



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Youth Commission

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025

6:15 PM

Committee Room #1

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

*Vice Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 6:24 P.M.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 12** Commissioner, Chair Lance Isaacs  
Commissioner - Adult Kay Lorenzen  
Commissioner - Adult Kristin Hagen  
Commissioner - Adult Linda Groth  
Commissioner - Adult Michelle Fetherston  
Commissioner - Student Charles Gittins  
Commissioner - Student Matthew Jaworski  
Commissioner - Student Brendan Reardon  
Commissioner - Student Benjamin Ruzicka  
Commissioner - Student Olivia Wilke  
Commissioner - Student Dashiell Johnson  
Ex-Officio - Recreation Dept. Liaison Ted Martin

**Excused 6** Commissioner - Student Guy Johnson  
Commissioner - Student Abhiveer Kalirawana  
Commissioner - Student Liam Riley  
Commissioner - Student Maddie Ullsperger  
Commissioner - Student Joshua Wilder  
Ex-Officio - Alderperson Andrew Meindl

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the September 10, 2025, regular meeting [25-1742](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Benjamin Ruzicka  
**SECONDER:** Matthew Jaworski  
**Aye:** 11 Isaacs, Lorenzen, Hagen, Groth, Fetherston, Gittins, Jaworski, Reardon, Ruzicka, Wilke, Johnson, and Martin  
**Excused:** 5 Johnson, Kalirawana, Riley, Ullsperger, Wilder, and Meindl

#### GUEST SPEAKER/DISCUSSION

1. Guest Speaker/Discussion - Ashlyn Weber, City of Wauwatosa Communications Specialist [25-1745](#)

Ashlyn Weber, City of Wauwatosa, Communications Specialist came to inform our members on ways the Youth Commission could get news about our group and publicity of our upcoming events on the City’s Website. Ms. Weber said if we created the publicity article or flyer, complete with graphics, the city would disseminate the info on the City’s Social Media pages such as Facebook, Instagram, Linked-In, and the Bi-weekly Friday Newsletter. Such articles can then be shared with our friends, so long as no business is conducted/discussed between members in order to comply with Open Meeting Laws.

Ms. Weber also suggested outside sources could be utilized to publish our events as well such as School Newsletters. Ted Martin, Director of the Recreation Department said the Rec. Department could target either students or parents to receive our publicity and events through District wide E-Blast communications.

Ms. Weber noted the City can post our events on the City Calendar. She also noted the Youth Commission wouldn’t be able to have our own tab on the City Website. The lead time to get our articles to Ms. Weber for publication is four days. The article/file needs to be in a Pdf or jpeg format and needs to be 500 words or less. Discussion/presentation ended at 6:50 P.M.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. Correspondence from Support our Schools - Wauwatosa [25-1746](#)

*Kristin Hagen shared that he informational presentation will be at Underwood Elementary School on Monday, October 20th, 2025 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM and will cover the topic of gaps in educational outcomes and discipline disparity in schools with Amanda Lewis, co-author of “Despite the Best Intentions: How Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools.”*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**REPORTS**

- 1. Treasurer’s Report [25-1747](#)

*Beginning Balance 1-01-2025.....\$1,000.00*

*Expenses:*

*Volunteer Award Ceremony/Reception/Yr. End Recognition.....\$ 282.02  
(5 Plaques @ \$40.00 ea. and beverages/cake)*

*Survey Participants Drawing (5 - Gift Cards @ \$20.00 ea.....\$ 100.00*

*APPSE Donation to Tosa East .....\$ 100.00*

*APPSE Donation to Tosa West .....\$ 100.00*

*Total Expenses.....\$ 582.02*

*Remaining Balance.....\$ 417.98*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

- 2. Common Council [25-1748](#)

*No Report*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

- 3. Police Department [25-1749](#)

*No Report. Ms. Hagen, reported the position is currently vacant and we're waiting for a representative to be determined. No change from September meeting.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**4. Recreation Department [25-1750](#)**

*Ted Martin, the Director of the Recreation Department, said they had 13 Senior citizen volunteers apply for the new STEP program the Recreation Department is in the process of creating for Senior Citizens to volunteer in the schools where they will help students with reading and math skills.*

*The Rec. Department will be holding their Trunk or Treat event again this year on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM and will collect food for the Tosa Cares Food Pantry at the event. On October 15th, 2025, WTMJ Newscasters will interview Ted and Jennie Cottam from the Rec. Department on their news program "What's Brewing in Wisconsin" to promote the event.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**5. School Board/District Representative [25-1751](#)**

*Ms. Hagen Reported the School Board President, Lynne Woehrle, is working with the School Superintendent, Demond Means, to help fill this vacant Representative position on our Ex-Officio board. Daryl Hanson, the new Wauwatosa School District Director of Student Success, will help fill the position on our Ex-Officio Board.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Awards Committee [25-1752](#)**

*Ms. Hagen noted this committee is in need of a chairperson. Applications for nominees need to be submitted to the area schools with students 8th grade and above in late November or early December. It was discussed we need to use social media to advertise the opportunity to nominate a youth who does outstanding service to the Wauwatosa Community. Lance Isaacs offered to chair this committee.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**2. Birthday Mailings [25-1753](#)**

*Kay Lorenzen reported stuffing of the Birthday Mailing envelopes began at 5:30 PM tonight and continued as the meeting began. We had approximately 740 envelopes to stuff this year.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**3. Membership Committee [25-1754](#)**

*Ms. Lorenzen revised the Wauwatosa Youth Commission (WYC) roster and asked everyone to check their contact information for accuracy on their copy. Everyone present approved their contact info as listed.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

**4. Publicity [25-1755](#)**

*Ms. Lorenzen reported receiving information from Tosa West Theatre Players offering the WYC the opportunity to purchase ad space in their Playbill/Program again this year. Pricing for various size ad space and color verses black and white options were shared.*

*MOTION: To purchase one half page ad space for the Fall Playbill/Program using the existing ad design,*

*with the intention to update the current ad for the Spring Playbill/Program.*

*Ms. Lorenzen will submit the completed ad purchase form, ad design, and request payment from the Clerk's and Treasurer's Office.*

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Michelle Fetherston

**SECONDER:** Linda Groth

**Aye:** 11 Isaacs, Lorenzen, Hagen, Groth, Fetherston, Gittins, Jaworski, Reardon, Ruzicka, Wilke, Johnson, and Martin

**Excused:** 5 Johnson, Kalirawana, Riley, Ullsperger, Wilder, and Meindl

5. Career/Life Program

[25-1756](#)

*Michelle Fetherston will arrange a subcommittee meeting for her committee members (Charles Gittins, Matthew Jaworski and Abhiveer Kalirawana). Ms. Fetherston will notify all WYC members of when and where they will meet as soon as arrangements have been made.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

6. Community Events

[25-1757](#)

*Ms. Hagen noted this committee needs a chairperson. Mr. Isaacs agreed to serve as the Chairperson for this committee. Joshua Wilder and Brendan Reardon have volunteered to serve on the committee.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Story Book Walk project with Friends of County Grounds Park

[25-1758](#)

*Guy Johnson is organizing this event with Mrs. Christina Peil, head of the Storybook Walk Project. Guy asked Kay to report the next date to take the Storybook signs down for the next season will be on October 25, 2025. Guy asked for volunteers to sign up at tonight's meeting and determine the best time for them to help so he can report this to Ms. Peil. Brendan Reardon and Charlie Gittens volunteered and chose to set the time after 3:30 PM on Saturday.*

*Guy will work with Mrs. Piel to pick a month for our members to choose the 4 or 5 books for next year's storybook walk displays and a month to assemble the sign boards.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Trunk or Treat

[25-1759](#)

- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 11:00 AM-1:30PM at the Fisher Building

*Matthew Jaworski and Abhiveer Kalirawana are Co-Chairs for the Youth Commission's Vehicle Trunk entry in this event. They will plan the decoration theme, purchase any needed decorations and the candy. They are looking for ideas for decorating the trunk. Olivia Wilke and Ben Ruzicka Co-Chaired the event last year and offered the idea they used along with the decorations they were able to keep for use this year. The event will be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2025 at the Fisher building from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM and is being organized by the Wauwatosa Recreation Department. Mr. Jaworski will collect the decoration items from Ms. Wilke to use them again and Mr. Kalirawana will purchase any additional needed supplies along with the candy. They don't need any more volunteers for decorating the trunk or handing out the candy.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Career/Life Program [25-1760](#)

*See "Career/Life Program" report above*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Community Events [25-1763](#)

*See "Community Events" report above*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Tosa Cares volunteers during Trunk or Treat [25-1761](#)

- Tosa Cares is looking for volunteers to assist with transporting and stocking donations

*The Tosa Cares Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to assist with transporting and sorting the food collected at the Trunk or Treat event. Mr. Kalirawana reported his sister would be helping with this collection event as one of our helpers. When Youth Commission members were asked at our meeting for additional volunteers, no other people were available.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Appointment of First and Second Vice Chairs [25-1762](#)

*Mr. Hagen said this would be revisited at our November 12, 2025, meeting.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None*

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - November 12, 2025**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.*