

**Village of Holmen  
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

Committee Chairman Stanek called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2018 at the Holmen Village Hall.

**Present:** Rod Stanek, Rich Anderson, Brandon Cain, Scott Heinig, Mike Brogan, Chris McArdle-Rojo

**Absent:** Chris Geary (excused)

**Guests:** None

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Cain to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Library Director's monthly report:** McArdle-Rojo distributed the monthly statistics report to the committee. June 2018 had a door count of 17,912, compared to 7,772 in 2017. McArdle-Rojo stated a recent story time event had 142 participants, which would have never fit in the old library.

McArdle-Rojo and the committee discussed topic of fine free libraries and Read Away programs, since it was recently implemented in the city of La Crosse and at the Trempealeau library. McArdle-Rojo stated that La Crosse Public libraries purged all of the outstanding charges for city residents and did not release a dollar amount purged, but if the county did that the amount owed would be \$161,802.90. Due to the impact of the Read Away the county is reducing the expected income from \$26,500 in 2017 to \$22,500 in 2019. La Crosse County has reviewed the potential of following suit with similar policies to La Crosse Public and cannot do so without a direct impact resulting in an increase on the levy or reducing services or staff. With no incentive to return materials, patrons will wait longer for materials and increase costs for smaller libraries as they will be motivated to purchase additional materials to satisfy the demand.

**Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:**

**Recreation:** Brogan stated that most programs are at their mid-points and end in late July. Upcoming tournaments at Deer Wood Park include July 13th-15th for baseball (10U & 13U), July 20th-21st for softball (18U, 14U, 12U, 10U), and July 27th-28th for baseball (8U). Upcoming band shell events include: July 15th – TUGG, July 22nd – Under Paris Skies, and July 29th – Grumpy Old Men. Brogan stated that the fall/winter brochure is currently being prepared and will be distributed in late-August.

**Pool:** Brogan stated that in the past month the pool hosted a swim meet on June 16th and Luau pool party on June 20th. Upcoming events include a pool party on July 18th and the annual Kid's Carnival on August 15th. Brogan stated that the pool has had high attendance numbers so far this season.

Brogan stated the August meeting will discuss 2019 budget priorities and proposals for asphalt repairs and sealcoating.

**Other Business:** None

Motion by Cain, second by Anderson to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Mike Brogan  
Park & Recreation Director