

Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association



WPRA Region II Meeting

Thursday, October 9 2025 • 9:45am– 2:30pm

City of Menasha ~ Jefferson Park

Address: 915 3rd Menasha, WI 54952 (Park in the parking lots adjacent to the Menasha Corp. Pavilion)

Itinerary:

9:45 a.m. – Arrival/refreshments/light assorted bagels/bakery items – Great Harvest

10:00 - Host report – Menasha Parks, Recreation, & Forestry – Megan, Chloe, Mayor Hammond

10:15-11:15 WI DNR: Bill McNee – Current And Emerging Forest Health Issues In Northeast Wisconsin”

CEU Approved

11:15-12:15– Tour of Jefferson Park – Upgraded new pavilion & social space, new playground, and current construction of boat landing, and new ball field

12:30-1:30 – Lunch -Great Harvest – Assorted Sandwich Platter, Fruit Platter, Chips, Cookies

1:30pm- Business meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Acknowledge sponsor(s)/host(s)/presenter(s)

3. Introductions

4. Host Presentation – Completed at 10am.

5. Approve Region Minutes – May 8, 2025 ~ De Pere Parks, Rec, & Forestry - Approved

6. Region Financial Report

Region 2 Budget 2025			
Revenue	\$	5,000.00	
Expenditures			
Region 2 Meeting 3/27/2025			
	\$	-	
Breakfast	\$	154.03	Aquamos Coffee Collaborative
Lunch	\$	488.70	Schueler's
Speaker	\$	-	Rettler Corporation
Region 2 Meeting 5/8/2025			
	\$	-	
Breakfast	\$	141.07	TBD
Lunch	\$	422.46	Maple Buzz
Speaker	\$	857.20	Lynda Fink
Region 3 Meeting TBD			
	\$	-	
Breakfast	\$	9.38	TBD
Lunch	\$	682.00	TBD
Speaker	\$	-	WI DNR
Region 2 Meeting 12/11/2025			
Breakfast		0	TBD
Lunch		0	TBD
Speaker		0	TBD
Xmas Prize		0	
		\$ 2,754.84	
\$	2,245.16		

7. Region Business- Share information about region; upcoming region activities/speakers

8. Reports

a. Section Reports

i. Aquatic

Aquatics – Awards. Met this week. Drowning prevention initiatives meeting next week. Share information you have to Chloe on Drowning initiatives

ii. Park

Fall Workshop was 10/1 – 10/2 – thanks to all who were able to attend!

Park section has submitted all sessions for the annual conference, and we are excited to offer sessions that build upon the most attended park sessions from 2025 following trends in technology in parks.

We are still looking for a park section pre-chair – Amanda is awesome and would show them the ropes for sure 😊

iii. Recreation - Rec Section was Tuesday Oct. 14th. Award decision season. Meeting next week.

Firmed up all speakers for Rec trac for conference.

iv. Emerging Professionals No report

b. WPRA Report

i. Summary of key actions taken at Board meetings

- Ai for Parks, Rec, Forestry
- WPRA Connect – WPRA will make a concerted effort to remind people to use WPRA Connect instead of mass email blasts throughout region. It was relayed to Region 2 rep that we cannot send out contact list d/t liability of not being able to guarantee contact information would not be used outside association purposes.

ii. Upcoming event and deadline reminders:

1. Membership Dues
2. Nominations
3. Awards
4. IMPACT Magazine & PR Monthly
5. Any Upcoming Events

iii. WPRA Committee/Subcommittee Updates

iv. WPRA Foundation Updates

c. Public Policy Update Knowles Nelson still working on policies. Hoping to come to a conclusion by fall.

d. NRPA Update & National News WI represented well and learned a lot.

9. Open Discussion Forum

- Sherwood looking for wage scales for Park and Rec employees.
- Laura – Waupaca – Opening a business center. Looking to see if any other municipalities operate a business center. Janesville was suggested as potentially having a business center. Howard Commons was suggested as looking into.
- Jeff B. Appleton – Sponsorships – wondering if anyone has increased sponsorships for events/programs/etc. If so, what does the matrix look like for how much increases are. Send sponsorship guides to Nikki Wendt in Appleton. Most ask on an individual basis and did increase sponsorship dollars asked for.
- Kyle – Program Guides – are municipalities mailed out? Some do and some don't. Is there a correlation to not printing and registration levels?

10. Adjourn – December meeting information will be released in November.

Adjourn Jeff B. and Sarah S.