PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Present: Steve VanHouse Absent: Gene LaFond

Tracy Tiboni
Shane Hoff
Jenny Bjerken
Nathan Stadler
Dick Stern

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department
Lana Fralich, Administrator

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Board Chair Appointment- Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to appoint Steve VanHouse as Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

Alternate Board Chair Appointment – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to appoint Tracy Tiboni as Alternate Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Minutes – Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Public Comments- None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – Carpenter reports Lake County has completed the water heater project which passed inspection, new Zamboni batteries installed, and that the outdoor ice is good and being used by residents. Discussion regarding electric outlets in timekeeper box need updating. Carpenter will reach out to Lake County for solutions.

Winter Programs- Open skate programs are going well, learn to skate program had high participation. Discussion regarding difficulty finding EMS coverage for hockey games.

Black Beach Vendor/Event Policy- Discussion regarding where vendors are allowed, creating a permit and fee for weddings/events on Black Beach, and creating a policy for memorials. Further discussion regarding memorials, Northshore Mining's input on memorials prior to memorials being placed, and interpretation of public land vs private land being leased to the City for public use. Bjerken will continue to draft a policy to present to City Attorney for review.

Marina- Marina management contract is currently in progress and additional information will be presented at the next meeting. Discussion regarding beginning to create a Five-year succession plan for the marina, with possible amendment in 5-year plan. Fralich reminded members to use caution when texting and/or posting personal opinions on social media, especially if claiming position on the Board and to make sure information is accurate and supported by the Board.

Mariner Mtn. Dog Park- No information was presented, but Board Members stated they saw a petition sent out by the private 3rd-party planning committee to gather support from the community.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

Motion by Bjerken, second Tiboni to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson