Town of Berry Park Committee Meeting
Sep 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560
Agenda

1. Call to order 5:31
2. Approve minutes of Feb 9, 2026.
    a. Motion: Lucy/Crittendon 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.
4. Review 2026 prairie activities: discussion
    a. Burn (none)
    b. Weed control
        i. Going well. Craig Annen says reed canary is being affected. Invasive cattail all done for the most part. Working on purple loosestrife. David took care of a bunch of wild parsnip and some trees.
    c. Kestrel box
        i. Starlings again – evicted 3x. David will remove the box because starlings won't leave it alone.
    d. Barn swallow netting
        i. Looks good, effective, no staples are popping yet. Will inspect again in spring.
5. Future 2026-2027 activities: discussion/action.
    a. Tree planting, landscaping changes
        i. Jane wanted to donate a maple seedling from the tree that she gave to Vera Dahlman (now Renee's house) as a memory of the Berry Backyard Club. No seedlings available this year. It's a red-colored maple when it turns – Renee will try to identify the type. Will revisit the subject when we have a tree.
        ii. Recommend removing several and replace only 4.
    b. Burn
        i. David talked to Jim Parry. He doesn't like to do a fall burn in moist areas – not effective. Plus, Jim sold all his equipment, so he can help, but not lead. Could ask the Black Earth Fire Dept, b/c Town hall is in Black Earth FD district. David will contact Chris Schwoerer. Probably not do in Fall, only Spring. Sarah will talk to BMAP group.
    c. Weed control
        i. Don't need to do anything this fall. We'll ask Craig and do based on what he says and budget.
    d. Kestrel box – will be removed.
    e. Barn swallow netting – check in spring
6. A Policy on Seed Collection from Park: discussion/action.
    a. David will look into what others do in terms of a policy. Revisit in Feb.
7. Recommendations for 2027 budget: discussion/action

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    a. At least same amount as last year
8. Future agenda items: discussion
    a. Weed control
    b. Seed collection policy
    c. Burn
    d. Check on any comprehensive plan changes that affect the park
9. Schedule next meeting
    a. Feb 22, 5:30pm.
10. Adjourn
    a. Motion Lucey/Bayer. Motion carried. Vote 4-0
    b. Adjourned at 6:55

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Additional information as of Sep 15, 2026

2026 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 = $545
2. Park other operations = $4,503 ($800 for seed)
3. Shelter fund = $158
4. Maple tree and landscaping = $385.69

2026 mowing charges

1. Path = $15/mow
2. Athletic field = $50/mow

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