

**Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**April 2, 2025**

**Committee Members Present:** Luke Fessler, Alisa Leamy (6:38 p.m.), Sarah Kuba, Anita Iwanski, Jessica Tokar, Lori Wisnicky

**Committee Members Absent:** Tanya Lancaster

**Staff Present:** Andrew Bremer, Community and Economic Development Director; Lee Igl, Public Works Director; Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Phil McDade, Utility Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Luke Fessler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Kathy Annen, 5011 Falling Leaves Lane spoke on the Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreation Plan, and fees associated with parkland dedication and park development.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**a. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.**

Motion by Fessler, second by Kuba, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS

**a. Discussion and action regarding placement of an educational bird sign.**

Larson discussed the development and placement of a sign promoting Purple Martins and volunteer efforts in the village to promote Purple Martin habitat, with input from the village's Bird Festival Committee. Larson said placement of the sign is appropriate at Lewis Park as it's a habitat area for the birds, including houses for nesting. The sign would be placed near the observation boardwalk overlooking Lower Mud Lake. Fessler motioned, second by Leamy, to approve the placement of an educational sign at Lewis Park from the Bird Festival Committee. Motion passed 6-0.

**b. Discussion regarding the updated Village Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreational Plan.**

Thao discussed the village Comprehensive Outdoor and Recreational Plan, including village parkland impact fees and payments in lieu of land dedication. Committee members discussed village standards for park acreage per 1,000 people, and the village's impact fees relative to other suburban Dane County communities. Committee members also promoted public participation in a public information meeting on the plan held April 3, 2025.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Leamy motioned to adjourn; Kuba seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.