



**CITY OF PRESCOTT
PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2026
5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
800 BORNER ST
PRESCOTT, WI 54021**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approve Minutes for April 20, 2026
- 4) Non-Motorized Boat Launch – Repair and Maintenance Items
- 5) Review and Discussion on Magee Park Sign Layout
- 6) Discussion on Transportation Resolution Requested from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- 7) Other Business
- 8) Adjourn

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Parks and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the Parks and Public Works Committee was held April 20th, 2026, Municipal Building, 800 Borner Street, Prescott, Wisconsin, 54021. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Committee Present: Mike Gerke, Dar Hintz, Lindsey Sorenson

Staff Present: City Administrator Matt Wolf, Public Works Director Mike Kinneman, and Planner Luke Wiese

1. Approve Minutes for February 15th, 2025

Hintz motioned to approve the minutes for February 15th. Gerke seconded; motion passed without a negative voice (3-0).

2. 2026 Public Works Work Plan

City Administrator Wolf presented the 2026 Public Works Work Plan, which was developed by staff and provided to the Committee for review and feedback. The work plan includes improvements to signage at the Riverfront Phase 2 project, replacement of lead sewer laterals, Magee Park improvements, and Sunset Park improvements.

The Committee also discussed the upcoming I-35 Project, noting it is still a few years out. Discussion included potential sidewalk connections that may traverse private property and how those situations could be addressed.

Committee member Gerke asked whether the warming house at 809 Hilton St could be removed, noting the building has been in disrepair for a number of years. City administrator Wolf said it would be possible to add that to the work plan.

3. Coulee River Trails Concept Plan – Walnut Circle to Magee Park Connection

City Administrator Wolf presented the Coulee River Trails Concept Plan for the Walnut Circle to Magee Park connection. The plan is part of the approved Walnut Circle subdivision development agreement, which requires the City to construct a trail connection between the development and Magee Park. The City has also entered into a grant agreement with the Friends of Freedom Park/Coulee River Trails for \$100,000, with an additional \$40,000 to be raised to complete the project.

The concept plan includes multiple phases to be constructed as funding becomes available. Phase 1 consists of a 0.24-mile ADA-accessible trail connection between Magee Park and Walnut Circle, proposed for construction in 2027 contingent on funding. Additional future segments include a 0.32-mile accessible trail and two shorter trail segments, which together would bring the total added trail length to just over one mile.

The plan also identifies potential bridge locations within the floodway that have been approved by the Wisconsin DNR for future consideration. In addition, mountain bike trail segments are proposed, with development and maintenance to be handled by Coulee River Trails in accordance with the existing MOU with the City.

Hintz motioned to approve the Coulee River Trails Concept Plan to Council for Approval. Gerke seconded; motion passed without a negative voice (3-0).

4. Private Well Abandonment City Code 563-35 – 1121 Pearl Street

City Administrator Wolf reviewed the status of private wells on Pearl Street and the requirements under City Code § 563-35. Several properties were identified as exempt from the requirement to connect to municipal water due to lack of access or distance from available service. The property at 1121 Pearl Street does not qualify for this exemption and is required to connect to City water and sanitary sewer.

The Committee discussed how to proceed with 1121 Pearl Street, noting the property currently relies on a shared system and cannot obtain a well operation permit. Kinneman stated he did not have an estimate for the cost of extending utilities but noted that service has been stubbed in the area. Kinneman offered to obtain a quote for the work to be completed.

5. Review of Water Updates Video by City Staff

The Committee was shown the video prepared by City Staff, The video explains the Well #3 updates and how the well functions to deliver clean water to the residents of the City.

The Committee found the video to be very informative and thought it was ready to be posted to the City's social media.

Committee member Hintz wondered how often the membranes in the well had to be replaced. Kinneman said they are checked on a routine basis and will be replaced as needed.

6. Other Business – The Bluffs Park Dedication

City Administrator Wolf explained that with the park dedication for the bluffs, a new park is to be located at the existing skate park. The committee decided they wanted to see the park concept developed internally and wanted to see the park have a multi-functional use.

Commissioner Hintz motioned to adjourn. Gerke seconded; motion passed without a negative voice (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

The next Parks & Public Works Committee will be May 18, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke Wiese".

Luke Wiese, Planner



To: Parks and Public Works Committee

From: Matt Wolf, City Administrator

Date: May 14, 2026

Subject: Non-Motorized Boat Launch Repairs and Maintenance

Background

In October 2024, the City's Parks and Public Works Committee discussed repairs to the non-motorized boat launch located at the end of Lake Street. At that time, the City received a quote from Luke Busker Masonry totaling \$60,625 for the identified repairs, with an additional optional cost of \$29,250 to extend the limestone retaining wall. During the discussion, the Committee requested that staff obtain a second quote for the project.

Public Works Director Mike Kinneman attempted to obtain an additional quote; however, was unable to find another contractor interested in completing the work.

Discussion

Since 2024, the City has prioritized funding for other park-related projects, including masonry repairs at Freedom Park and improvements at Magee Park. However, no major park repair projects are currently anticipated in 2026, and Brian Crist, a resident on Lake Street, has requested the City revisit the repairs at the non-motorized boat launch.

Staff would like direction from the Committee on whether to request an updated quote from Luke Busker Masonry for the proposed repairs.

The City's 2026 budget includes \$50,000 for park improvements and repairs. To date, \$4,881 has been spent, leaving a remaining balance of \$45,119 available for additional park improvement projects.

Photos of the repairs needed are included below. No repair work has been completed since the photos were taken in 2024. Additionally, the City utilized Luke Busker Masonry for masonry improvements at Freedom Park and was satisfied with the quality of the completed work.



Figure 1 Cast Iron Bowls and Concrete Benches



Figure 2 Stone plinths and concrete planters

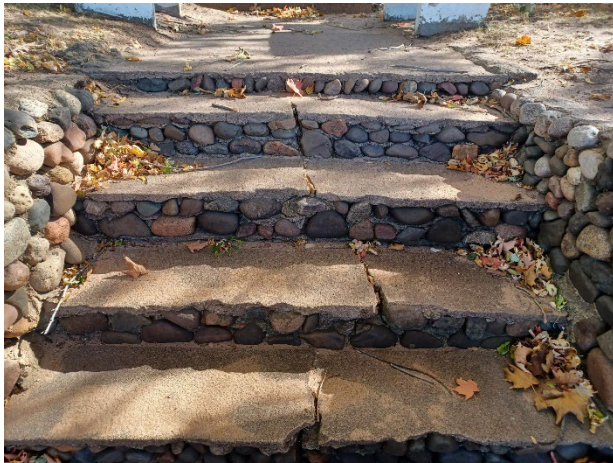


Figure 3 Cracking concrete stairs



Figure 4 Fieldstone wall with worn mortar



Figure 5 Stones falling out of fieldstone wall



Figure 6 Limestone wall with no mortar

Recommendation

Discuss the maintenance items and how we want to move forward with needed repairs and maintenance items at the Non-Motorized Boat Launch

Attachment

1. Luke Buskar Masonry Maintenance Estimate from 2024



To: Parks and Public Works Committee
From: Luke Wiese
Date: May 14, 2026
Subject: Magee Park Signage

Discussion

At the meeting we will discuss the Magee Park signage map. The map identifies proposed signage locations throughout the park and is intended to help organize sign placement along the trail system and other park areas.

The signage shown on the map falls into the following categories:

- Directional signs
- Safety signs
- Trail Markers
- Informational signs
- Boundary signs

Below are some examples of signs for the trail network, more examples can be found at the attached link:



Recommendation

1. Review the Magee Park Signage Map and Consider any potential edits or additions

Attachments

<https://prescottwi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/reporter/index.html?appid=f5a83bd9468848f8a0f6723c1ab7d090>



To: Parks and Public Works Committee
From: Matt Wolf, City Administrator
Date: May 14, 2026
Subject: Transportation Resolution Requested from the LWM

Background

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities is requesting municipalities throughout Wisconsin adopt a resolution advocating for a long-term funding solution for Wisconsin's Transportation Fund ahead of the development of the State's 2027–2029 biennial budget. The League has indicated that counties and towns are also being encouraged to adopt similar resolutions in an effort to demonstrate broad local government support for increased transportation funding.

Discussion

According to information provided by the League via email, the quality of local roads in Wisconsin has declined over the last decade, with average roadway ratings dropping from 6.6 out of 10 in 2010 to 6.2 in 2023. Additionally, the percentage of local roads rated "excellent" or "very good" declined by approximately 9.5% during that same period.

The League further notes that from 2000 through 2025 the Consumer Price Index increased approximately 90.7%, while General Transportation Aids (GTAs) increased only 60.4%. More recent construction cost inflation has also significantly impacted local governments, with the Producer Price Index for concrete increasing 20.2% between 2020 and 2023 while GTAs increased only 4.0% during that period.

For municipalities statewide, transportation aids currently cover only approximately 14% to 16% of transportation expenses on average. As a result, communities are increasingly relying on borrowing, deferred maintenance, wheel taxes, or transfers from local general funds to support transportation infrastructure needs.

The League's proposed resolution urges the Governor and State Legislature to enact a comprehensive transportation funding solution that:

- Provides adequate and predictable long-term transportation revenue growth;
- Maintains prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
- Adjusts transportation user fees and other revenue sources to keep pace with inflation; and
- Ensures adequate funding for reconstruction, preservation, and safety improvements for state and local transportation systems.

Over the last ten years, the City has received a 22.5% increase in General Transportation Aid from the State of Wisconsin. During that same period, the cumulative Consumer Price Index increased by 37.6%, meaning State transportation funding has not kept pace with inflation. Additionally, the State is requiring the City to assume all maintenance responsibilities outside of the road lanes (i.e. curb, gutter, mowing, signs, lights, etc.) for the area along State Highway 29/35 and US Highway 10 where a roadway rehabilitation project will be completed in 2029, while committing no additional funding to the City to support those ongoing maintenance obligations.

Year	CPI %	GTA Received	\$ Change	% Change GTA
2016	2.10%	\$232,144.51	—	—
2017	2.10%	\$215,864.30	(\$16,280.21)	-7.01%
2018	1.90%	\$220,725.23	\$4,860.93	2.25%
2019	2.30%	\$243,449.28	\$22,724.05	10.30%
2020	1.40%	\$279,966.71	\$36,517.43	15.00%
2021	7.00%	\$312,578.94	\$32,612.23	11.65%
2022	6.50%	\$290,517.57	(\$22,061.37)	-7.06%
2023	3.40%	\$287,610.35	(\$2,907.22)	-1.00%
2024	2.90%	\$298,017.80	\$10,407.45	3.62%
2025	2.70%	\$284,415.13	(\$13,602.67)	-4.56%

Adoption of the resolution would formally communicate the City’s support for additional sustainable transportation funding at the State level and would align Prescott with similar advocacy efforts being pursued by municipalities, counties, and towns throughout Wisconsin.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Parks and Public Works Committee discuss the proposed transportation funding resolution and provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the resolution provided by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Attachments

1. Sample Resolution from League of Wisconsin Municipalities

Transportation Resolution

2026

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including city and village streets, county highways, and town roads; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy—rooted in manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and

WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [_____ Common Council / Village Board] strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within [County/City/Village/Town], and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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