

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, August 5, 2026**

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

Present: Micah Wyss, Dawn Kulcinski, Sam Kube, Chris McArdle-Rojo, Chris Geary, Alex Inglett, Scott Heinig

Absent:

Guests: Patrick Barlow

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Library Director's monthly report: McArdle-Rojo informed the committee the Holmen Library had a great summer. She stated the Red Cross is back at the Library for another blood drive this month. McArdle-Rojo mentioned that staff is all set for the election in August, and the library will be closed on Saturday, August 15 due to Kornfest.

The committee reviewed preliminary 2027 capital requests and substantial supply items for the Holmen Library.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Director Geary informed the committee most youth programs have ended for the summer with the exception of the day camp which will wrap up later this month. He also mentioned the Kornfest men's softball tournament has the maximum number of teams registered again this year. Geary stated the fall/winter activity guide is available digitally and will be available in print later this month. Lastly, he mentioned fall and winter program registration has begun with programs starting in late August and early September.

Parks: Director Geary informed the committee National Night Out was held in Halfway Creek Park earlier in August. He stated Kornfest crews will begin setting up on August 10. He also mentioned the Concerts in the Park performances will conclude on August 30. Lastly, he told the committee that park staff is now prepping for fall soccer and flag football.

Aquatic Center: Geary stated the aquatic center will be home to both the youth logrolling tournament on August 8 and the Kids Carnival on August 12. He informed the committee the pool will close for the season on August 16. Wyss asked if the pool had enough staff for the remainder of the summer. Geary answered it did, and the pool should operate as normal.

The committee reviewed possible action and recommendation on the 2026 playground woodchip proposal from Natural Solutions LLC. Geary informed the committee the playgrounds don't need the full 3-inch fill every year so quotes were obtained for different depths of woodchip fills. After discussing with park staff, it is believed the playgrounds will only need a 2-inch fill in 2026. Geary also mentioned that the price went up \$.25 per cubic yard from last year. Kube asked if they smooth out the low spots before filling. Geary stated that park staff level out those areas before it gets filled in. Kulcinski asked when it is delivered. Geary answered usually end of September or early October. **Motion by Kube, second by Kulcinski to recommend to the Board the approval of the 2026 playground woodchip proposal from Natural Solutions LLC at a 2-inch depth in the amount of \$18,496.50. Carried unanimously.**

The committee reviewed preliminary 2027 capital requests for parks, recreation and aquatics. Geary presented a list of priorities, contingency/emergency items, community requests, and future needs.

Other Business: Kube stated that the Eagle Scout project in Remington Hills Park looks great. Wyss asked if there was a timeline for the paving of the bike trail. Heinig answered that it will be finished in 2027.

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Kube to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Alex Ingleff
Asst. Park & Recreation Director