

City of Antigo
Park, Cemetery and Recreation Commission
Monday, March 9, 2026

Park, Cemetery and Recreation Commission of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Alderperson Kassis presiding.

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Present	
Glenn Bugni	Ward 7	Present	
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Lynne Henricks	Member	Present	
Dawn Banczak	Member	Present	
Tyler Schwarz	Member	Absent	
Jason Brettingen	Member	Present	

Others in attendance were: Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director; Kaye Matucheski, City Clerk-Treasurer/Financial Director; Shannon Smith, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Brinna Mauk, Administrative Assistant; Paula Nichols, Administrative-Clerical Assistant; Mark Edwards, Alderperson; Roy Dieck, Alderperson; Angie Close, Langlade County Economic Development Corporation; Rick Montgomery; and Carol Caffero.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve Minutes from the February 9, 2026 Meeting (Contingent upon Completion)
Minutes Not Complete at Meeting Time

Citizen Comment

Anyone wishing to address the Hwy 45 Trading Post project will be given the chance to speak. Each person will be limited to three minutes. No action will be taken at this meeting.

Speaker Order:

Alderperson Bugni stated he was the one who requested this to be put on the agenda because he, along with most others present, attended a Thrive at Five meeting on February 17, 2026, and he wanted to know how the rest of the Commission felt. He stated everyone had done a good job listening to all the issues and concerns. He stated he was in favor of the project because he was looking at it as an incubator opportunity. He noted discussions they have had at past meetings about purchasing a building to start an incubator, so entrepreneurs could start a business then move downtown. He noted that while traveling, he had come across something called "The Smart Zone", which is an incubator situation. He stated the towns that have "The Smart Zone" have full buildings downtown. Alderperson Bugni stated that he thought the location of the 213 Superior Street project would be a good way to promote the downtown businesses.

Jason Brettingen stated he was in support of the project. He stated that his responsibility and that of the Commission was to make recommendations to support and enhance opportunities for the community, and he stated this project does that. He also stated that the project would address the City dust ordinance, revitalize the blighted area on the heavily traveled Highway 45 corridor, which is part of the five-year plan along with future development of the successful trail system. He stated it would provide an opportunity to attract tourists and get them to stop instead of driving through town. He also noted that he liked that there was an opportunity for local entrepreneurs to get started and then move into brick and mortar. He stated he supported anything that brought people into our community and listed many things our community had to offer.

Dawn Banczak stated that when she saw this project she thought it was a beautiful idea. She stated she was hoping to get more feedback from the Thrive at Five meeting on other ideas for the property besides leaving it as it is. She stated she did not think the City needed another park.

Aldersperson Edwards stated his concern was that six business owners thought the project was a good concept but did not like where it was located. He stated he did not feel the committee was listening to the concerns of the citizens. He stated he did not think this project would benefit downtown and had concerns about the cost. He listed several things he thought the project would need money for but thought the money could be used for other needs in the community, so he was against the project.

Rick Montgomery stated he was concerned about the cost. He also stated he suggested in the past putting down some sod and putting up a sign to visit our downtown shops and restaurants. Mr. Montgomery stated the grants that would be applied for were hard to get.

Carol Caffero stated she was distressed about what was going on regarding the project but admitted she had not been following what was going on in the meetings. She stated she was concerned that the City was going to take taxes from her downtown business and her residence to pay for a project that would take money away from downtown. She stated she was also concerned about the cost and the duration of the project.

Aldersperson Kassis stated he supported the project for the community and as the park is utilized, and it gets built up, people will stop. He stated he thought this would get people to stop and bring them to the downtown area instead of just traveling through. He stated as far as cost, that this had already been budgeted and there would also be revenue generated. He stated that Sarah Repp had done a great job applying for and getting grants. He stated he supported the project and thought it would be good for the City.

Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items

2. Approving the Fee Schedule for HWY 45 Trading Post

Jason Brettingen made the motion to Approve the Proposed Fee Schedule for Hwy 45 Trading Post with no exclusion of limiting open hours on Saturdays during the Antigo Farmers Market, Aldersperson Bugni seconded.

Upon inquiry by Aldersperson Kassis, Mr. Brettingen stated that he thought limiting the hours and not including the hours of the farmers' market was counterproductive and contradicted what was trying to be done. He stated it would create opportunities for other exclusions if this were supported. He stated there should not be any special treatment. He stated he would like this

project and the farmers' market to be successful, and Saturday morning would be prime time. He stated he thought this supported the downtown businesses as well as the farmers' market.

Lynne Henricks stated that there would be more space for vendors as there were so many vendors at the farmers' market that some had to set up outside the pavilion.

Aldersperson Bugni stated that he liked the additional 25 percent fee for food trucks from out of town. He stated he thought that food trucks would attract more people but thought the impact on local businesses should be monitored.

Jason Brettingan stated that the 25 percent up charge applied to everything for non-city residents. Sarah Repp confirmed that City residents would be charged the regular rate and anyone outside the City would be charged the additional 25 percent. She stated that if someone had property within the City of Antigo, they were considered a resident because they paid taxes to the City.

Kaye Matucheski, City Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director, stated she supported the 25 percent additional fee for non-residents. She stated she thought it was not fair that City residents would have to pay the same as someone even a mile outside the City limits who did not have to pay City taxes.

Motion to send to Council

Result:	Carried (6 to 0)
Mover:	Jason Brettingan
Secunder:	Glenn Bugni
Ayes:	Tim Kassis, Barb Rebstock, Glenn Bugni, Lynne Henricks, Dawn Banczak, Jason Brettingan
Nays:	None

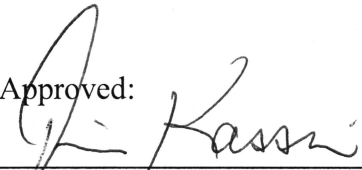
Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:59

Result:	Carried (6 to 0)
Mover:	Glenn Bugni
Secunder:	Jason Brettingan
Ayes:	Tim Kassis, Barb Rebstock, Glenn Bugni, Lynne Henricks, Dawn Banczak, Jason Brettingan
Nays:	None

Approved:



Tim Kassis, Chair