Concern habitat restoration project. 30% designs are being reviewed by staff.

## **RECREATION DIVISION**

- The adult softball season began the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The recreation summer day camp at the WLS began the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>. There are 8 weekly camps being offered from 9am – 4pm, Mondays-Thursdays. Field Trips will take place on Thursdays. Classes are limited to 15 participants.
- The 12th annual LEGO event will take place at the Bay Beach Pavilion on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Members of KLUG (Kenosha LEGO Users Group) and FOXLUG (Fox Valley LEGO Users Group) will be displaying large LEGO creations. Contests will be held for different age groups for a timed LEGO build based on an amusement park theme, highest DUPLO Tower, and an open category.
- The Glow Zumba event will be held Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Bay Beach Amusement Park from 8:30-10:00 p.m. Glow bracelets and necklaces will be given out to participants.
- We are currently taking fall school and youth program field permits.
- We are currently taking registrations for Fall Softball. We offer Men’s Slow-pitch, Co-Ed Slow-pitch, Co-Ed and Men’s Modified softball leagues at Beaver Dam Park. Leagues are played Mondays and Tuesdays beginning the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- We are currently taking registrations for Adult Football. Leagues are played on Thursdays beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- All full-time Playground Leader positions have been filled, and the program is well underway.
- Planning is underway for the Kids’ Day Karnival event. This year, Green Bay Kids’ Day and Kiddie Karnival will be joining forces to become one huge celebration for our community’s kids and families. We are thrilled to announce on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at Bay Beach Amusement Park, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Green Bay Kids’ Day Karnival will take place from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

## **AQUATICS**

- Staff are working with GBFD to train for emergency situations at the pool on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. at Colburn Pool.
- We are coming up with more ideas on how to fully staff all our pools, especially on weekends; with incentive programs, staff rewards, and adjusting schedules as needed.
  - Staff have been told it is all hands-on-deck and we are one team.
- We are still hiring lifeguards; our open positions are at Joannes Aquatic Center for full-time staff.
  - We have run two certification classes so far and have certified 19 new lifeguards. We will run another course if we have enough participants.
- Staff are reviewing applications for the Lifesavers Pathway program, sponsored by Carrico Aquatic Safety Foundation. We are still accepting applications; it can be found online. The program will run Tuesday mornings in July.
  - Acceptance emails have been sent to applicants.
- This year's NEWPRO Lifeguard Competition will be hosted at Resch Aquatic Center on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Dog Swim Event: Staff are currently identifying potential organizational partners to expand community outreach and increase participation for this summer's event.
- Programs
  - Swim lessons have started at Colburn Pool and Joannes Aquatic Center.
  - Lap swim and water walking are taking place at Colburn Pool and have been very popular.
  - Session 1 of water aerobics starts on July 6<sup>th</sup> and enrollment is at capacity.
  - Tot Time has started at Resch Aquatic Center on Mondays and Wednesdays and at Joannes Aquatic Center on Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Grooves on the Green is back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Below is a list of the remaining concerts for the season.
  - June 26: Bay View Park, 1137 Vanderbraak St
  - July 10: Badger Park, 1780 Badger St
  - July 24: Three Sisters Park, 1311 Chief Hill Dr
  - August 7: Jackson Square Park, 300 S Monroe Ave
  - August 21: Murphy Park, 1627 Dousman St
  - September 4: VT Pride Park, 2203 Imperial Ln

## **BAY BEACH AMUSEMENT PARK**

- Rides
  - The Scrambler and Yo-Yo are back in operation. Currently the only ride that is closed is the East Train.
  - The West Train continues to be an excellent addition and a favorite with our guests.
- Concessions

- Strong sales continue throughout June.
- We will be introducing some new specials, and a pop-up stand during special weeks in July.
- Inclusive Playground
  - Bathrooms are currently open daily.
  - There has been heavy usage on our nicer weather days.
  - Parking lot remains open during operating hours.
  - Usage has only increased with the West End Train acting as a shuttle from the main ride area.
- Improvements
  - West end family bathroom construction continues with sheetrock and tile being added.
- Special Events
  - Our first concert will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. in the picnic area with the Dirty Martinis. Noble Roots will be on hand with their excellent craft beer and seltzers.
  - We held our first two late nights in June, sadly both were cut short by thunderstorms.
  - The next two will be July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>. Included with the late nights will be a free movie showing.
- Staffing
  - We are currently fully staffed.

### **METRO BOAT LAUNCH**

- Heavy usage continues on weekends.

### **TRIANGLE HILL**

- Disc golf continues to see great usage.

### **WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

- The Master & Strategic Plan review process is moving along with the next round of staff feedback sent to the consultant. Subsequent stakeholder meetings are being scheduled.
- The Summer Camp season is underway with both Recreation led and Sanctuary led camps being held onsite with nearly full enrollment.
- The OAK 4K 2026 – 2027 school year has full enrollment (80 students) confirmed. There is now a waiting list.
- Staff are completing repairs to the entryways of the floating boardwalk near the waterfalls. The concrete footings have heaved considerably, causing a trip hazard.
- Reconstruction of the large outdoor peregrine falcon cage is underway with the installation of new structural support beams. This project also includes the relocation of two smaller falcon cages.

- Several large trees have fallen over last several weeks with Forestry assisting on the large jobs very quickly.
- The undermining/washout paved trail area around main lagoon (from prior large storms) fix is complete. DPW assisted the Wildlife Sanctuary staff, quickly repairing/repaving affected areas with gravel and riprap.
- The Wildlife Sanctuary R-PAWS program recently admitted the 100,000<sup>th</sup> animal into their rehabilitative care. The community resource and environmental impact this dedicated group, majority of which are trained volunteers, has shown to the native wildlife in our city and surrounding municipalities is truly remarkable.
- The seasonal staff have started work and are fitting into their needed roles quickly, helping staff upkeep entirety of park, especially during busy season.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

- Staff are continuing to support special event requests.
- Pool birthday party reservations are now open and can be reserved online, by phone, or in person in our office.
- Swim lessons are open for enrollment.
- Pool passes are available for the 2026 pool season.
- Aqua Fitness classes at Colburn Pool are now open for enrollment.
- Aquatics Dog Swim Event registration is open for enrollment.
- Summer Dance programs are now open for enrollment.
- Gift cards are available to purchase online for Bay Beach only in 2026.
- Customers have until December 31, 2026; to utilize any recreation gift cards they currently have in their possession.
- Metal Detecting permits are available for purchase online, by phone, or in person in our office.
- Annual Brown County boat launch passes are available for purchase in the main office.
- WPRA tickets for the Milwaukee Zoo and Noah's Ark are now available with considerable savings to our community. Tickets are available in the main Park office.
- Staff posted various social media events, programs, and information.
- The reservation system is open and accepting shelter reservations for the 2026 rental season.
- Enrollment for the summer playground participants is available online at no cost to participants.
- Staff are working on preparing for transitioning to a new reservation system that will go live in January of 2027. We officially kicked off our conversation on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April and are excited to make this happen.
- Seasonal hiring is still taking place with an emphasis on Lifeguard.