

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

**Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes**

*Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - 6:30 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Trustee Fessler called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 PM in Community Room. This meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Trustee Fessler, Anita Iwanski, Tanya Lancaster, Lori Wisnicky, Anna Bartz

Members not present: Trustee Leamy, Linda Meyer

Staff Present: Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, Village Administrator Matt Schuenke

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

- a. *This is an opportunity for attendees to provide public comment on matters that are not on the agenda. Attendees desiring to provide public comment on specific items on the agenda may do so at the time that agenda item is brought up. Zoom attendees wishing to speak should type their name, address, and the relevant agenda item in the Q&A feature within the online meeting platform. Zoom attendees may also register in support or opposition of an item through the Q&A feature. In person attendees should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your public comment. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Written comments will not be read into the record during the meeting but may be sent to [public.works@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:public.works@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included with the agenda materials.*

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee March 3, 2026, meeting.*

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Bartz, to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee March 3, 2026, meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

**4. BUSINESS.**

- a. *Presentation by McFarland Youth Baseball regarding William McFarland Park future improvements*

McFarland Youth Baseball representative, Bill Canty, presented information about the organization and their plans and future needs.

- Igl inquired about MYBO's desired use of the existing William McFarland shelter. Canty responded that the use of the shelter depends on the amenities along with required equipment storage.
- Bartz asked if MYBO has any sponsors. Bill responded that no sponsors are in place at this time.
- Blake Theisen of Parkitecture asked what MYBO field sizes were being

requested. Bill provided the recommended sizes and provided a handout with the information.

- Lancaster asked about usage of the field at Lewis Park. Bill explained that the field is used for practices and scrimmages. Bill added that possible improvements at this location include work to the field along with fences.
- Theisen asked about MYBO's experience with removable fencing. Bill stated he didn't have a lot of feedback, but it was useful at another location which had it.
- Igl asked about cost and maintenance sharing. Bill responded that it would depend on the amenities.

b. Discussion and action regarding McFarland Soccer Club's request for sponsorship on goals.

McFarland Soccer Club President, Katie, presented information regarding their signage request on goals.

- Igl asked what the useful life is of the signs. Katie stated that the useful life is unknown.
- Iwanski asked where other clubs had placed their signage. Katie believes signage has been placed on fences.
- Trustee Fessler if this request is for annual approval or a blanket approval. Igl responded that it had not been discussed.
- Trustee Fessler asked if approval could be delayed until review of the policy could occur. Katie confirmed that approval could wait a bit.

No action was taken on this item as Trustee Fessler and committee members would like to further review the policy regarding these requests.

c. Discussion regarding Cedar Ridge Park playground replacement

Blake Theisen of Parkitecture reviewed proposed Cedar Ridge playground items for the upcoming Public Information Meeting that is scheduled for May 20, 2026.

- Bartz asked if communications occurred with the current neighboring properties of the playground area. Theisen stated that no conversations had occurred.
- Iwanski asked if all the presented items were within budget. Theisen responded yes, all presented options would be within budget.
- Iwanski asked if all options would be presented at the Public Information Meeting and how participants would provide feedback. Theisen explained that all options will be presented as suggested by the committee and feedback will likely be in the form of comments or voting by attendees of the meeting.
- Committee members discussed the various options presented and provided their feedback to Parkitecture.
- Igl asked the committee where they would recommend the Public Information Meeting should be held.

## 5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Wisnicky, to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee Irwin  
Assistant to the Public Works Director