

July 16, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 4 p.m. at the Arrowhead House

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Teresa Cauwels, Justin Smith, Mick Conlin, Mike Begeman, Jim Stavenger and Pam Hanneman

Members absent: Brooke Wegener.

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: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Jaylyn Schuler, Parks and Recreation Intern; Paula Gordon, Sioux Falls Resident; Emily Fink, Harrisburg Baseball Association & Heathridge neighborhood; John & Linda Dunleavy, Bike path users.

Approval of Minutes (June 18, 2025)

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

Public Input

Paula Gordon thanked the staff for the work they do. She also spoke about changing lap swim times at outdoor pools and spoke of concerns of e-bikes on the recreational trail.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Conditional Gifting And Naming Agreement For A Ballfield Located At Prairie Meadows

Park: A motion to recommend approval of the Conditional Gifting and Naming Agreement For A Ballfield Located At Prairie Meadows Park was made by Smith and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Naming Agreement 2025-07- Sammons Field at Prairie Meadows Park: A motion to recommend approval of the Naming Agreement 2025-07- Sammons Field at Prairie Meadows Park was made by Hanneman and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Years of Service Recognition—Jim Stavenger: Kearney presented Jim Stavenger with a plaque and thanked him for ten years of service on our Parks and Recreation Board. A short video was also shown depicting the highlights of the Board's work during Jim's time of service. Jim acknowledged the Park System as the crown jewel of the city but cited the parks and recreation staff as an even bigger crown jewel.

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Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:

Kearney started his report by stating that Jacobson Plaza is now open and averaging 3,200 people per day. Kearney noted that the ribbon cutting will take place on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 4:30pm with all major donors being present. Kearney mentioned that Lallycooler had between 5,000-10,000 people at Great Bear each night. Kearney stated that the Levitt hosted Brule and had over 16,000 people between the two nights. Kearney noted the council approved the resolution to approve the Zoo Master Plan and Delbridge homage. Kearney stated that council also approved the alcohol ordinance that was previously presented to the board for recommendation. Finally, Smith gave kudos to the Parks and Recreation staff for all the hard work they do and gave examples of an employee working the ball fields until all hours of the night and then being up the next day at 5 AM to do the same. Hanneman noted that there is a lot of positive feedback from those using Jacobson Plaza and gave a shout out to the Parks and Recreation staff.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline

None.

Reading of Communications to the Board

None.

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

Approved by:

President

Secretary