

1 Park and Recreations Committee  
2 City of Tomahawk, City Council Chambers  
3 23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tomahawk, WI 54487  
4 August 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.  
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6 Call to Order: Mickey Loka called the Park and Recreations Committee to order at 5:10 p.m.  
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8 Roll Call: Committee members present were Jim Daenicke, Mickey Loka, Dan Schuller, and Steve  
9 “Ding” Bartz. Absent was Jeffrey Kahle, Melissa Nieman and Justin Lund.  
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11 Also present was Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Miranda Swenty, Park Leadsperson Steve Borem, in the  
12 public Mary Steigerwaldt, Ed Steigerwaldt, Connie Norgren, Laura Hamer, Patricia Erickson, Bill  
13 Erickson, David Soderberg, Scuff Theiler, Darryl Hamer, Morgan Crosby, Connie DeBels, and Jim  
14 Graeber.  
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16 Public comments: There were no public comments.  
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18 Minutes: BARTZ MOVED to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025, and SCHULLER  
19 seconded. The VOTE was unanimous.  
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21 Other Business

22 A proposed Ordinance Restricting Certain Artificial Wake Enhancement (Wake surfing)  
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24 David Soberg, Friends of Lake Mohawksin, stated that he had done some research on who has  
25 jurisdiction of Wisconsin River and talked with the Department of Natural Resources. He went on  
26 explaining these references and how once there is a wake it makes a tornado hit bottom of the lake  
27 and stirs up the bedding for fish and makes it hard to fish to see anything. Bill Erickson also  
28 mentioned that the wake damages loon beds. Discussion followed.  
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30 Concerns were brought up with having Airbnb’s on the lake and visitors bringing up their boats and  
31 leaving the residents to recover from those issues.  
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33 SCHULER stated enforcement is going to be an issue even if signs are put up, County discussion  
34 would be needed to put together an ordinance.  
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36 BARTZ made the motion to develop an ordinance restricting certain artificial wake enhancement  
37 (Wakesurfing) and to forward it to the Council. SCHULER seconded. The vote 3-1 with DEANICKE,  
38 SCHULLER, BARTZ in favor and Mickey LOKA opposed.  
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40 A Proposed Ordinance Establishing Park Regulations and Park Operating Hours  
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42 Mickey LOKA stated the police department will not lock our city bathrooms since that is not a  
43 requirement in our City ordinance for park closure. He stated that it would help keep people from  
44 sleeping in the parks and vandalism down. Discussion went on regarding the hours of the parks  
45 closing.

1 SCHULER motioned to approve the ordinance with the change of 5:00 a.m. instead of 7:00am and  
2 to take out the wording “held at the park.”

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4 DAENICKE seconded. The vote was unanimous.

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6 Washington Square Park: Rules and Updated Signs

7 The Committee discussed the updated rules and signs. The Committee suggested moving “No  
8 drinking the spray area water” further down the list so it was not the first one.

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10 Update on water usage

11 Discussion followed with the given update on water usage and how much it costs quarterly.

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13 Food Truck Permit

14 SCHUELER motioned to table this subject until it goes to Health and Safety first. BARTZ seconded  
15 the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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17 Vending (Soda) Machines

18 BOREM talked with Paul Lemke at WaWui. He mentioned that if we rent one then it will be taken  
19 care of by the contractor, stocking of it, if it were to get vandalized. If we buy one, it will be the City’s  
20 responsibility to maintain and stock it. BOREM will talk with the Clerk and decide on the vending  
21 machine option.

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23 Park Leadsperson Report: BOREM gave his Park report. He stated that he is running short staffed  
24 with summer help but doing the best he can with the help he has. He also reported that there is a  
25 full-time employee working at Vision Pointe on the bathrooms and all three will be open by Fall  
26 Ride.

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28 Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreations Committee is scheduled for  
29 the second Tuesday of September at City Hall, Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

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31 Adjourn: DAENICKE MOVED to adjourn the meeting of Park and Recreations Committee and  
32 SCHULLER seconded. The VOTE was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.