

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 9th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Bob Schweder
Bill Boutwell
Mike Skivington
David Albright
Nancy Hiestand
Nita Krenz

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

John Willett, N5415 Brooklyn G Rd – spoke regarding the Highway Department spraying the ditches.

Tony Daley, Berlin Journal – spoke regarding the Highway Department spraying the ditches.

Catherine Klumb, W2484 County Rd CC – spoke regarding the Highway Department spraying the ditches.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 03/12/2026 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTION

- **Resolution Creating County Memorial Tree Program**

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Memorial pendent will be offered with the tree for an additional \$50. There will be no charges for the planting and care of the tree.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Land Conservation** – Todd Morris went over his report found in the packet. Arbor Day is on April 24th. Contact Heidi in the Land Conservation office to sign up.
- **Parks** – Pit bathrooms have been cleaned out. The LTE positions have been posted.

PARKS PIT BATHROOM RECEPTACLES

There has been a lot of garbage thrown in the bathroom toilets which makes it harder for them to get cleaned out. Van Meel would like to add garbage's around the parks to help eliminate this issue. These garbage's would be concreted down so they cannot be stolen.

COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

The survey has not gotten much use. However, once parks start getting used more this summer, the maintenance department is expecting it to be used more.

Boutwell suggested adding changing houses/showers to the parks with swimming beaches. Discussion held.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – May 14th, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Highway spraying discussion
 - Power loading discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk