

MEETING MINUTES
Board of Park Commissioners
May 6, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Community Room
933 Michigan Avenue, Stevens Point, WI

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Discussion and Possible Action on:

1. Roll Call.

Present: Disher, Freckmann, Glodosky, Alder Guthrie, Alder Keymer, McDonald, Okonek, Alder Olson, Winn

Excused: Przybylski, Sorenson

Also Present: Trina Dorn, Christ Scott, Ben Martinez, Todd Ernster, Dean Shuda

2. Approval of April 1, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve April 1, 2026 meeting minutes by Disher, second by McDonald; passed 9-0.

3. Approval of three-year building lease to provide recreation rentals and concession sales in Iverson and Bukolt Parks with Northward Adventures.

Motion to approve by Glodosky, second by Disher; passed 9-0.

4. Approval of a three-year winter sports rental and concession sales agreement for the Parker Building and Iverson All-Purpose lodge with Northward Adventures.

Motion to approve by Disher, second by Glodosky; passed 9-0.

5. Update and review of the pedestrian path concept and permitting for Mead Park.

Motion by McDonald to approve of the Mead Park trail route and concept with two additions: the ability to add trail lighting at time of design and the ability to have pollinator plants along the entire trail length; second by Keymer; motion passed 9-0.

6. Forestry Division Operational Report presented by Forestry Superintendent, Todd Ernster.

No action.

7. Selection of a Chairperson for the Board of Park Commissioners.

McDonald nominated John Okonek for chairperson, no other nominations received.

Motion by McDonald, and second by Freckmann to unanimously approve Okonek as chair; motion carried 9-0.

8. Selection of a Vice-Chairperson for the Board of Park Commissioners.

McDonald nominated Carrie Winn for vice-chairperson, no other nominations received. Motion by Alder Keymer, and second by Alder Guthrie to unanimously approve Winn as vice chair; motion carried 9-0.

9. Director's Report

- Ron Otto will retire on May 16 after 31 years of service to the City of Stevens Point.
- Ken Wanta has announced his retirement date as July 24 after 18 years of service to the City of Stevens Point.
- Baxter Arndt was promoted to the Ice Center/Pool Maintenance Technician position and begins on May 18.
- Recruitment for a Recreation Division Park Technician is underway
- Recruitment for a Forestry Division Park Technician will begin in late May/early June.
- Park restrooms and lodges opened for the season on May 1
- Park security started May 1 (daily hours 6 pm to midnight)

10. Adjournment.

Adjourned at 7:15pm.