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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 4 p.m. at Carnegie Town Hall .

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Teresa Cauwels, Brooke Wegener, Mick Conlin, Angela Schoffelman, Mike Begeman & Justin Smith

Members absent: Pam Hanneman

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

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Jody Moss, City Council staff; Jermery Washington, City Clerk's office; Denise Tucker, City Clerk's office; Miranda Bayse, City Council; Steve Johnson, Citizen; Cathy Brechtelsbauer, Citizen; Rick Lingberg, Minnehaha Historical Society .

Approval of Minutes (March 18, 2026)

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

Public Input

Cathy Brechtelsbauer spoke about concerns regarding swim lesson accessibility for those who qualify for free and reduced passes.

Steve Johnson spoke about concerns regarding the lightning policy at Midco Aquatic Center.

Miranda Bayse thanked the board for their time and service.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Electric Easement - A motion to approve Electric Easement was made by Conlin and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Bylaws: A motion to approve the City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Bylaws was made by Smith and seconded by Begeman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Nellie Willhite Historic Marker Placement: A motion to approve the Nellie Willhite Historic Marker Placement was made by Conlin and seconded by Wegener. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:

Kearney started his report by welcoming City Councilor Miranda Bayse to speak on her plan to provide funding for neighborhood parks. Bayse stated she will be bringing forward a request for a supplemental appropriation for Willow Ridge Park and Whispering Woods Park. This will come with a CIP amendment. Bayse's goal is to move these projects forward and continue to develop

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neighborhood parks. Kearney thanked the board for their time and service to the city of Sioux Falls. Kearney noted that the Parks and Recreation board has been very supportive and actively engaged. Kearney recognized all the employees he has had the pleasure of working with. Kearney also thanked the city attorney's office for the support they have provided to the board. Cauwels stated that Don has provided steady and true leadership to the Park Board. Brett Kollars highlighted Kearney's accomplishments as the Director of Parks and Recreation and thanked him for his service to the department and the city of Sioux Falls. Kollars presented Kearney with a plaque to acknowledge his 20 years of service to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mike Begeman personally thanked Don for allowing him to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board and thanked him for all his efforts.

Items Added After the Agenda Deadline

None.

Reading of Communications to the Board

None.

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

Secretary

Approved by:

President