

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Present: Steve VanHouse
Shane Hoff
Nathan Stadler
Jenny Bjerken
Dick Stern
Gene LaFond

Excused: Tracy Tiboni

Bryan Carpenter, Parks & Rec Director
Phil Huston

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

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

Minutes – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2025 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS –

Public Comments- None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update- Carpenter reports the County has finished with roof repairs, discussion regarding life expectancy of new roofing and ice buildup. Zamboni battery will be replaced on Oct. 14th, discussion regarding keeping or disposing of old batteries. MN Ride & Rally ATV event was held at the arena and everything went well. Staff will start putting ice in for the hockey season which starts October 24th.

Black Beach Campground- End of the season is near, fall was a busy time. Foundation for the new signs is in the ground, signs will be installed in the spring. Discussion regarding beach area, traffic backed up, parking problems, safety issues. Further discussion regarding charging visitors for parking, kiosks, keeping the bathrooms stocked during busy season. Motion by Bjerken, second LaFond to recommend to City Council to form a committee consisting of representatives from Park & Rec board, Council, Park Department, and NS Mining to explore parking and permit options for the Black Beach area. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Fall Programs- Programs are finishing up. Number of participants were lower this year and looks to be lower in the future as well.

Multi-Modal Trailhead Center- Construction is going well. Phil Huston shared the large numbers of hikers that will be using the center. Discussion regarding generating revenue, importance of available showers for hikers, parking lot use and tents/hammocks will not be permitted in parking lots. Further discussion regarding making Silver Bay a “bike friendly” town by planning for the increase in electric bike usage in the future.

Marina- Carpenter will be meeting with DNR for the annual meeting and will be discussing new fuel system design, new docks are in the design stages, management. Discussion regarding removing boat due to nonpayment and using parking lot for boat storage.

City Policy- Memorials, Events, Vendors- The City currently does not have a policy, discussion regarding vendor set up on trails, requiring anyone having an event would need to fill out a permit, guidelines for vendors, events, and memorials. Further discussion regarding items to include on permits; where, what will be sold, designated map and city approved locations. Bjerken will review current vendor permit and create a draft to be reviewed at the November Park & Rec meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson