

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Meeting called to order 9:35am.

Commission members in attendance: Jennifer Meyer, Kathy Alf, Tom Roach, Barb Kleist, and Tony Bischel.

Adopt agenda; motion made by Jennifer/sec Kathy and passed.

Approval of October 8, 2025 minutes; motion made by Jennifer/sec Tom and passed.

Financial Report

Total expenses in October \$ 1,598.17 total year to date \$ 12,507.94 Town of Union Treasurer report dated October 14, 2025 shows Visit Eau Claire Dest & Dev balance \$ 52,329.77 (\$ 22,433.75 has been spent on Vault Toilet as of October 14 leaving a correct balance of \$ 29,896.02). Nicolet Park Checking shows a balance of \$ 5,768.51 of which \$ 3,486.00 is Aylen Bain Memorial fund.

Motion to approve the financial report made by Jennifer/sec Tom and passed.

Work Log

Tom	Park maintenance Sherman 1 hour & Conservancy 1.5 hours	\$ 37.50
Barb	Park maint. Conservancy camera review & vault toilet 2.5 hrs	37.50
Dean	Visit EC two meetings @ \$ 25 per Diem each	50.00

Invoices

-Blue Ox Inv# 5 dated 10/10/25 Conservancy trail clean up	\$ 810.00
-Barb Kleist reimburse Menards dated 10-14-25 Tote for Conservancy	7.55
-Tim & Linda Johnson fee for horse drawn wagon rides Inv dated 10-25-25	600.00
-credit card charge for Sam's Club dated 10-23-25 Fall Event supplies	229.88

A motion to approve work log and invoices made by Kathy/sec Tom and passed.

Parks Discussion

Sherman Creek Park

The Commission discussed replacing a bridge. Tony suggested watching online auction sites once it is determined what the required specifications for replacement would be.

Conservancy

The Fall Event took place on Saturday, October 25 approximately 100 people attended. Activities included horse drawn wagon rides through the forest, a ribbon cutting of the Teal Vault Toilet, a guided hike by Landmark Conservationist Sara Norman, and a CPR demonstration by the Town of Union Firefighters.

Tony suggested working on the invasive species, buckthorn at the Conservancy. DNR grants are available for this type of project. Applications are open July 1 – October 1 with a 50/50 match and ranging from \$ 1,000 to \$ 25,000. The funds would then be available the following calendar year.

Barb has received an inquiry about placing a dog park at the Conservancy. The Commission discussed the inquiry and determined it is not a proper use for the Conservancy.

New Business

The proposed 2026 Budget was reduced by \$ 3,000 to \$ 39,000.

Old Business

Dean forwarded an email he received from the group working on the Aylen Bain Memorial Project. The email included the design of three signs 20 inches wide by 12 inches tall.

Dean emailed an updated on the Visit Eau Claire contract negotiations with the city of Eau Claire.

The 2026 Project Plan will focus on stairs at the Conservancy on the trail currently referred to as the Lumberman's Trail. The Commission will also explore bridge replacement at Sherman Creek Park.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 3 @ 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am motion made by Kathy/sec Tony and passed.