



SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 4 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 W. 10th St, Sioux Falls, SD

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Teresa Cauwels, Michael Conlin, Pam Hanneman, Justin Smith & Angela Schoffelman

Members absent: Mike Begeman & Brooke Wegener

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

Others present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Jody Moss, City Council Staff; Erin Bofenkamp, City of Sioux Falls Public Works; Maren Engel, City of Sioux Falls Arts Coordinator; Mary Kolsrud, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

Approval of Minutes (June 17, 2026)

A motion to correct the spelling error from Colin to Conlin in the minutes was made by Hanneman and seconded by Schoffelman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Conlin and seconded by Hanneman. 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

A Conditional Gifting Agreement For The Redevelopment Of A Portion Of Falls Park: A motion to recommend approval of the Conditional Gifting Agreement For The Redevelopment Of A Portion Of Falls Park made by Smith and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Permanent Sanitary Sewer Lot 1 Sherman Park: A motion to recommend approval of the Permanent Sanitary Sewer Lot 1 Sherman Park was made by Conlin and seconded by Hanneman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Basketball Backboard Art: A motion to approve the Basketball Backboard Art was made by Hanneman and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes

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

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation

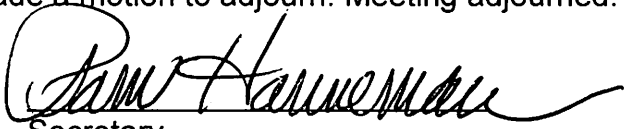
Brett Kollars started his report stating that he was in Washington D.C a couple months ago representing the National Parks and Recreation Association. They were having conversations with representatives about the Land Water Conservation Fund and what it means to local and state parks. Kollars took a moment to thank Karen Leonard for her service to the City of Sioux Falls and Parks and Recreation. She has served as the Parks and Recreation attorney for 20 years and will be retiring next week. Kollars noted that he is excited for the Bezos Earth Fund project. Kollars thanked the recreation team for making spaces come alive and the operations team for keeping them safe, welcoming and beautiful. Kollars mentioned that CommuniTree project is well underway, it is a 3-million-dollar federal grant from the U.S. Forest Service planting trees in underserved census tracts. Many of the initial planting sites have been exhausted and we are looking to expand the boundaries of the program and extend additional opportunities. Finally, Kollars noted that we are reminded of the weekly events we are hosting in our park system. This past weekend we hosted state softball, hosting over 40,000 visits, 60% of those visitors come from greater than 50 miles away. Nike Cross Country will bring in 10,000 runners and over 60,000 visits, 90% of those visitors come from greater than 50 miles away.

Open Board Discussion

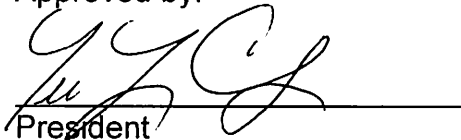
Justin Smith congratulated Karen Leonard on her retirement and thanked her for all her hard work.

Adjournment

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


Secretary

Approved by:


President