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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Notice is hereby given that the Park and Recreation Committee of the City of Wausau, Wisconsin will hold a regular or special meeting on the date, time and location shown below.

Meeting of the: **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU**
 Date/Time: **Monday, August 4, 2025 at 5:30pm**
 Location: **City Hall (407 Grant St, Wausau WI 54403) - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 Members: **Lou Larson, Carol Lukens, Tom Neal, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1 Public Comment (Up to 3 minutes per person at Chair's discretion)
- 2 Approval of Minutes of the June 2, 2024 Meeting
- 3 Discussion and Possible Action on Pool Pass Fees
- 4 Discussion and Possible Action Setting September Meeting Date
- 5 Educational Items
 - A. Project Update (Athletic Park, Alexander Airport Park Pickleball, Nine Mile, Marathon Park, Facility Use) B.
 - Skate Park Grand Opening
 - C. Urban Forestry Update/City Hall Trees
- 6 Future Agenda Items - Recreational Immunity Overview
- 7 Next Meeting: TBD Due to Labor Day, Council Chambers (City Hall 407 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403)
- 8 Adjournment

Lou Larson, Chair

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3. Discussion and Possible Action on Pool Pass Fees

In developing the 2026 budget staff are evaluating expenditures and revenues. Fees for services are a significant source of revenue for the City and within the Parks and Recreation Department budget. Fees are evaluated each year. The Parks and Recreation Committee is asked to review the current pool pass fees as they relate to other local pools and provide staff with direction whether the fees should be changed for 2026.

<u>Open Swim Fees - Season Pass</u>				
Season passes will be discounted if purchased before April 1. *Family - One or two adults and their youth. The adult(s) must be the parent or legal guardian of the youth(s). All adults and youth must reside at the same address.				
Wausau Resident Youth	\$36	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wausau Resident Adult	\$52	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wausau Resident Family				
Non-Resident Youth	\$46	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-Resident Adult	\$67	TBD	TBD	TBD
Non-Resident Family		TBD	TBD	TBD
Fee to Replace Lost Pass (1st one is FREE)	\$2	TBD	TBD	TBD
<u>Public Rental of Memorial, Kaiser or Schulenburg</u>				
Public Rental requires contract completion and payment prior to pool use.				
Public Rental - No waterslides	\$386	TBD	TBD	TBD
Public Rental - waterslides	\$438	TBD	TBD	TBD

4. Discussion and Possible Action Setting September Meeting Date

The September meeting date falls on Labor Day. The committee is asked to set an alternate meeting date. Date options include Wednesday, September 3 at 5:15pm, Monday, September 8 at 6:00pm (following the HR Committee).

5. Educational Items

A. Project Update (Athletic Park, Alexander Airport Park Pickleball, Nine Mile, Marathon Park, Facility Use)

Athletic Park:

- First base area was seal coated.

Alexander Airport Park Pickleball:

- Pickleball court is completed. Some turf restoration remains.

Nine Mile:

- Chalet roof in the process of being replaced.

Marathon Park

- Boards are being elevated in preparation for temporary ice mat in rink 2. Piping work to begin After the fair.
- Work on the splash pad has begun, the old splash pad has been removed and changes have been made to the filtration building in preparation for the new equipment. Piping will be installed after the fair and department staff will pour the concrete prior to the features being installed in late September.

Facility Use:

- Youth baseball is finished for the season.
- Wausau Hmong Festival at the People's Sports Complex July 26 & 27

B. Oak Island Skate Park Grand Opening

-Skatepark is substantially complete. Department staff has been pouring the flatwork following the contractor's completion of the new concrete feature area. The new concrete is being cleaned and caulked. A grand opening is scheduled for August 10 from 11-2pm.

C. Urban Forestry Update/City Hall Trees

Work will begin on the trees around City Hall. As stated at the June meeting, the trees on the City Hall block as well as adjacent to City Hall were assessed. 8 Trees are in poor to very poor condition and warrant removal and replacement. 6 Additional trees are in fair condition and recommendation is to prune and retain for the short term. All these trees are Norway Maples.

These trees are being affected by the difficult growing sites coupled with high amounts of salt. The young, 4" Norway maple along the east side of city hall is dying likely due to heavy salt applications. There are 2 newly planted elm trees that also have been adversely affected by the excessive salt applications. We will retain these trees and allow them time to try and recover.

New tree species will be selected that are listed as salt tolerant – though applications need to be reduced.

Additionally, an update will also be given on what has been done to date in partnership with Engineering to learn how other communities manage street trees and street reconstruction. Additional meetings are planned and once all information is gathered a presentation will be given to the Infrastructure Committee.

CITY OF WAUSAU – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: June 2, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Parks and Recreation Committee Members Present: Lou Larson (c), Carol Lukens, Tom Neal, Lisa Rasmussen, Sarah Watson

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Parks Director,

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

1. **Public Comment** – A resident from North 14th Avenue who applied for grant funds that the Parks Department received to help residents on private property remove ash trees affected with the emerald ash borer within the city of Wausau wanted to express appreciation and how impressed they were with Foley’s Tree Service. In addition, they wanted to thank John Kahon and the staff for securing the grant for the work, as the residents are on a fixed income. A concerned citizen suggested signage at the Wisconsin riverfront that states “No Swimming” to protect the community and its citizens. There was a recent drowning which prompted this public comment. Polley spoke with the City Attorney and Chair Larson to add an overview of recreational immunity as a future agenda item.
2. **Approve Minutes** – May 5, 2025 – **Motion** by Rasmussen, second by Lukens to approve the Park and Recreation Committee May 5, 2025, minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action on Operations of Riverlife Concession Stand** – The vendor for the Riverlife concession stand has decided not to move forward due to a difficult medical diagnosis that will require their full attention in the months to come. Staff reviewed several options and are providing the committee with three for consideration. The first option was to advertise a short-term RFP for summer 2025 to sell ice cream and snacks only. The second option was to purchase an ice cream vending machine (\$3000 for a used machine and \$8000 for a new one) to be utilized for the 2025 season only. This option gives the Parks Department the possibility of moving the vending machine to another location in the future. The Parks staff would have to purchase and restock the machine because of distance. Option three was to do nothing for the 2025 season and to issue a new RFP for the 2026 season and beyond, giving the vendor who won the original bid the opportunity to submit a proposal for the 2026 season. Discussion and questions were asked. The consensus is to put out a short-term RFP for packaged snacks and drinks and schedule a few pop-up food trucks for 2025, then do an RFP for the 2026 Season for a concession vendor at Riverlife. No further action was taken.
4. **Education Items**
 - A. **Project Update – Oak Island Skatepark** – Skatepark prepped for contractors, who began the site work on Memorial Day. Concrete ramps were delivered today and will be placed during the week of June 2. **Athletic Park** – The clubhouse renovation is complete. The Woodchucks opened their season the week of May 26. **Alexander Airport Park Pickleball** – The Pickleball court is paved, and the fence is under construction. **Brockmeyer Park** – The restroom leak is repaired, and the splash pad leak is isolated. **City Hall Trees and Landscaping** – The trees around City Hall are all Norway maple trees and have been assessed. Eight trees are in very poor condition and replacement is recommended. Six trees are in fair condition, with the recommendation to prune and retain them. This prevents tree loss from happening all at the same time. These trees are affected by difficult growing sites and high amounts of salt, which are used by a contractor. Two newly planted elm trees are also affected by the salt, but given time it is hoped that they will recover. In the future, trees that are more salt tolerant will be selected for replanting in this area. Norway maples are in significant decline across the nation and the department are not planting any new Norway maples in our community because of this. **Facility Use** – Shelter rentals are very busy with graduation season. Restrooms are all open and being cleaned on a regular basis. The exteriors of all park shelters are in the process of being cleaned, which includes an application of a home defense product to keep down the spider webs. **Seasonal Tasks** – Flower baskets were installed on May 26, All the docks/kayak launches are installed, and all the restroom/irrigation systems should be operational as well, except for Woodson Kayak statue (repairs are ongoing) and 400 Block fountain (activator install in progress).
 - B. **Wausau Pools Update** – All pools are filled, chemicals are balanced, and final preparations for opening are underway. Hiring is going well with many lifeguards returning from last year and 20 new lifeguards. On June 9, 10, and 11, there is one more classful of 10 lifeguards preparing to work for the Parks Department. Memorial and

Schulenberg pools will open for the season on Saturday, June 7. Kaiser pool will open on June 16. Swim lesson training, lifeguard training for returning lifeguards, and the new lifeguard training classes are held at Kaiser pool the week of June 8. Swimming lessons run until 11:50 a.m., allowing staff enough transition time to open the pools at 12:15 p.m. Pools close at 7 p.m. Memorial will close for the season on Saturday, August 9. Schulenberg pool closes Sunday, August 10. Kaiser will stay open one week longer than last year, closing August 17.

5. Future Agenda Items – Recreational Immunity Overview, Trees during construction
6. Next Meeting: Monday July 7, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall 407 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403
7. Adjournment – **Motion** by Watson, second by Rasmussen to adjourn at 5:46pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

Aquatic Center

Pool Opens Saturday, June 7, 2025 for the Season

The perfect family atmosphere awaits you at the Weston Aquatic Center in Kennedy Park, located at **5815 Alta Verde Street, Weston WI 54476**. - our facility provides a full day of inexpensive fun for the entire family!

Kennedy Park, centrally located in the Village of Weston, offers a wide range of outdoor recreation, including a 13,223 square-foot swimming pool offering something for everyone.

The facility is handicap-accessible with a walk-in entry to the pool which slopes down to a deeper level further out. The facility also has a large deck encircling the pool. Surrounding the deck is a large, grassy beach-type area. There is also a concession stand offering everything from candies and ice cream to pizza. The facility has public restrooms with some lockers. The Weston Aquatic Center is the place to be this summer!

Bring the family and spend the entire day at Weston's big attraction, the area's best place to swim!

The pool will close for the season on August 24, 2025.

Note: All riders must be 48 inches to ride the drop slide, speed slide and tower slide.

Weston Aquatic Center
Promotional Flyer

Purchase Memberships & Swim Lessons HERE

Facility Hours

Monday - Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Weston Aquatic Center
Season Pass Options and Rates

**Pool Cleared at 6:45 p.m.
daily**

Weather-dependent, please view our [Facebook Page](#) for the most current closures/re-opening notices.

Facility Rates/Credit Card Fees

Rates are subject to change. Using a credit card/debit card will incur a convenience fee. Avoid fees by paying with cash or check.

Only water is allowed as a carry-in. Pool floats are not allowed to be brought in. Only Coast Guard-approved floatation devices are allowed. No items for sale besides the food/drinks at the concession stand.

Daily Rates	
Youth/Adult	\$5
Seniors (62+)	\$2
Non-Swimmer	\$2
After 5:00 p.m.	\$2
Under 1 Years Old	Free

Season Pass - Village of Weston Resident	
Early Bird Special (If purchased before May 24, 2025) Family of 5 or less is \$110.	
Individual	\$59
Family of 5 or Less <i>(Members must be living at the same address. Any additional members are \$10/per person)</i>	\$130
Senior	\$25

Season Pass - Non-Resident	
Early Bird Special (If purchased before May 24, 2025) Family of 5 or less is \$130.	
Individual	\$79
Family of 5 or Less <i>(Members must be living at the same address. Any additional members are \$10/per person)</i>	\$150

Senior	\$50
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<h2>Pool Rentals with Slide</h2> <p>*Fees are per hour, before or after regular operating hours.</p> <p>Pool/Additional people over 100 = \$2.00 x (1-2 hours).</p>	
1 - 50 people	\$150 per hour
51 - 75 people	\$175 per hour
76 - 100 people	\$200 per hour

Weston Aquatic Center and Rothschild/ Schofield Aquatic Center

The Joint season pass allows you to enjoy the Rothschild/Schofield Aquatic Center and the Weston Aquatic Center.

Joint Pass - Resident (Weston/Rothschild/Schofield)

Early Bird Special (If purchased before May 24, 2025)

Family of 5 or less is \$150.

Only Village of Weston Residents may receive the reduced rate through our online application software

(our online system will only recognize Weston addresses as an applicable reduced rate for joint

passes). If you live in Rothschild/Schofield, and want

the reduced rate, you will need to visit their website

for more information.

Individual	\$79
Family of 5 or less <i>(Members must be living at the same address. Any additional members are \$10/per person)</i>	\$179

Group Rates

Purchase 50 or more daily swim passes for \$3.00 each. [Group Visit Request Form](#)

Pool Party!

Have a splashing good time at a pool party! Plan your **birthday party** or **group event** during regular public pool hours. Packages include a special menu for a price of just \$8.00 per person. [Birthday Party Request Form](#)

Facility Rental

Interested in renting out the entire facility? Please fill out the request form linked below.

<h3>Joint Pass - Non-Resident</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Early Bird Special (If purchased before May 24, 2025) Family of 5 or less is \$170.</p>	
Individual	\$99

[Aquatic Center Facility Rental Request Form](#)

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are back! Offering three sessions of daily classes to fit your child's developmental needs. Registration will begin for residents on April 21 and May 5 for non-residents. | Ages 5-13.

Session 1: June 16 - 27

Session 2: July 7 - 18

Session 3: July 28 - August 8

Resident Fee \$35 | Non-Resident \$40

Contact

Aquatic Center (phone line turns on the first day of the season): 715-241-SWIM (7946)

Municipal Center: 715-359-6114

Family of 5 or less <i>(Members must be living at the same address. Any additional members are \$10/per person)</i>	\$190
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Mid-Season Pass Price for Residents and Non-Residents After July 12th, 2025	
Weston Aquatic Center - Family of 5 or less <i>(Members must be living at the same address)</i>	\$70
Joint Pass - Family of 5 or less <i>(Members must be living at the same address)</i>	\$90

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