

August 20, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 4 p.m. at the Outdoor Campus

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Teresa Cauwels, Mike Begeman, Pam Hanneman and Brooke Wegener

Members absent: Justin Smith & Mick Conlin

Parks and Recreation staff present: Brett Kollars, Assistant Director, Mike Patten, Parks Planning and Projects Manager; Tyler Landry, Park Development Specialist; Josh Johnson, Operations Manager; Jackie Nelson, Recreation Manager; Mackenzie Songstad, City Services Technician

Others Present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Jaylyn Schuler, Parks and Recreation Intern; Eli Olson, Parks and Recreation Intern; Mike Cooper, Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum; Bob Greenfield, Resident; Chad Veire, Sioux Falls Golf; Tom Jansa, South Dakota Golf Association; Mary Kolsrud, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

Approval of Minutes (July 20, 2025)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hanneman and seconded by Cauwels. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Public Input

Bob Greenfield spoke about concerns getting a tee time on the Sioux Falls public golf courses.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Comstock Golf Shop Commemorative Naming Application 2025 - 18: A motion to recommend approval of the Comstock Golf Shop Commemorative Naming Application 2025-18 was made by Wegner and seconded by Cauwels. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Comstock Golf Shop Commemorative Naming Resolution: A motion to recommend approval of the Comstock Golf Shop Commemorative Naming Resolution was made by Cauwels and seconded by Wegener. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

McKennan Park Irrigation Gifting Agreement: A motion to recommend approval of the McKennan Park Irrigation Gifting Agreement was made by Hanneman and seconded by Wegener. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Arrowhead House Rental Rates: A motion to approve of the Arrowhead House Rental Rates was made by Wegener and seconded by Cauwels. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

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Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:

Kearney started his report by stating that the Elmwood Club House construction is going well and still on track for October 1, 2025, substantial competition date. Kearney noted that Jacobson Plaza is seeing between 3,000 to 5,000 people per day. Kearney mentioned that roller skates and roller blades have been ordered thanks to a generous donation from Garry Jacobson. Kearney noted that the City received confirmation that they will receive a three-million-dollar grant for 3,000 tree plantings in the street right of way. This grant will cover the planting of the tree and the first year of care. Property owners are eligible for trees if they live in a qualified census tract. Kearney mentioned that over 151 trees went down in the storm that hit the westside of Sioux Falls at the beginning of August. Kearney noted that the summer trail projects have been completed, and the recreation trail is now fully open. Kearney asked Josh Johnson, Operations Manager, to speak about the new robotic equipment Parks and Recreation is being used. Johnson noted that Parks and Recreation is using two robotic painters and four robotic mowers. The two robotic painters are used at Yankton Trail Park, and the mowers will be used at Jacobson Plaza, the Park maintenance headquarters, Tuthill Garden and West Side Recreation Center. Finally, Kearney asked Park Interns Jaylyn Schuler and Eli Olson to speak on their internship experiences they had this summer.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline

None.

Reading of Communications to the Board

None.

There being no further business, Cauwels made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Approved by:


President