



MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026, 5:00 PM

Note Time Change

Immediately following Improvement and Services Committee.

In person at City Hall, Room 207.

Virtual attendance is also available via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

- I. Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88995993315?pwd=juhDPk4acxAXMySiEo6HWQVgL4vbFF.I>

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Meeting ID: 889 9599 3315

Passcode: 103217

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B. ROLL CALL.

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

Ald. Jim Ridderbush excused.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

- I. Approval of the agenda for the Wednesday, August 12, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Ben DeBaker, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve the agenda.
Motion Passed.
Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the July 15, 2026 Parks Committee meeting.

Moved by Ald. Ben DeBaker, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve the minutes.
Motion Passed.
Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a Donation Agreement with the Friends of Bay Beach to accept a \$1.5 million donation to go towards early payoff of the Bay Beach Amusement Park debt.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve a Donation Agreement with the Friends of Bay Beach to accept a \$1.5 million donation to go towards early payoff of the Bay Beach Amusement Park debt.
Motion Passed.
Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

2. Consideration with possible action on the approval of a resolution approving paying off a partial cash call of the 2018A General Obligation Bonds related to the Bay Beach shoreline project.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve a resolution approving paying off a partial cash call of the 2018A General Obligation Bonds related to the Bay Beach shoreline project.
Motion Passed.
Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

3. Consideration with possible action on the purchase of train track steel rail, hardware and track switches from Harmer Steel for a total cost of \$118,354.00 to replace the miniature train tracks at Bay Beach Amusement park behind the main pavilion.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve the purchase of train track steel rail, hardware and track switches from Harmer Steel for a total cost of \$118,354.00 to replace the miniature train tracks at Bay Beach Amusement park behind the main pavilion.
Motion Passed.
Yes-None, No-None, Abstain-None.

4. Consideration with possible action on the communication submitted by Ald. Melinda Eck (District 11), on behalf of neighborhood residents, to rename Beaver Dam Park to General Douglass MacArthur Park to honor the namesake of the adjacent, recently closed school.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve renaming Beaver Dam Park to General Douglass MacArthur Park to honor the namesake of the adjacent, recently closed school.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

5. Consideration with possible action on the request by the Murphy Park Neighborhood Association to place their neighborhood sign in Murphy Park.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve the request by the Murphy Park Neighborhood Association to place their neighborhood sign in Murphy Park.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

6. Consideration with possible action on the referral from the Sustainability Commission to consider an Ordinance Amending Section 28-3, Green Bay Municipal Code, Relating to Protection of Parks and Greenways, which will allow harvesting of edible plants, fruits and seeds within the Green Bay Park system.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 28-3, Green Bay Municipal Code, Relating to Protection of Parks and Greenways, which will allow harvesting of edible plants, fruits and seeds within the Green Bay Park system.

Motion Passed.

Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.

7. Consideration with possible action on accepting a \$6,225 Volunteer Generation Fund grant award from Serve Wisconsin to go towards the purchase of a UTV to support the Green Bay Conservation Corps program.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve accepting a \$6,225 Volunteer Generation Fund grant award from Serve Wisconsin to go towards the purchase of a UTV to support the Green Bay Conservation Corps program.

Motion Passed.

Yes-None, No-None, Abstain-None.

8. Consideration with possible action on accepting a \$25,000 grant from the Rosen Family Foundation to help fund the Summer Parkee Program.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to approve accepting a \$25,000 grant from the Rosen Family Foundation to help fund the Summer Parkee Program.
Motion Passed.
Yes-None, No-None, Abstain-None.

F. INFORMATIONAL.

- I. Director's Report on updates and recent activities of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.
2. Next Meeting: August 26, 2026

G. ADJOURNMENT.

- I. Adjournment of the Wednesday, August 12, 2026, meeting of the Parks Committee.

Moved by Ald. Melinda Eck, seconded by Ald. Ben DeBaker to adjourn.
Motion Passed.
Yes-Melinda Eck, Ben Delie, Ben DeBaker, No-None, Abstain-None.