

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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

Bryan Carpenter, Parks & Rec Director  
Alex Burcum  
Marcia Oates  
Phil Huston

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

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

**Minutes** – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS –**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update-** Carpenter reports that Lake County has finished replacing water heater and roof repairs. Hockey season has started. Flooding of the outdoor rink is in progress and opening soon.

**Black Beach Campground-** Campground has closed for the season. Discussion on raising rates in 2026. Consensus of board is to keep rates the same as 2025.

**Black Beach Parking-** Member Hoff provided an update. Committee is currently doing preliminary research and obtaining quotes. Next steps are to meet with North Shore Mining and the DNR to obtain approval. Discussion followed regarding potential location of gate, payment options and discount card for residents, location of expanded parking lot, walking paths, and need to generate revenue to pay for future upgrades.

**Black Beach Vendor/Event Policy-** Discussion regarding board draft policy or ask City Attorney to draft. Member Bjerken will draft a policy for board review at January meeting prior to sending to City Attorney.

**Winter Programs-** Hockey season, open skating, and learn to skate program have all started.

**Multi-Modal Trailhead Center-** Project is going well and on schedule.

**Marina-** Carpenter reports that the DNR would like to see rate increases for the upcoming season in an effort to enable the Marina to become self-sufficient. The DNR financially provides \$60,000/year. Marina manager is putting together a list of comparable rates in the area. Discussion regarding dust problem, distance from town, and temporary fuel station at the Marina. The DNR is currently taking bids to replace the fuel system. Further discussion regarding future management, and Bayside Park area improvements needed. Consensus of Board is for Carpenter to gather information regarding future income needed to become self-sufficient and not raise rates until that amount is determined and fuel system upgrade is complete.

**Mariner Mtn. Dog Park-** Burcum is gathering information and will present at January meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**Set 2026 Meeting Dates-** Motion by Bjerken, second LaFond to set Parks & Recreation regular meeting dates as January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 8, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 9. MOTION CARRIED.

**Changes to Fee Schedule-** Review of current fees, no changes to arena, participation or campground fees. Discussion regarding rental fees to use the new trailhead building, peddler and transient merchant fees for Black Beach Park.

Motion by Bjerken, second LaFond to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson