



PARKS & RECREATION

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

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approve** Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2026
2. **Receive & File** Director's Report - February 2026
3. Draft Procedures
4. New Playground
5. Commission Member Comments
6. Set Next Meeting Date

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS & RECREATION

Medium Conference Room
Monday, February 23, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Matt Ungs at 6:03 P.M.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Jon Scherbring, Sarah Goldsmith, Matt Ungs, Tim Kronlage, Eric Oberbroeckling

ABSENT

Casey Frye

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2026

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

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

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

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

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

3. Pitch, Hit & Run

There are two Pitch, Hit & Run events in Dubuque and one in Maquoketa. With MLB coming into town this year, it may be nice addition. We will need several volunteers for this event. It will take much more organization than the track meet that we had last year. The event needs to be completed before August 1st. The date was set for Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 5:30 P.M., with a rain date of Thursday, July 2, 2026.

Motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

4. Prairie League Rule Changes

Huehnergath stated several of the new rule changes for the Prairie League. Girls softball - D League - will now play with an 11" hard ball. They also encourage a face guard for players in the infield. Boys baseball - B League - will now have 70' bases and C League will have 65' bases. All softball and baseball will have a 5 run maximum for every inning, unless agreed upon by both coaches before the start of the game. No advancement at all for an overthrow for the younger divisions. Kronlage asked whether or not you could bring a pitcher back in for the last inning. Huehnergath stated there is a limit to the number of pitches they throw, but it hasn't been brought up as to whether or not they can come back in for an inning.

Motion made by Lang, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

5. Aquatic Center Evening Parties

In the past, Huehnergath was leery about doing evening parties. He didn't think we had the staff to support these. He now feels confident since 15 life guards and the assistant manager will be returning from last year. The pool parties would be geared toward 6th to 8th grade. Tentatively setting the date for the parties for the first Thursday of the month from June - August. The time would be from 7:30 pm - 10 pm. These would be considered special events so no passes would be allowed. The cost would be \$5 per person.

Motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Kronlage.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

6. Bocce Ball

A bocce ball court was installed last year by an Eagle Scout. Huehnergath would like to have a clinic to teach anyone who'd like to learn how to play. He would like to eventually have a league created. He also plans to have a set of Bocce balls available under lock & key. Huehnergath feels this would be a great activity for anyone. He plans to advertise on social media.

Motion made by Goldsmith, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion carried.

7. Commission Member Comments

It was recommended that we put information for registration in the Dyersville Commercial to increase the number of participants. Instagram might also be a great place to advertise.

8. Set Next Meeting Date for Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M. on a motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried



Sandy Oberbroeckling

February 23, 2026
Date

Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report February 2026
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: March 16, 2026

MLB Pitch, Hit & Run:

This summer the Park & Recreation Commission decided to hold a MLB Pitch, Hit & Run event on July 1st at the Westside Park diamonds. With MLB coming back to Dyersville, we thought hosting something like this would bring some excitement. The participants are judged on hitting power, pitching accuracy and running speed. The top scorers have a chance to advance to regional competitions and then to a possible national one during the World Series. Last year a youth from Dubuque made it all the way to the World Series. We have been approved as a site and now I am getting the logistics organized for advertising the sign-ups. Look for that in the next couple weeks.

Baseball/Softball:

The baseball/softball season starts in six weeks! Our total numbers are down 20 kids total. Most of that decrease is the 8th grade class. Many decided to play for surrounding teams or to not play at all. We will have 22 teams in the four divisions playing Monday through Thursday starting April 20th. Many local recreational ball leagues are struggling around the popularity of travel ball but the Prairie League still has a strong base of participation.

The Prairie League board voted to continue the end of the season tournament held June 22nd-25th with most of the championship games held here in Dyersville. They also decided to extend the tournament to the A and B leagues of baseball that will be held July 6th-9th. In the past, every city hosted a tournament over a weekend but with competition from travel baseball, those fell to the wayside. The tournament was introduced to give those players a taste of tournament play.

With a break in the weather hopefully next week, the fields will be leveled and ready for practice. The other improvements (batting cages, fences and on-deck circles) will be completed in early April.

Trees Forever/Alliant Energy Grant:

With a partnership with the Dyersville Lions Club, we have been awarded a \$3000 grant for trees in 2026. We will order trees shortly and plant them on the west side of Westside Park by the large soccer field for shade. The rest will be placed around the Candy Cane playground and ball diamond areas. The day scheduled for planting will be Arbor Day Friday April 24th. The Lions Club and the Parks and Rec will work with the local grade schools to create a tree-planting event.