

February 18, 2026

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 4 p.m. at City Hall in the media room

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members present: Teresa Cauwels, Mick Conlin, Angela Schoffelman & Mike Begeman

Members absent: Justin Smith, Brooke Wegener & Pam Hanneman

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

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Karen Leonard, City Attorney Office; Mary Kolsrud, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation; Jim Widerrich, Woods Fuller; Robin Houwman, Jacobson Family; Leah Moller, Stensland's; Josh Travers, citizen.

**Approval of Minutes (January 21, 2026)**

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

**Public Input**

Josh Travers spoke about noise concerns at the future Frank Olson Recreation Center.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Agreement For Concessions Operations At The Softball/Baseball Complexes And The Outdoor Family Aquatic Centers, Along With McKennan Park Wading Pool** - A motion to recommend approval of the Agreement For Concessions Operations At The Softball/Baseball Complexes And The Outdoor Family Aquatic Centers, Along With McKennan Park Wading Pool was made by Conlin and seconded by Begeman Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Conditional Gifting And Naming Agreement For A Future Gift For The Redevelopment Of Jacobson Plaza At Falls Park:** A motion to recommend approval of Conditional Gifting And Naming Agreement For A Future Gift For The Redevelopment Of Jacobson Plaza At Falls Park was made by Begeman and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Everist Family Overlook At Jacobson Plaza Naming Application :** A motion to recommend approval of the Everist Family Overlook At Jacobson Plaza Naming Application was made by Conlin and seconded by Schoffelman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:**

Brett Kollars started the report by mentioning there were over 6,600 visitors to Jacobson Plaza this weekend. Kollars shared that the City is providing a temporary construction easement to support Jacobson Plaza Phase 2 development, allowing the contractor to store materials ahead

of construction starting. Kollars noted that the partnership with the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota and Smithfield is welcoming news. Kollars mentioned that six bids came in for the Kuehn Park Family Aquatics Center. The bid was expected at 15.4 million and the low bid came in at 13.2 million. Kollars noted this will allow for some if not all alternates that includes things such as extra water area, extra water slide, etc. Kollars mentioned that the CommuniTree program will kick off as soon as weather allows with 1,200 plantings in our underserved neighborhoods. Kollars mentioned that seasonal hiring is going well for both operations and recreation. Finally, Kollars replied to a questions from Cauwels, Kollars stated that the tree removal at Cliff and I-29 is in regard to a Public Works project to make room for water compensatory storage. Parks and Recreation has already replanted back 200 trees.

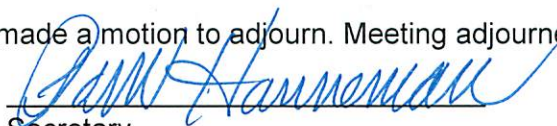
**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**

None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**

None.

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

  
Secretary

Approved by:   
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President