

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 8, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Anderson, Vicky Beckmann, Tim Faver, Kristine Boomersbach, Mike Cronin, and Bethany Wesley

COUNCIL & BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Gwenia Fiskevold Gould

CITY STAFF & OTHERS: Marcia Larson and Emma Realing

CALL TO ORDER:

Wesley called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Heinonen, seconded by Cronin, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Wesley, seconded by Cronin, to approve the March 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes with minor spelling corrections. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present to address the Commission

1. Algoma Park Pickleball Complex Agreement
 - Reviewed licensing and donation agreement for pickleball courts
 - Pickleball club plans to donate \$350,000 for up to 16 courts
 - Discussed payment timing and tournament duration
 - Ongoing negotiations about fundraising and project details

2. Intersection Maps Review
 - Emma Realing presented intersection safety map
 - Discussed potential park-to-park ride to evaluate intersections
 - Identified areas of concern for pedestrian and cyclist safety

3. Department Updates
 - Summer hiring in progress
 - Awarded Excellence Award for COPS program
 - New online reservation portal being developed
 - World Juniors hockey games coming to Sanford Center
 - Downtown tree replacement project approved

4. Rec Center Updates
 - Comparing rental and activity numbers to previous year
 - New online registration system being implemented

Action Items:

- Clarify pickleball court project payment details
- Review intersection safety concerns
- Finalize online reservation system

The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting scheduled for May 13.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn passed
- Next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Larson
Parks and Recreation Director