

Meeting Date 9/8/2026

Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM
by Steve Pawlick

Steve Pawlik	Craig Greer
Jeff Lukasavich	Mary Martin
Jeff Licht	James Hutton
Rachel Smolinski	Nick Dinardo

(Red = Absent)

New Business:

- 1) The city is buying out the contract for the marina at Gratwick Park for \$350,000. The city will be responsible for running the marina next year.
- 2) Jeff Lukasavich and Craig Greer will meet with Donna Braun to get more information about getting the Waterfront Commission webpage up and running.
- 3) It was discussed that there is a need for a kayak launch at Gateway Park and not just the current kayak dock. Kayak lockers would be a welcomed addition to both Mayor's and Gateway Parks.
- 4) The new replacement docks have been installed at the Gratwick Park boat launch
- 5) A bid has gone out for the paving of Sweeney St in conjunction with the extension of the bike path. The bike path extension itself is now complete.
- 6) The city has received a grant to upgrade the infrastructure in relation to developing the fire tower property. It was mentioned during this meeting that a public access green space is supposed to be included in the development of this property.
- 7) There is now a paved drop off area for kayakers at Mayor's Park.
- 8) There was a discussion about the possibility of building an arch to identify Gateway Park at the Webster St. entrance. Steve said he will talk to the mayor about the possibility of that idea.

Old Business:

- 1) James Hutton talked to Will Schulmeister about updating a local ordinance to add "not feeding waterfowl" in our cities parks to any "Do Not Feed" regulations currently in effect. James stated that he felt there was little community interest in this change so he thought this idea should be tabled at the present time.
- 3) The waterfront restoration project has placed signs along the restoration areas along the canal with a QR code that can be scanned which will take you to an information page as well as a survey. This survey information is currently being collected and around 50 members of the community have submitted their survey information. Some of the concerns they voiced were relating to the management of the areas in question in the past years. Several requests were made to have the grass cut right to the edge of the shoreline so people could fish more easily. The current project is planning on establishing designated fishing locations to address that waterfront accessibility. There was a community information picnic held on July 20th where members of the community could ask questions about the proposed project. The next step will be the design phase which will be followed by bids going out. This project is slated to begin early in 2027.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The Waterfront Commission will have their next meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.