



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PARK COMMISSION

JORDAN PARK WEST LODGE
1770 CTY RD Y
STEVENS POINT, WI 54482

Thursday, February 12, 2026

5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Park Commission meeting was called to order at 05:00 PM

Members Present: Steve Fritz, Joe Cyran, Shaun Przybylski, Brian Swan.

Members Excused: Andrew Rockman, Don Butkowski, James Yetter

Staff Attending: Ryan Rose, Sue McKenzie

Others Attending: Beth Molski

REPORTS

1. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

n/a

2. Director Report: Ryan Rose

- Update on 2026/2032 C.I.P. requests
- (Approved) New playground equipment at Dubai and Collins Park- 2026 \$80,400.
- Piston Bully 2027: (request) \$265,000.
- New Tractor front end loader 2028 (request) \$95,000
- Skid Steers 2030: (request) \$120,000.
- Annual Ski Report (Attachment)
- Update on Kiosk Kayak rental for Jordan Park.

3. YTD Budget Report

PRESENTATIONS

4. Steinhaugen Forest Management/ Ecological Restoration Project: Dr. Mike Demchik.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Approval of (draft) December 11, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Przybylski, seconded by Commissioner Swan, to approve the draft December 11th minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion/Possible Action on moving forward with Steinhaugen Forest management/Eacological Restoration Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Przybylski, seconded by Commissioner Swan to approve moving forward with Steinhagen Forest management/Ecological Restoration Project. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action on working with the WDNR and accepting timber contract with Weekly Timber and Pulp Inc' to thin red pine stands located at Jordan Park and Wolf Lake.

A motion was made by Commissioner Przybylski, seconded by Commissioner Cyran, to approve working alongside WIDNR and accept the timber contract with Weekly Timber and Pulp Inc to thin the red pine stands located at Jordan Park and Wolf Lake. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Discussion only on placing a Little Library Kiosk outside of Jordan Nature Center

Beth Molksi came to talk to Commissioners about Little Free Library's. The Commissioners discussed possible areas like Jordan Park Nature Center. No further action.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. April 9, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Cyran, seconded by Commissioner Swan, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 06:09 PM

APPROVED