

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 8, 2025

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Gunderson at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Chris Gunderson, Austin Baehnman and Citizen Member Andy Rosenwinkel and Tim Potratz. Not Present: Vacant Alderman seat, Citizen Members DeAnna Volz, and Lauren Wisner. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Meta Berg, Shani Appleby, Pat Gorchals, Lori Gosz, Dewey Stelzner, Mary Jane Baehman and Cathy Spiegelberg.

*Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve the Recreation Committee minutes from January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11, 2025. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Citizen Appearances:** Mary Jane Baehman gave updates on Historical Society events and Horse & Buggy Days & Beyond. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade pictures will be displayed in the Old Bank building for Paul Revere's ride on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a kick off to the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Nation which will be in 2026. The Historical Society will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> by cleaning around the Little Red Schoolhouse. May 15<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade History Day and also hoping to host the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The painting on the Silo is to start in early June. Richard and Kathy Wagner have been chosen as King & Queen for Horse & Buggy Days and Beyond this year.

**WF Youth Baseball/Softball Updates:** Chief Leschke gave the update for Brian Doherty. The benches for the dugouts were ordered this week. The scoreboard is back up and running. Carson Faulkner and Brian Doherty are getting the field ready quickly because the School District needs to hold some middle school baseball games on it.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks Celebration Updates – Dewey Stelzner:** Three groups have committed to doing concessions the night of the fireworks. Will not be having Frankie Muscato sing. DJ Reggie will be playing music instead. Have been getting a lot of interest in the UTV parade. Will be limiting it to 25 machines. Have received \$3,000 in donation pledges but have not seen checks come in yet. Will be making a deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup> to get donations turned into the city. Let Dewey know if anyone wants to donate to the fireworks yet. Dewey would like to have a face painter at the event. Meta Berg will ask the person she knows if they would be interested. Dewey also asked about having some non-profits run a dunk tank. The committee was good with the idea and said for Stelzner to reach out to groups that may be interested.

**Discussion and possible action on benches:** Gunderson and Carson Faulkner have been working on a system for residents to order memorial benches to be placed around the city. Will be going with two styles from Barco. A bench that can be engraved at \$615 or a metal bench that would have a plaque attached to it for approximately \$475. Faulkner is also working on a form that the resident will complete indicating which bench they would like to have ordered and the location of where it should be installed in the city. *Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to approve the Barco benches be used as Memorial benches and have Carson Faulkner provide an order form with purchasing details. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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**Set next meeting date/time:** The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** Potratz commented that we should be good with lifeguards for the year. Most from last year will be returning. Mayor Luedke is working on adding platform steps to the inflatables to make it easier for everyone to get on them.

*Motion Gunderson, second Baehnman, to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Recommendations to Council:**

1. Recommend approving the Barco benches be used as Memorial benches and have Carson Faulkner provide an order form with purchasing details.

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk