

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

Committee Chair Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2026 at Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Micah Wyss, Dawn Kulcinski, Sam Kube, Patrick Barlow, Chris Geary, Alex Inglett

Excused: Chris McArdle-Rojo

Guests: None

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Library Director's monthly report: Park & Rec Director Geary informed the committee of a few brief updates from the Library. He mentioned the automatic door has been fixed, the American Red Cross is returning for another blood drive, and a few pieces of furniture have been replaced under warranty.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Director Geary informed the committee youth basketball, adult volleyball, adult fitness classes, painting classes and youth indoor soccer are in progress. He also mentioned spring soccer and Impact volleyball registration are underway. Geary stated the Spring/Summer Activity Guide is being prepared and will be distributed in late February. He also informed the committee hiring of spring and summer part-time staff will begin soon.

Parks: Director Geary informed the committee staff have been busy plowing and clearing trails.

Aquatic Center: Geary stated last year's staff have until March 6 to inform the department if they plan to return for the 2026 pool season. He also informed the committee staff have started talking about pool reconstruction in the coming years. Staff also visited the annual WPRA Conference Trade Show to discuss ideas with companies that could potentially help with reconstruction.

The committee reviewed possible action and recommendation on the purchase of a new Ford F250 from Ewald Automotive Group for a total of \$46,021.00. Geary informed the committee this would be the same truck purchased last year, but the cost is slightly less than last year. This will come in slightly under budget. Wyss asked if staff will trade in the old truck. Geary answered staff will take the old truck to auction, and this sale is not factored into the budget. **Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to recommend to the Board the approval of the purchase of a new Ford F250 from Ewald Automotive Group for a total of \$46,021.00. Carried unanimously.**

The committee reviewed possible action and recommendation on the purchase of a new plow from Universal Truck Equipment for a total of \$10,020.00. Geary informed the committee this is also just like the one purchased last year. Kube asked if the truck the department is selling has a plow attached. Geary answered that it does not. **Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to recommend to the Board the approval of the purchase of a new plow from Universal Truck Equipment for a total of \$10,020.00. Carried unanimously.**

The committee reviewed possible action and recommendation on the purchase of a new Bobcat UTV from Bobcat of the Coulee Region for a total of \$32,403.00. Geary stated this would be replacing the department's old UTV that the Public Works Department will be taking. Staff will utilize this UTV almost daily, all year. He also mentioned there was \$33,000.00 budgeted for this. Wyss asked why purchase this UTV instead of another John Deere. Geary answered this is more versatile and used more on trails, at the fields, for weed spraying, etc. Kube asked what the age of the old UTV is. Geary replied that he thinks it was a 2017. **Motion by Kube, second by Kulcinski to recommend to the Board the approval of the purchase of a new Bobcat UTV from Bobcat of the Coulee Region for a total of \$32,403.00. Carried unanimously.**

The committee reviewed possible action and recommendation on the purchase of a new 72" snow V-blade from Bobcat of the Coulee Region for a total of \$4,111.00. Geary informed the committee this blade will be used on smaller equipment like the John Deere. The department had \$4,000.00 budgeted. Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to approve of the purchase of a new 72" snow V-blade from Bobcat of the Coulee Region for a total of \$4,111.00. Carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed possible action and recommendation to remediate tree damage at the Holmen Area Aquatic Center. Geary informed the committee the trees on the north side of the aquatic center are ruining the sidewalk, the fence and the irrigation. They also continually drop leaves into the pool which can clog filters and cause damage. Geary recommended staff remove these trees to help remediate this issue. He also clarified this is something staff can do themselves. Wyss asked if there was a benefit to waiting until the pool is re-done in the future. Geary answered it is best to get it done as soon as possible. Kulcinski clarified these trees are not providing any shade to patrons. Geary stated there was no shade for pool patrons because they are on the north side of the aquatic center. Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to approve the removal of the trees on the north side of the Holmen Area Aquatic Center by Park and Recreation staff. Carried unanimously.

Other Business: None.

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Alex Inglett
Asst. Park & Recreation Director