Coloma Park Board Minutes
300 S Front St, Coloma, WI 54930
Monday October 12, 2026

1) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Erik Johnston @7:07pm. Board members present were: Alan Anckner, Shelly Anckner, Jill Steckbauer, Corie Meyer, Ashley Podoll, Micah Holton and Werner Gade. Also, present Janet Rios and Abby Pachel
2) The agenda was presented. Motion to approve by Jill 2nd by Micah - approved
3) Minutes from September 14, 2026 Regular meeting presented. Motion to approve by Werner 2nd by Ashley - approved
4) Financial report – need clarification of park payables $1164.54 as it looks to be recorded on the budget portion as 1144.23 for supplies. Also, the donation and rental of 200.00 each should they be under park rental for both? Need to fill in ?'s on Playground for tomorrow account. With corrections to be presented at next meeting, motion to approve by Corie 2nd by Micah - approved
5) Public Comment: A question was asked if the Village of Coloma would consider helping with the cost of the Playground. It was discussed that the Village supports the park through its annual budget allocation, arranging for and encouraging in-kind donations of time and talents, and by absorbing and/or reducing some park related operational costs such as labor, etc.
6) Reports
   a) Friends of the Park – Janet reported that they are done for the year. The north bed by the splashpad will have the border raised in the Spring of 2027.
   b) The Fire department – Alan reported they are donating $2100 to the playground and he will follow up about the deposit date.
   c) Coloma Business Association – Ashley reported they are having a meeting the end of October. Christmas in Coloma is in the planning stages. It will be Saturday December 5. The Park board is planning a pancake breakfast. The parade will not end up at the park. Suggestion was made to maybe start @ the park. Ashley asked if anyone would be interested in still decorating possibly set a date when it could be done. The Decorated Christmas trees will be displayed by the Entrance again. They will have a Cash calendar and a map with where you can see Christmas lights.
   d) Coloma Lions Club report or request – none
   e) Coloma Area Historical Society – None
   f) Village Maintenance Dept – nothing to report
7) Unfinished Business
   a) Playground for tomorrow update – Electric is in and well is set-up. Waiting on extensions for the Water tower to finish install. Concrete issues to be corrected in several spots and possibly stained.
   Need to raise an additional $20,000 by 10/28/26 to purchase playground equipment only at a 55% savings.
   Erik made a motion to move forward with purchasing equipment @ the discounted rate if we raise $20,000 in the next 12 days. Motion was 2nd by Werner motion carried.
   A social media post will be put out and we will get the word out to as many people as possible.
   b) Grant updates – Several grants have been submitted: Brakebush, Kwik Trip and National Exchange plus others
   c) Internet for WIFI service for security – A funding request has been submitted via the 2027 budget process. No additional updates are expected until that process is completed.
   d) Drainage issue in parking lot gravel is there. Work continuing
   e) Signs – Dogs/Park Rules: ongoing discussion
   f) Reservation system –. On going discussion.
8) New Business
   a) Woods clean-up in the upper park – on going waiting for fuel prices to come down

b) 2027 Budget: still in process.

c) Park is closed order in to have water lines blown out by Kerschner's

9) Next meeting Monday November 9, 2026 @ 7PM in the Community Center

10) Motioned to adjourn by Jill @ 8:50pm 2nd by Ashley Motion carried.