

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Present: Steve VanHouse  
Tracy Tiboni  
Nathan Stadler  
Shane Hoff  
Dick Stern

Excused: Jenny Bjerken  
Absent: Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks & Rec Director

Chair VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda** – Motion by Tiboni, second Stadler to approve the Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes** – Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS –**

**Public Comments-** None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update** – Carpenter reports Arena has had a busy month. Hockey camp went smoothly, attendance numbers (120) was down slightly from previous years. Lake County is moving forward with replacing the rubber roof area of arena. The County is working on their 2026 budget and Carpenter will provide costs to replace the backup compressor which is having valve issues and because of its age no parts are available. Discussion regarding age of main compressor and maintenance.

**Black Beach Campground-** Campground is entering its busy time with most nights booked. There is no campground host and the office help has transferred to another department, staff is adjusting schedules for remainder of season. New directional signage is in production. Firewood is under contract but sales are slow. Black Beach area has been busy but complaints regarding dust and parking are down.

**Summer Programs-** Summer programs have wrapped up with good participation. There was scheduling problems during playoffs, primarily due to kids in hockey camp. Discussion regarding dates of hockey camp.

**Multi-Modal Trailhead Center-** Groundbreaking was held and construction started on August 4<sup>th</sup> with an estimated completion of Spring 2026.

**Marina-** Salmon Classic went well, fuel issue is still on temporary fix until DNR makes its decision, and staff is working to remove an abandoned boat in one of the slips.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

**ATV MN Ride & Rally License Agreement-** ATV MN Ride & Rally would like to hold their annual State meeting, dinner, and rides at the arena September 26-27<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Stadler, second Stern to recommend to Council approval for use of the Arena.

Dick Stern suggested placing tower viewers at the scenic overlook. He was advised it was a good idea but the land is owned by Northshore Mining and he would need to work with them.

Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson