

Coloma Park Board Minutes
300 S Front St, Coloma, WI 54930
Monday August 10, 2026

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Erik Johnston @6:44pm. Board members present were: Erik Johnston, Alan Anckner, Shelly Anckner, Ashley Podoll, Micah Holton and Werner Gade. Also present Mike Decorah Excused: Jill Steckbauer, Corie Meyer
- 2) The agenda was presented. Motion to approve by Alan 2nd by Ashley - approved
- 3) Minutes from July 13, 2026 Regular meeting presented. Motion to approve by Alan 2nd by Erik - approved
- 4) Financial report – motion to approve by Alan 2nd by Ashley- approved
- 5) Public Comment: None
- 6) Reports
 - a) Friends of the Park – none
 - b) The Fire department – none
 - c) Coloma Business Association – none
 - d) Coloma Lions Club report or request – Shelly reported Werner Gade accepted the Lions appointment to the Park board
 - e) Coloma Area Historical Society – None
 - f) Village Maintenance Dept – Mike Decorah
 - i) The drags for the ballfields have been fixed
 - ii) The park mower will be kept until it no longer works
 - iii) Park benches – clarifying which ones will need to be relocated
 - iv) Working on humps in the lawn where the car show sits
 - v) Resin benches – in progress
 - vi) Yellow weeds are gone
 - vii) Lower park dug out walls have been removed
 - viii) Fix ball diamond back fence
 - ix) Bee's have been taken care of
 - x) Clean park barn – has been started
 - xi) Pickle ball one net was packed up and put in barn and the tennis net put back up
 - xii) Gas tank is empty – Mike suggested he could just use jugs
 - (1) Ashley made a motion to get the tank filled to ½ if possible and split the cost with village 2nd by Micah - approved.
 - xiii) Basket ball rims need to be replaced but need correct bolt pattern to match existing mounts. Some were found at Dunham's cost is \$85 each
 - xiv) Bike station installation needs cement and a cement mixer – Mike will burrow mixer from Alan
 - (1) Werner made a motion for Mike to purchase concrete up to \$50 Ashley 2nd motion approved
 - xv) Mike will be contacting Alliant to replace parking lot lights
- 7) Unfinished Business
 - a) Playground for tomorrow update – Some of the equipment has been delivered for the splashpad. A teams meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8/11/26 with CRS to go over scope of work. A Representative from CRS will be picking up some of the equipment to do prep work ahead of the install. An electrician is being lined up and Erik will talk to Bob about any permits needed. Breaking ground in next couple weeks. Need to set up a time for photo op.
 - b) Grant updates – look into Kwik Trip opportunity

- c) Ball team use in Fall 2026 – The team is looking to do a tournament in October. They want to rent the park and do concessions they would use the pavilion as well as the ball fields. We will check to see if we can have some materials to promote our Playground for Tomorrow project also. All agreed this would be ok.
- d) Internet for WIFI service for security – this is still in progress
- e) Trim trees at entrance to the park so the bike sign is visible – in the process of being done
- f) Drainage issue in parking lot is still being worked on

8) New Business

- a) Woods clean-up in the upper park – Need to look into replacing some of the trees, or possible transplanting, that are being taken out. Werner will do some checking to see what would work best in our park and in what locations to best utilize the space for events it is used for.
- b) Reservation system for ball field/tennis courts – we need to look into having a schedule or post put up by the courts so groups can reserve for their event. Suggested something similar to the little library that would be protected from weather.
 - a. May need to look into a fee structure if the event is for profit to help cover maintenance costs. May also need to be sure it isn't conflicting with other rentals in the park. More conversation is needed on the rental agreement and what you are renting.
- c) Squatter – vagrancy ordinance needed – the Wisconsin Stat covers this, however we should make our park hours sign more visible. We will create a park rules sign that can be put up in several location at the park entrances. This sign with rules would include no dogs in park.
- d) Epoxy the bathroom floors – will be getting estimates
- e) Carol will be gone in September, Mike said he can take care of opening and being sure bathrooms are clean and the board will be sure they get checked and locked at night.
- f) Pm The next meeting time was changed to so more members could be present. And will need to discuss winter meetings as no need to meet every month in off season. To be put on September agenda.
- g) T-Shirts – Ashley shared that a local business is creating a Coloma limited addition T-shirt to be sold to benefit the Playground for tomorrow. These will be available to purchase at Uniquely Yours looking to have some samples done for bingo nights. Orders can be taken. Shirts will be \$20
- h) Bingo in the park to benefit the playground starts Tuesday August 25 food @ 5:30pm bingo at 6pm. Everyone is encouraged to help when they can. It will be every Tuesday thru September.
- i) The Coloma elementary school is looking into doing a color run event and would like to involve the community groups and host this at the park. More information to come.

9) Motioned to adjourn by Shelly @ 8:30pm 2nd by Micah Motion carried.

Next Park Board meeting: Monday September 14, 2026 7PM @ The Park