

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 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 6:33 PM in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. This meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

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

Members not present: n/a

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Public Works Director Lee Igl, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, and Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin

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 November 4, 2025, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.*

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Leamy, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Motion carries 5-0-1, with Lancaster abstaining.

4. BUSINESS.

a. *Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding an inventory of gender neutral public restrooms available through Village facilities.*

Schuenke provided an overview regarding the inventory of gender-neutral public restrooms within public facilities and parks.

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Lancaster, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding an inventory of gender-neutral public restrooms available through Village facilities. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0.

b. *Update regarding Community Park Phase 2 improvements.*

Igl explained that work has begun for Community Park Phase 2 although the contractor estimates they are approximately two weeks behind schedule. The contractor plans to make up time in the Spring.

- Trustee Leamy asked what it meant in the background summary regarding unfavorable soils. Igl explained that the soil was not firm enough, which meant the contractor had to dig out and backfill.
- Trustee Fessler asked about the projected timeline for construction. Igl stated that electrical will be completed soon, then the building will be the focus with walls and the interior structure.

c. Discussion regarding a playground replacement plan

Igl provided an overview of the playground replacement plan which will be updated annually.

- Trustee Leamy asked if the playground at William McFarland was the small playground near the curling club. Igl responded yes and stated action will need to be taken soon on this playground, given its current condition.
- Trustee Fessler asked where this plan would live. Igl explained that the plan could be added to the Capital Improvement Plan to be reviewed annually.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 PM

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Trustee Fessler, seconded by Trustee Leamy, to adjourn. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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