Town of Berry Park Committee Meeting
Sep 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560
Approved Feb 9, 2026

1. Call to order 7:00
    a. Present Molling, Lucey, Bayer, Crittenden
2. Approve minutes of Jul 1, 2025.
    a. Motion: Lucey/Crittenden to approve. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
3. Public Comments: You may address the Board on any item not on the agenda. A discussion item may be placed on a future agenda. Public comment may be heard on any agenda item either now, or at the time the agenda item is to be discussed, or at the discretion of the Chair at any other time the agenda item is discussed. Comments are generally limited to three minutes.
    a. none
4. Review 2025 prairie activities.
    a. Burn (none)
    b. Weed control – invasive cattail and reed canary were treated. Dave only saw and removed a few teasel, parsnip, sweet clover. Purple loosestrife coming in. Galacerna beetles are a potential way to control (might need to have enough plants to support a population). Talk to Shawn Esser about it – he has them. Cut areas of cattail some are resprouting, so will need more treatment next year. Lots of good insect noise observed by David, lots of birds also. Not many seeds of some particular plants this year, so probably a good thing we did not have to collect for rejected conversion of playing field.
    c. Kestrel box – nothing but starlings for these first 2 years (2024-2025). Have one more year and if no kestrels, David will move it.
5. Future 2026 activities: discussion/action.
    a. Prevention of barn swallow nesting in park shelter
        i. Motion Molling/Bayer: spend no more than $1000 for some sort of netting for underside of shelter. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
    b. Kestrel box – 2026 will be one more attempt.
    c. Seed purchase/application for weed control areas. Ask Craig Annen if we should plant those kill areas with prairie seed or if it's going to be wetland. Christine will contact him.
    d. Weed control. Reed Canary grass, purple loosestrife. David wants to know how Craig would proceed to control reed canary and loosestrife. Christine will ask him. Hand pulling a strategy for loosestrife?
    e. Burn planning. Try again for spring 2026. (Last one was spring 2024). David will ask Jim Parry and Denny Connor again.
6. Recommendations for 2026 budget.
    a. Motion Molling/Crittenden: recommend to board same amount as last year ($3500) for 2026 Park Budget. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
7. Schedule next meeting: Mon Feb 9, 2026, 7pm.
8. Adjourn
    a. Motion Lucey/Molling. Motion carried. Vote 4-0.
    b. Adjourned 7:56pm.

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Additional information as of Sep 15, 2025

2025 Budgeted amount for

1. Park mowing (park only) = $1,500
2. Park other operations (weed control, etc.) = $2,000

Current balances in accounts for

1. Park mowing = $520, this does not include any mowing invoices from September or October
2. Park other operations = $4,503 ($800 for seed)
3. Shelter fund = $158

2025 mowing charges

1. Path = $15/mow
2. Athletic field = $45/mow