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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, October 6, 2025 at 5:15pm**
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 September 2, 2025 Meeting
- 3 Discussion and Possible Action on Parks, Recreation & Forestry Items within Proposed City Budget
- 4 Discussion and Possible Action Replacing Riverlife Adirondack Chairs
- 5 Educational Items
A. Project Update (Sylvan Hill, Seasonal Tasks, Big Eau Pleine, Marathon Park, Nine Mile, Sports Complex, SunnyVale Softball Complex)
- 6 Future Agenda Items
- 7 Next Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2025 at 5:15 PM 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 Parks, Recreation & Forestry Items within Proposed City Budget
Staff will review the items pertaining to the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department that have been included within the proposed City budget to reduce expenditures, increase revenue or evaluate operations.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Replacing Riverlife Adirondack Chairs

Through trial and error of revitalizing the color on the red Adirondack chairs at Riverlife it has been determined that the color cannot be restored. Staff is recommending replacement of the chairs with a similar chair of a brown/grey color that will not fade. The cost estimate to replace 17 chairs is \$8,500. The City small project fund can be utilized for this purchase.



The Park Committee is asked to approve the replacement of the 17 chairs at Riverlife Park.

5. Educational Items

A. Sylvan – Adding/spreading woodchips to bowls and berms. Summer mowing on the hill is complete

Seasonal Tasks - Clearing vistas, closing down ball diamonds, winterizing water systems

Big Eau Pleine – Installed cameras to monitor firewood sales/theft

Marathon Park –

- o Ice Arena – Mat system installed, pipe installed and insulated. Chilling of rink 2 will begin 10/2
- o Splash Pad – Tank and line installation week of 9/29. Concrete pour will begin shortly after
- o Self-registration only in campgrounds.
- o Boat and camper storage drop off begins September 30.
- o Rink 1 has been up and running now for almost two weeks, with our first Cyclones game last Friday night.

Nine Mile – Chalet fascia and soffit to be finished. Gable ends are being reinforced, Ragnar event this past weekend, which signals a slow down of special events for the remainder of the year.

Sports Complex – hosted final tournament. Regular use will continue until early November

Sunnyvale Softball Complex – closing down for season

CITY OF WAUSAU – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: Sep 2, 2025, at 4:15 pm

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

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

Others Present: Jamie Polley-Parks Director, Anne Jacobson - City Attorney, Brad Lenz – City Planner

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 4:17 pm.

1. Public Comment – None
2. Approve Minutes – August 4, 2025 – **Motion** by Neal, second by Watson to approve the Park and Recreation Committee August 4, 2025, minutes. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
3. Discussion and Possible Action Related Usage of Bikes – The Committee discussed the usage of e-Bikes, state statutes, and the merits of traffic/speed signs, speed bumps/humps, trail rules, and/or education. **Consensus** ask for a proposal to add speed limit signage by spring 2026 for e-Bike usage.
4. Discussion and Education of Recreational Immunity – Attorney Jacobson, City Attorney provided the Committee with information regarding recreational and governmental immunity and how it relates to the City of Wausau. In Wisconsin, Recreational immunity under Wis. Stat. § 895.52 provides board protection for municipalities against liability when individuals are injured during a recreational activity on property. Liability may only be attached if a municipality maliciously fails to warn of a known hazard, charges a fee and something happens, or equipment is negligently maintained. Even though it is not without risk, it is a completely discretionary decision to place signage and safety equipment anywhere desired. More information can be put in place where swimming is prohibited. The city pools are the only areas where swimming is not prohibited in the city. There are four beaches in Marathon County where swimming is allowed: Sunnyvale, Big Eau Pleine, Dells of Eau Claire, and Mission Lake. These are not staffed and are signed as “swim at your own risk.” They are monitored for water quality only. The Committee suggested putting “No Swimming” signage up where the public is encouraged to access the water such as boat launches and city docks/piers.
5. Discussion and Possible Action Approving a Sculpture on the River Edge Trail – Brad Lenz presented. The Walter Alexander Foundation has been pursuing a new public bronze sculpture for Wausau’s riverfront. See attached for complete description of what is needed for installation. Approving a sculpture on the River Edge Trail will mean the sculpture becomes the city’s property and responsibility for all maintenance. Lenz is looking into a traveling bronze sculpture maintenance company to estimate the cost of cleaning every two years for this and the existing bronze sculpture the City maintains. **Motion** by Rasmussen, second by Luken to recommend approval of the installation of the sculpture and the acceptance of the maintenance to Arts Commission of the “Log Driver” Sculpture on the River Edge Trail. Motion **carried** by voice vote; vote reflected as 5-0.
6. Education Items –
 - A. Project Update – Alexander Airport Park – Pickleball courts are completed. An additional fence to separate the courts was requested and will be installed. Athletic Park – The first baseball and softball season is complete. The many tasks of shutting down are underway. Pools – The bee/hornet issue at Kaiser continues to be remediated with the contractor. Pools are drained for the season. Oak Island – Skate park concrete is complete. Restoration and relocation of the old ramps continue. A new water fountain has been installed at the Rose Bowl, main shelter, and playground. Rose Bowl – Cut the infield to correct specifications and added approximately 75 yards of new ball mix to complete the restoration. Riverlife/River Edge Trail – Stained pergolas and picnic tables by the firepit. Fixed the 1” concrete lip on the north side of the walking bridge. Sylvan Hill – The traffic pattern has been modified by cutting a path through the berm on hill one. Problems with wet areas are also being addressed. Yawkey – Electrical service has been moved to accommodate parking stalls. Mowing – Continue to manage routes, the growing season has been consistent. This will continue right into mulching season. Seasonals – Most seasonal employees have returned to school. Big Eau Pleine – Repairs to the main shelter went well. Repairs to the major rutting in the campground and trails have been completed. Cherokee – The restoration work around the new restroom have been completed. DC Everest – The interior and exterior of the restroom have been re-clear coated. Marathon Park – The Hockey boards are all raised. Starting

September 8, Rink will start the ice installation. The first reservation is on September 15. Work began with Modern Mechanical in the compressor room. Splash Pad work is underway by the contractor. Oak wilt was found, and tree and stump were removed immediately. 89Q event hosted on August 21, in the Grandstand which was projecting 6,000-7,000 in attendance. Gearing up to host the Art Weekend on September 6-7 in Marathon Park and the 400 Block. Mountain Bay Trail – Seasonal mowing is complete. Rib Falls – Rocks were moved to eliminate public access to the north. Peoples Sports Complex – Annual aerating, overseeding and topdressing the complex is complete, and the final tournament of the season will be done in a couple of weeks. SunnyVale Softball – Three of the five fields at the complex are being rehabbed. The infield radius is being cut to specification and new ball mix is being added. Next year, the last two fields will be rehabbed. Softball season has ended for the season.

- B. Skate Park Grand Opening Recap – The grand opening was a success with over 100 in attendance. The mayor cut the ribbon and Central Board Shop held a cash/prize for tricks competition which was very well received.
- C. Pool End of Season Update – Polley gave an update on the 2025 pool season. Please see the attached in the packet.
- 7. Future Agenda Items – Sign plan for swimming signs and speed limit signs, mowing overview (mowing schedule; what is mowed and when), wharf discussion, Adirondack chairs.
- 8. Next Meeting: Monday October 6, 2025, at 5:15 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall 407 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403
- 9. Adjournment – **Motion** by Watson, second by Lukens to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 5-0.

Heritage Adirondack Chair

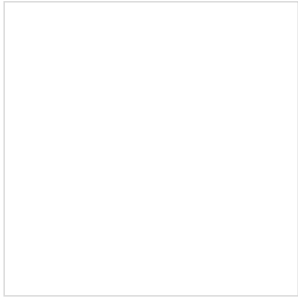
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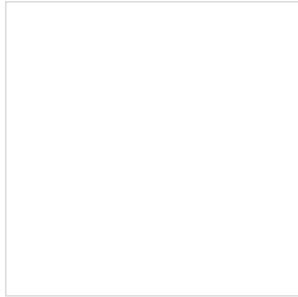
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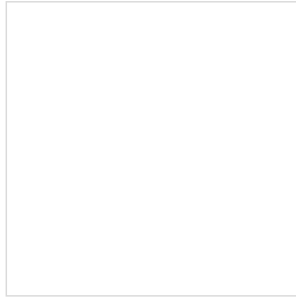
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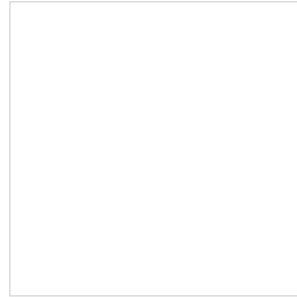
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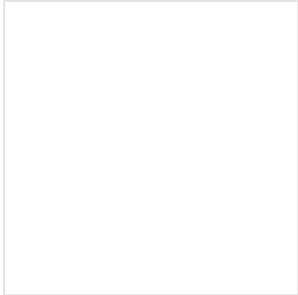
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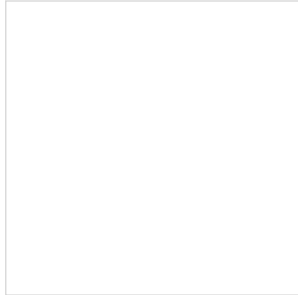
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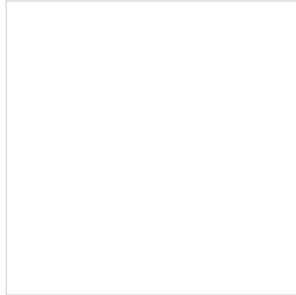
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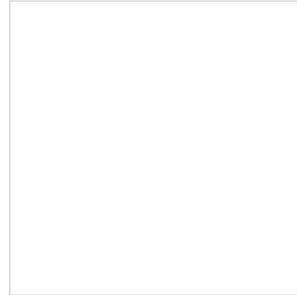
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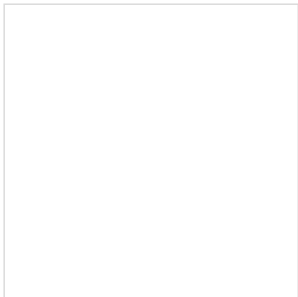
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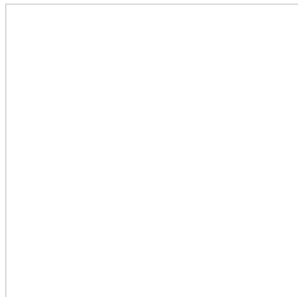
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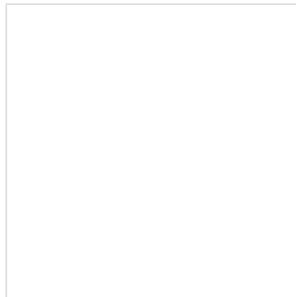
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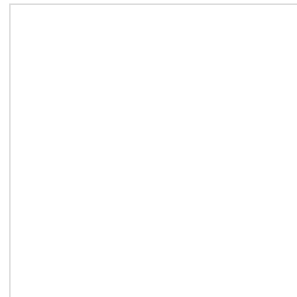
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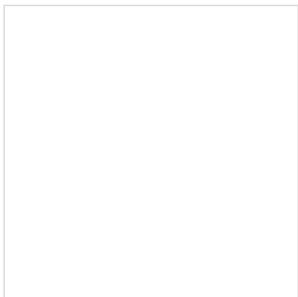
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Feature Highlights

Frame Aluminum

Straps Vinyl

Coating Powder Coated

[Specifications Downloads Warranty](#)

- Width: 30.5"
- Depth: 33"
- Height: 36"
- Seat Width: 22.5"
- Seat Depth: 19"
- Seat Height from Floor: 16"
- Overall Dimensions: 30.5" W x 33" D x 36" H
- Weight: 42 lbs.

[Heritage Adirondack Chair Spec Sheet](#)

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