

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 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 the community room of the Municipal Center. The meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Trustee Fessler, Trustee Leamy (arrived at 6:35pm), Anita Iwanski, Tanya Lancaster, Lori Wisnicky, Anna Bartz

Members not present: n/a

Staff Present: Public Works Director Lee Igl, 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 to be included with the agenda materials.*

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.*

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Bartz, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion regarding the William McFarland Park site plan update*

Tod Pritchard, McFarland Ice Hockey President, provided clarification on property that is owned by hockey but was not marked as such in the William McFarland Master Plan that was created in 2021.

Blake Theisen of Parkitecture presented the updated concept plan for William

McFarland Park including baseball's requests.

- Bartz asked if the proximity or noise would be a concern to the City of Madison residents on the west side of the property. Theisen explained he would anticipate much concern.
- Trustee Fessler asked if the drainage in the SW corner of the property would be a concern. Theisen responded that the plan would not trigger the need for a stormwater facility and drainage should not be a concern.
- Trustee Fessler asked if the presented south 290-foot field location would be far from the facilities. Theisen explained that additional connections could be looked at.
- Iwanski asked if there are full basketball courts at other parks in the village. Igl responded that most courts are not full courts.
- Lancaster asked how moveable the baseball fence would be. Theisen explained that the fence could be moved in and out, but it was not recommended that it would be done weekly.
- Trustee Fessler suggested that discussions occur with the Friends of McFarland Park group regarding the updated concept plan.

b. Update regarding the Community Park project.

Igl provided an overview of the progress made for the Community Park project, including delivery of the block for the shelter, permit for the new well, trail installation, irrigation, septic piping installation, expansion of the stormwater site, and landscaping of trees should occur soon.

c. Update regarding the Prairie Place park playground

Igl presented photos of the Prairie Place park playground that was recently installed.

- Iwanski asked if a picnic table would be installed. Igl responded that a picnic table will be installed at a future date.
- Committee members suggested posting information about the new playground via the village's website and or other social media platforms.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Leamy, seconded by Wisnicky, to adjourn at 7:17PM.

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