



PARKS & RECREATION

Lower Level Council Chambers
Monday, March 30, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Matt Ungs at 6:01 P.M.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Sarah Goldsmith, Casey Frye, Matt Ungs, Tim Kronlage (arrived at 6:04 P.M.)

ABSENT

Jon Scherbring, Eric Oberbroeckling

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ungs asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2026

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

2. Receive & File Director's Report - February 2026

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Frye, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs

Motion Carried

3. Draft Procedures

Huehnergath was asked what the procedures were for the draft. Kronlage had several parents asking how this process worked. They had heard different rumors and they wanted to put them to rest. Grades 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th go through a draft process. Huehnergath assigns kids for 1st/2nd grade and T-Ball teams. A coach usually will pick the assistant coach's child, which takes one of his picks. Numbers are put in a hat and pulled out to see who picks first,

second, etc. They go down the line and then reverse the order. If there were 4 coaches. The coach who picked 4th will also pick 5th and whomever picked 3rd would pick 5th, etc. If the coach is not familiar with the children, they will usually have a parent who is familiar help with choosing players. By the end of the season, the teams are usually almost even. It was asked if we could get the order of the draft picks. This was highly not recommended.

Several years ago, they had what they called a keeper league, where the third graders would be on the same team for two years and other players would be added to this team the following year. We no longer do it this way. Huehnergath tries to have at least 2 kids from the same school so they know at least one person on the team. When Huehnergath picks the teams, he usually factors in their age as well.

Kronlage had been told that kids were assigned to a team, which was not true. All the kids were drafted. The parents that feel the draft is not fair or think teams are stacked can become a coach so they can experience the draft process.

Motion made by Frye, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Kronlage

Motion Carried

4. New Playground

Huehnergath will be having a Zoom call with the donor for the all-inclusive park at Westside Park on April 24, 2026. The approximate donation is \$250,000 and will be seen in October, 2026. There are a lot of questions to be asked: How much control does she have? Who will have control of the design? Would we like to acknowledge all large donors?

The approval for the park will need to go to council for approval. Huehnergath would like to see the design go to 3 different companies so we can get different ideas and hopefully better pricing. Huehnergath is hoping we can get everything ready for installation next Spring. Goldsmith would like to see the all-inclusive park, connecting trails, pavilion, flushable toilets and changing tables. The cheapest installation would be to place the toilets closest to Xavier School because of the water/sewer connections.

Other questions to ask are whether or not we can use multiple sources for funding: donations, sponsors, etc? How does this process work? Can we give a wish list stating our top wants? Is there any money slated in the budget for this item? Huehnergath also thought it would be good to find out other city's regrets and things done right when they installed a new park.

Motion made by Frye, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Kronlage

5. Commission Member Comments

Frye asked about the batting cages and shipping containers. Are they installed? They are coming from APC and will be installed soon. Huehnergath wants public works staff to help with hanging of nets at batting cages. Huehnergath has new nets for all the cages. He would also like to use weighted rope to help these stay down.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

We have not set a date for the next meeting. We will wait until after Huehnergath's meeting to see if we have decisions to make, that we need to meet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M. on a motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga, Kronlage

Motion Carried


Sandy Oberbroeckling

March 30, 2026
Date