



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Chair Powers called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Supervisor Ponzer was excused. All other members were in attendance.

B. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Doug Nelson, seconded by Rachael Dowling, to Approve Adopt Agenda. Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Parks Commission Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026

Motion by Steve Binder, seconded by Doug Nelson, to Approve Approval of the Parks Commission Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026. Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Bruce Abraham, Oshkosh Pickleball president, spoke about the spirit fund project for pickleball courts at County Park. Mentioned that pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country, it can be played by just about anyone, and it has positive physical and mental health benefits. The proposed courts at the park will be ADA-compliant, so wheelchairs can utilize the courts. Current demand for pickleball is exceeding the number of courts available. New courts would be good for Winnebago County residents.

E. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement for the Water Service located at the Butte des Morts Boat Landing

Director Breest gave a short summary of the easement. The plan is to pull water from the Samers Bay Rd water main. This will be a permanent easement.

Motion by Doug Nelson, seconded by Rachael Dowling, to Approve Approval of a Permanent Utility Easement for the Water Service located at the Butte des Morts Boat Landing. Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

F. Director's Report

1. Department Updates from Director Adam Breest

- Sunnyview Exposition Center West Campus Improvement Project

- Community Park Shelter 1 and 2 Project
- Covered Arena Painting and Insulation Project
- Butte des Morts Boat Landing Improvement Project
- Parks Spirit Fund Project Update
- Sunnyview Exposition Center Sign Update
- Shelter 1 Playground Replacement
- Asylum Bay Rip Rap Project
- Poygan Boat Ramp
- New Staff Update - Quarter 1
- Other General Updates

Direct Breest gave a review of current and upcoming projects...

The Waukau Dam improvements have been successful as flood waters are flowing as planned over the new flood plain.

Sunnyview Expo Parking Lot - most of the lights are up, the holding pond is working as it should, and staff is looking into ribbon-cutting dates in June.

Shelter Repairs - almost done, been having issues with the contractor completing the project correctly.

Covered Arena - re-bid on painting portion of the project, TMI Coatings was the low bid. The project is in budget, but tight, with only a 4% contingency. The roofer hopes to be done by Memorial Day. The painters will take insulation down periodically throughout the summer and plan to paint from Labor Day through November.

Butte des Morts Boat Landing - Construction will start July 5.

Park Spirit Fund - Meet with all three groups (soccer, rugby, pickleball) in March. Parks has \$2.1 million between all the different projects. Staff will meet with all three groups, plus the Executive Office and Discover Oshkosh, in mid-April about proposed funding allocations, and funding proposals will be presented to the Commission in May.

Wiouwash trail - The project is not eligible for the million dollar DOT grant. Meeting with other community groups about funding.

Sunnyview Expo Sign - Contract is at Lamar waiting for approval.

Shelter 1 Playground - Working through some final changes and waiting for the weather to improve.

Asylum Bay Rip Rap - There are some washout areas at Asylum Point that need armoring. Working with Land and Water Dept. on a solution.

Poygan Boat Ramp - Engineer is finishing up surveying and design work, with the project slated for fall. There is significant undermining by the ramp.

Staff - Parks Dept is fully staffed, temporary and season staff starting in April-May.

G. Communications Shared by Commission Members

Supervisor Powers - Will send a text message to Commission members asking if they are not coming to the next meeting. If no response, they are planning to attend.

Bob Albright - The Hmong Labor Day Festival won an Arts, Culture, and Heritage Award at this year's WIGOT.

H. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 12, at 8 a.m.

I. Items for Next Agenda

Suggestions from committee members for items to be addressed on a future agenda

No comment.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Doug Nelson, seconded by Rachael Dowling, to Adjourn. Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0

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