



## **SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 4 p.m.  
Carnegie Town Hall  
235 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD

### **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members present: Teresa Cauwels, Michael Conlin, Mike Begeman, Justin Smith & Angela Schoffelman

Members absent: Pam Hanneman & Brooke Wegener

Parks and Recreation staff present: Mike Patten, Parks Planning and Projects Manager; Josh Johnson, Parks Operations Manager; Mackenzie Songstad, City Services Technician.

Others present: none.

### **Approval of Minutes (May 20, 2026)**

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Smith and seconded by Schoffelman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

### **Public Input**

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

#### **Conditional Gifting and Naming Agreement For Donation Of Real Property:**

A motion to recommend approval of the Conditional Gifting and Naming Agreement For Donation Of Real Property was made by Smith and seconded by Schoffelman.

### **Report of Director of Parks and Recreation**

Mike Patten provided the Director's report in Brett Kollar's absence. Patten stated all public pools are now open. Patten noted that the ribbon cutting for McKennan Park wading pool was a success. Patten gave a shout out to all the Parks and Recreation partners, starting with the Levitt and thanking them for what they bring to the community. He also noted the popularity of the Farmers Market at Falls Park. Patten mentioned how Great Bear is more than just a winter activity. They are now offering Chill at the Hill on Wednesday evenings. Patten stated that FAST has made an expansion to the north at Great Bear and it has been very popular. Patten noted that the

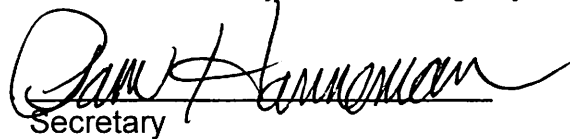
Mary Jo Wegener Arboretum is very busy between weddings and other events. Mary Jo Wegener also offers different camps and classes throughout the summer. Patten gave a shout out to Cathy Buchheim for the work she puts forth for special events. Patten noted that they are working on educating the trail users on sharing the trail and being mindful of speed. Patten noted that they will be conducting another utilization study on the recreation trail. Finally, Conlin noted that he would like to see more enforcement on the trails from a speed standpoint. Conlin stated that he wants the trail to be safe and wants conversations to be had about speed that would be helpful for everyone. Conlin also stated that the trails at Great Bear are awesome and FAST did an excellent job on the trails. Cauwels inquired about the pool usage and pools being at capacity.

### **Open Board Discussion**

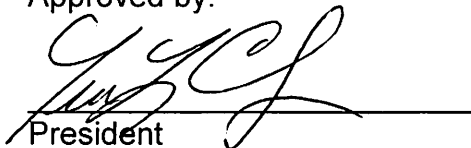
None.

### **Adjournment**

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

  
Secretary

Approved by:

  
President