

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 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. This meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Trustee Fessler, Trustee Leamy, Lori Wisnicky, Sarah Kuba, Tanya Lancaster, Anna Bartz

Members not present: Anita Iwanski

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee 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 comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to public.works@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Wisnicky, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 1, with Kuba abstaining.

4. BUSINESS.

Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the proposed McFarland 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan.

Schuenke reviewed Appendix D related to the proposed parks and recreation improvements within the next 10 years with any changes from last month identified in red font.

- Trustee Leamy asked why there were funds allocated in 2027 for a bathroom but also funds for Egner Park bathroom. Schuenke explained that the funds in 2027 for Egner Park are associated with planning and design services.
- Trustee Leamy asked what equipment the \$270,000 in 2027 would be for. Schuenke responded that the amount includes a mower replacement.
- Bartz asked if the majority of the funds for Egner Park in 2028 would be utilized for the well rehab. Igl explained that the majority of the expense is for the well rehab, but as part of the rehab a restroom will be added in the park.
- Kuba asked what was planned to occur at William McFarland Park in 2028 and 2029. Schuenke explained that the amounts are based on the estimates from the master plan including developing the baseball fields and area for youth baseball space.
- Trustee Fessler asked if the pump track at Community Park would be funded by the Village or private funding. Schuenke responded that the pump track would be funded by the Village.
- Bartz asked for clarification regarding the Lower Yahara River Trail project. Schuenke responded that this would connect the Lower Yahara River Trail from the dog park to Fish Camp.
- Trustee Fessler asked where the pathway along Siggelkow Road to Community Park was within the plan. Schuenke stated that the pathway is included within the Siggelkow Road project.

Schuenke discussed Aquatics, which is now included in the plan in 2031 and 2032.

- Lancaster asked about the plan for a bathroom at Arnold Larson Park and a possible phased approach for improvements at the park. Schuenke explained that fees could be added in 2026 for planning.

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Leamy, to recommend acceptance to the Village Board regarding the proposed McFarland 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan for Appendix D with amendments discussed during the meeting including \$10,000 for planning for Arnold Larson Park in 2026. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

b. Update and discussion regarding Community Park

Igl reviewed the timeline for the Community Park project.

- Trustee Fessler asked for clarification about the 10% contingency. Igl responded that Iconica does not anticipate additional contingency being required for the project.
- Trustee Fessler asked when construction would occur. Igl stated construction is planned for the winter with completion by August 15, 2026.
- Bartz asked if Youth Football might be able to contribute to the additional funding needed towards the project. Igl responded that it could be explored as more groups come forward.
- Lancaster asked if other sports could be played at the park. Igl responded that

other sports could be played, but it would depend on the wear and tear.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Bartz, to adjourn at 7:35 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