

Tuesday, September 9, 2025  
5:00 p.m.

Tomahawk City Hall  
23 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

**COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

**JEFF KAHLE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
TERM EXP 2027

**MICKEY LOKA**  
TERM EXP 2026

**STEVE BARTZ**  
TERM EXP 2027

**MELISSA NIEMAN**  
TERM EXP 2028

**DAN SCHULLER**  
TERM EXP 2028

**JUSTIN LUND**  
TERM EXP 2026

**JIM DAENICKE**  
TERM EXP 2027

**AGENDA**

- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Public Comments** (During this item on the agenda the Committee listens to oral comments from members of the public on non-agenda items. When speaking please state your name and limit your time to five minutes.)
- C. **Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**
  - 1. August 12, 2025
- D. **Other Business**
  - 1. An ordinance to regulate wake enhancement on Lake Mohawksin in the City of Tomahawk (Wakesurfing)
- E. **Park Leadsperson Report**
- F. **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting**
  - 1. October 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- G. **Adjournment**

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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.

# CITY OF TOMAHAWK

## ORDINANCE 2025-

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### An ordinance of the City of Tomahawk to amend the Municipal Code, Chapter 66 Park and Recreations by adding Article V. Artificial Wake Enhancement

### An ordinance to regulate wake enhancement on Lake Mohawksin in the City of Tomahawk and prescribing penalties for violations thereof.

The Common Council of the City of Tomahawk, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

#### **Section 66-92. Applicability and Enforcement.**

1. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the water of Lake Mohawksin in the City of Tomahawk.
2. This Chapter shall be enforced by the Officers of the City of Tomahawk or individuals appointed by the City and/or Lincoln County Sheriff's department as requested along with any and all other State and County officers authorized by law to enforce the same.

#### **Section 66-93. Intent.**

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of water resources.

#### **Section 66-94. State Laws Adopted.**

Statutory provisions describing, defining and prohibiting conduct in the following sections and subsections of the state statutes and cross references to other sections and subsections of the state statutes are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this section with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein:

<i>Wisconsin Statute §</i>	<i>Offense</i>
30.60	Classification of motorboats.
30.61	Lighting equipment.
30.62	Other equipment.
30.625	Rental of motorboats.
30.63	Sale and use of certain outboard motors restricted.
30.635	Motorboat prohibition.
30.64	Patrol boats.
30.35	Traffic rules.
30.66	Speed restrictions.
30.67	Accidents and accident reports.
30.675	Distress signal flag.
30.678	Boating safety certificates; requirements; exemptions; operation by minors.
30.68	Prohibited operation.
30.681	Intoxicating boating.
30.682	Preliminary breath screening test.
30.683	Implied consent.
30.684	Chemical tests.
30.686	Report arrest to department.
30.687	Officer's action after arrest for violating intoxicated boating law.

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30.69	Water skiing.
30.70	Skin diving.
30.71	Disposal of waste from boats equipped with toilets.

### **Section 66-95. Definitions.**

*Motorboat* means a boat powered by and internal combustion engine.

*Motorized Watercraft* includes motorboats and PWCs.

*Public Access* means any access to the waters by means of public property.

*PWC* means a personal watercraft powered by an interna combustion engine commonly known as a jet ski.

*Slow-No-Wake* means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

*Shore Zone* means all surface water within 35 feet of the shoreline.

*Transition Speed* means the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so that the boat is planing.

### **Section 66-96. Restrictions.**

1. No person may use or employ water sacks, ballast tanks, submersible wings, or any other device which causes a boat to operate in a bow-high manner, or which increases or enhances a boat's wake.
2. No person may operate any motorized watercraft in an artificial bow-high manner, in order to increase or enhance the boat's wake. Such prohibited operation shall apply to wake enhancement by the use of ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, uneven loading or operation at transition speed.
3. No person may operate any motorized watercraft at a transition speed for over 100 feet in length.

### **Section 66-97. Posting requirements.**

The City of Tomahawk shall place and maintain a synopsis of this Article at public access points for Lake Mohawksin within the City of Tomahawk.

### **Section 66-98. Penalties.**

1. Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. Stats. § 30.80 and deposits as established by the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.
2. Any person violating a provision of this ordinance for which no statutory equivalent exists in Wis Statutes Chapter 30 shall forfeit the following:
  - a. Any person found guilty of violating Section 66-96 of this Chapter shall pay forfeiture established by the City of Tomahawk together with the cost of prosecution.

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**Section 66-99. Severability.**

The provisions of the Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the City of Tomahawk would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether one or more provision or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to the other persons or circumstance shall not be affected.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor Steve Taskay

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk-Treasurer Amanda L. Bartz

**Notes:**

Ordinance pertaining to the equipment, use or operation of boats on inland lakes shall be subject to advisory review by the DNR at least 60 days prior to final adoption (Wis Stats. § 30.77(3)(d)).

Within 20 days of receipt of the proposed ordinance the DNR shall advise the City on their review. The report shall look for things like “ordinances are consistent with chapter 30 Wis Stats. as to public health, safety or welfare, including the public’s interest in preserving the state’s natural resources.”

All Cities, towns, and villages that Lake Mohawksin is located in must adopt the same ordinance.

**THE REQUIREMENT  
TO POST SIGNAGE AT  
PUBLIC LANDINGS IS  
SIMPLE**

## **LOCAL ORDINANCE**

Tomahawk Ordinance \_\_\_\_: date

Bradley Ordinance \_\_\_\_: date

Wilson Ordinance \_\_\_\_: date

**WAKE ENHANCEMENT PROHIBITED ON LAKE  
MOHAWKSIN**

**USE OF BALLAST TANKS/BAGS OR FINS OR  
CONTINUOUS PLOWING OPERATION  
CAUSING WAKE ENHANCEMENT PROHIBITED**