



Wauwatosa, WI

Board of Parks and Forestry Commissioners

Meeting Agenda - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:30 AM

Committee Room #1 & Zoom:
[**https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/89630023532,**](https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/89630023532)
Meeting ID: 896 3002 3532

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Members of the public may observe and participate in the meeting via Zoom only at the link above. To access the Zoom meeting via phone, call 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the November 18, 2025 regular meeting [**26-0157**](#)

MONTHLY REPORTS AND PARK UPDATES

This section includes monthly reports and updates on user groups, policies, and projects.

1. Monthly Report December 2025 [**26-0146**](#)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Parks and Open Space Plan 2025-2030 [**26-0105**](#)
2. Update on Flood Recovery at Hart Park Stadium [**26-0147**](#)

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

8:00 AM

Committee Room #1

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM

ROLL CALL

Present 5	Commissioner, Chair Tom Ertel Commissioner Steve Berg Commissioner Kiara Caldwell Commissioner Steven Mares Commissioner Allysha Willman
Absent 2	Commissioner Juan Farmer Commissioner Jurian Misawa Yee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of 9/16/25 & 10/24/25 Meeting Minutes [25-2175](#)
Attachments: [9-16-25 Minutes.pdf](#)
[10-24-25 Minutes.pdf](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kiara Caldwell
SECONDER: Allysha Willman
Aye: 5 Ertel, Berg, Caldwell, Mares, and Willman
Absent: 2 Farmer, and Misawa Yee

MONTHLY REPORTS AND PARK UPDATES

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1. Monthly Report Oct 2025 [25-2176](#)
Attachments: [Oct Monthly Report.pdf](#)
The Parks and Forestry Superintendent and the Public Works Director presented the attached report and fielded the boards questions.
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
2. Update from Senior Center [25-2203](#)
Kosta Zervas presented an update to the board regarding the operations and events at the Wauwatosa Senior Center and also fielded the boards questions.
RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion Regarding Changing Meeting Start Time [25-2200](#)

Moved to change start time of meetings to 7:30AM

A second motion was made to also change the meeting format to hybrid in person and zoom. Comm. Berg moved to approve, Comm. Willman Seconded, All voted Aye.

The second motion was passed.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Kiara Caldwell

SECONDER: Tom Ertel

Aye: 5 Ertel, Berg, Caldwell, Mares, and Willman

Absent: 2 Farmer, and Misawa Yee

1. Approval of Parks and Open Space Plan 2025-2030 [25-2188](#)

Attachments: [POSP_ParksBoard_2025](#)

[Wauwatosa POSP FINAL 10.9.25 LR](#)

The Parks and Landscape Manager, Parks and Forestry Superintendent, and the Director of Public Works presented the attachment to the board and fielded their questions. The board decided to hold this item to next meeting for revisions/corrections.

RESULT: HELD

2. Discussion Regarding Future of Softball Diamond Area [25-2198](#)

Lack of quorum, discussion only, no votes taken.

3. Discussion Regarding Heat Haven Contract [25-2205](#)

Lack of quorum, discussion only, no votes taken.

4. Pickleball Signage Recommendation [25-2206](#)

Attachments: [Signage.pdf](#)

Lack of quorum, discussion only, no votes taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to departure of Commissioners the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM for lack of quorum.

Comm. Caldwell was excused at 8:34 AM

Comm. Mares was excused at 9:23 AM



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Staff Report

File #: 26-0146

Agenda Date: 1/20/2026

Agenda #: 1.

Monthly Report December 2025

Monthly Activities

December 2025

Forestry

	YTD 25	YTD 24	End of Year 24
Tree Removals	505	377	377
Stump Removals	455	353	353
Maintenance Requests	789	1657	1657
Sectional Pruning	1863	1479	1479
Training Pruning	1,703	2335	2335
Planting	337	475	475

Other Activities:

Parks

	YTD 25	YTD 24	End of Year 24
Muellner Building			
No. of rentals	37	45	45
Revenue	\$ 9,640.07	\$ 6,240.00	\$ 6,240.00

	YTD 25	YTD 24	End of Year 24
Stadium			
No. of rentals	313	732	732
Revenue	\$ 46,851.04	\$ 172,683.95	\$ 172,683.95

Budgeted stadium revenue 2026 \$ 72,000.00

Other Activities:



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Staff Report

File #: 26-0105

Agenda Date: 1/20/2026

Agenda #: 1.

Approval of Parks and Open Space Plan 2025-2030

Submitted by:

Sarah Grimalkin

Department:

Public Works

The Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) is a supplemental document to the Active Tosa Plan and provided opportunities for Wauwatosa Parks staff to gather feedback from partners, park users, the public, and other stakeholders. Acting as a common vision for park, recreation, and resource-protection initiatives, the POSP will help to guide park development, in alignment with the community's needs, for the next 5 to 10 years.

With this Plan, Wauwatosa is well positioned to continue pursuing our park's values: enhancing our beloved park system, addressing changing recreational needs, and continuing to build a healthier, a more connected, and a more resilient community.

Park staff have addressed revisions and corrections received from Commissioners since the prior meeting on 11/18/2025. Accordingly, staff recommend approval of the Park and Open Space Plan 2025-2030.



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Staff Report

File #: 26-0147

Agenda Date: 1/20/2026

Agenda #: 2.

Update on Flood Recovery at Hart Park Stadium

Submitted by:

Alex Krutsch - Parks and Forestry Superintendent

Department:

Public Works

The flooding that occurred on August 9th-10th, 2025 damaged many of Hart Park's facilities. One of the hardest hit areas was Hart Park Stadium. Damage to this facility included a complete loss of the synthetic turf field, damage to the field's drainage system, and to the spectator bleachers.

On December 17th, 2025 the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for replacement of the synthetic turf field and repairs to a portion of the stone base. At the same time the City issued a second RFP for cleaning of the stadium's storm sewer system. In response the City received 5 proposals to the RFP for turf field replacement and no proposals to the RFP for sewer cleaning.

Staff reviewed proposals for field replacement with the City's consultant, GRAEF Engineering, and will be recommending award of contract at the financial Affairs Committee meeting on the evening of January 20th, 2025. Assuming authorization to enter into contract is granted, staff hopes work can be completed by Mid-May, though this will be weather dependent. The replacement field being recommended by staff will be comparable to the previous field. It will utilize the same shock pad and infill material as the previous field. Staff is recommending an upgraded turf product that has superior fiber density and different fiber types than the previous field. This change improves both playability and durability of the field. The product mitigates infill migration and "splash" creating a safer surface for athletes and has an extended warranty from the manufacturer of 10 years, compared to the standard 8-year warranty.

Also, in December, The Common Council authorized staff to enter into contract for bleacher repair at Hart Park Stadium. This contract is with JWI, the company that constructed the bleachers originally. Staff is finalizing details with JWI and hopes that work can begin in early spring and be completed prior to May.

Since no response was received to the RFP for sewer cleaning, staff is now working to hire a contractor directly. Staff intends to accomplish this by the end of February so that work may commence as soon as weather allows. Staff is also evaluating if any of the scope can be performed by City crews.