

## PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2026

Meeting called to order 9:39am.

Commission members in attendance: Jennifer Meyer, Kathy Alf, Tom Roach, Barb Kleist, Dean Kallenbach, and Tony Bischel; guests: Kenzi Havlicek and Dana Crosson from Visit Eau Claire

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

Approval of February 4, 2026 minutes; motion made by Dean/sec Tom and passed.

### Financial Report

Total expenses in February \$ 399.29 total year to date \$ 1,178.43 Town of Union Treasurer Report dated February 10, 2026 shows Visit EC Dest. & Dev. balance of \$ 29,896.02 Nicolet Park Checking shows a balance of \$ 5,778.15 of which \$ 3,385.00 is Bain memorial fund. Motion to approve financial report made by Jennifer/sec Tom and passed.

### Work Log

Tom	Park maintenance-Sherman garbage	.5 hours @ \$15/hr.	Total	\$ 7.50
Dean	3-Visit EC meetings @ \$ 25.00 each			75.00
	8 miles reimbursement			

Motion made to approve work log made by Kathy/sec Jennifer and passed.

### Parks Discussion

#### Sherman Creek Park

Tom continues to monitor the trash can. No other updates.

#### Conservancy

Tom continues to monitor the geocache boxes.

The cost of the trash service at the Conservancy has increased significantly since the original quoted price of \$ 18.00 per month, weekly pick up. Service was started in January 2023. For the 3 month period ending March 31, 2026 the bill was \$ 125.69 Jennifer will contact Waste Management to inquire about the process to initiate cancellation of service.

Tony shared the completed survey from Hiess-Loken & Associates, LLC for stairs project. The next step is to plan where the stairs (gravel trail with a railing) will be placed.

### Old Business

Dean presented estimates for the Aylene Bain Memorial. The estimates are for eleven 20" x 12" signs. Two local companies gave estimates high range with installation approximately \$ 11,700 and low range \$ 2,700 with installation. A mid-range estimate is \$ 8,200 with installation. There are significant differences in the types of signs and the prices reflect the differences. Dean will check to see if other options are available.

### New Business

Kenzi Havlicek, executive director and Dana Crosson director of sales from Visit Eau Claire attended the meeting to discuss Destination Development Funds under the new 3 year contract beginning January 1, 2026. Tourism generated by existing Town of Union stake holders such as Silvermine Ski Jump, The Pines Music Park, Westgate Sportsman Club, and Eau Claire Bit and Spur were discussed. Future ways to include these stakeholders in Park Commission plans under the new rules of the contract was also discussed.

### Next meeting Wednesday, April 1 @ 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am motion made by Jennifer/sec Dean and passed.